

2015-2016 Graduating Senior Survey: School of Public and International Affairs Political Science Major

INSTRUCTIONS:

All graduating seniors in Political Science are being asked to complete this survey. The program is very interested in your opinions, and believes that as a graduating senior you can provide us with useful information to help evaluate and improve its programs. We appreciate you taking the time to answer these questions.

To answer a question, click on the bubble for the answer you are choosing. Once you have answered all the questions, you must hit the **SUBMIT** button at the end of the form to submit your answers.

Political Science Program Questions

1. What was the most important factor to you in selecting your major in political science?

- Preparation for a career you want
- The classes seemed interesting
- Your parents/family thought it would be a good major for you
- Another preferred major was not available
- It seemed easy to get through
- Other (*please describe*)

2. Which of the following best describes your plans for after graduating from NC State?

- Continue in your current position of employment (*answer question 3*)
- Start work full-time (*answer question 3*)
- Join or continue in the military
- Get an advanced degree in political science
- Go to law school
- Go to graduate/professional school in something other than political science or law
- Travel
- Take some time off to consider what you want to do next
- Other (*please describe*)

Please answer if you plan on working full-time after graduation.

3. In which sector do you plan on working after graduation?

- Non-profit (*please answer question 4*)
- Private
- Government (local, state or federal)
- Other (*please specify*)

Please answer if you plan on working for a non-profit after graduation.

4. What is the mission of the non-profit for which you plan on working? (*mark all that apply*)

- Advocacy
- Direct service

Education

 Other (please specify)
All answer

5. Which of the following best describes what you are most likely to work in as a career in the future? I.e., What are your long-term goals?

 Law

 Business

 Journalism

 Public policy

 Campaign management

 Teaching/Education

 International affairs

 Military

 Elected office

 Federal government

 State/local government

 Non-profit

 Other (please describe)

6. To what extent have your studies in political science helped you to identify your career goals?

 A great deal

 Somewhat

 A little

 Not at all

7. Did you have a political science internship?

 Yes (please answer question 8)

 No

8. To what extent did your internship influence your career choice?

 A great deal

 Somewhat

 A little

 Not at all

9. During your academic career at NC State did you perform any volunteer work for a charitable or other non-profit organization either in the Triangle of your home community?

 Yes

 No

10. Following your graduation from NC State how likely is it that you will perform any volunteer work for a charitable or other non-profit organization?

 Very likely

 Somewhat likely

 Not very likely

 Not at all likely

11. About how many hours per week did you work in a paid position <u>off-campus</u> during each of the following academic years while school was in session?	None- did not work for pay off campus	1-5 hrs	6-10 hrs	11-15 hrs	16-20 hrs	21-25 hrs	26-30 hrs	31-35 hrs	36-40 hrs	more than 40 hrs
a. Freshman year	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b. Sophomore year	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c. Junior year	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d. Senior year	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

12. In which of the following activities did you participate while at NC State? (mark all that apply)
<input type="checkbox"/> Student Legislature
<input type="checkbox"/> Student Government
<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Service fraternity or sorority
<input type="checkbox"/> Academic Honor Society
<input type="checkbox"/> Model United Nations
<input type="checkbox"/> Mock Trial
<input type="checkbox"/> Pi Sigma Alpha
<input type="checkbox"/> Society for Politics, Economics & Law (SPEL)
<input type="checkbox"/> Political Science Club
<input type="checkbox"/> Other NC State-affiliated organization (please list) <input type="text"/>

13. Since first becoming a Political Science major at NC State, over the years you would say you have...
<input type="radio"/> Become more progressive
<input type="radio"/> Become more conservative
<input type="radio"/> Become more libertarian
<input type="radio"/> Experienced no real change in your outlook

14. To what extent has your experience in the Political Science program provided you with a broader and deeper understanding of each of the following political issues?	A great deal	Somewhat	A little	Not at all
a. American intervention in foreign countries	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b. American foreign aid to other countries	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c. Marriage equality	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d. Affirmative action	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
e. Legalization and regulation of marijuana	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
f. Gun safety laws	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
g. Abortion	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
h. Judicial elections	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

15. As a Political Science major, how confident do you feel debating public policy with those having a point of view different from your own?
<input type="radio"/> Very confident
<input type="radio"/> Somewhat confident
<input type="radio"/> Not very confident
<input type="radio"/> Not at all confident

16. To what extent have your Political Science courses helped you to develop the following competencies or abilities?	A great deal	Somewhat	A little	Not at all
a. Critical thinking	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b. Writing critically	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

c. Reading comprehension	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d. Strategic thinking	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
e. Effective oral communication	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
f. Quantitative analysis	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
g. Collaborative decision-making	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
h. Tolerance for different points of view	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

17. What is your current age?

Under 20

21

22

23

24 or over

18. When you are not at NC State, where is your home?

Outside of North Carolina

North Carolina Mountains

North Carolina Piedmont

North Carolina Coast

19. How would you describe your home area?

Urban

Suburban

Rural

20. If you were entering college today, explain why you would or would not choose Political Science as a major?

Departmental Surveys

Thank you for completing this survey for your Program! If you have not already completed additional questions for another major you will be graduating with from NC State, and that major department is listed below, please select it then click on the submit button to go to the additional questions for that department. Otherwise, select "None" and click on the submit button to submit your responses to this survey.

Department:

None of These ▲

Crop Science

English

Foreign Languages & Literatures

Forestry and Environmental Resources ▼

When you are satisfied with all your answers on this page, click on the "Submit" button to go to the next one.

Submit

If you do not see a college/department survey or a "Thank you" message after you click on the "submit" button, your survey results were not saved. You can use your browser's "back" button to return to this page and submit again, re-enter your answers at another time, or let us know about the problem at (919) 515-4184 or studentsurveys@ncsu.edu.

Thank you for your time and assistance!

