

**2017-2018 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 program. We appreciate your taking the time to answer these questions.

Once you have answered all the questions, you must click on the **NEXT** button at the end of the form to submit your answers.

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
- Start work full-time
- 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*): _____

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If 2. Which of the following best describes your plans for after graduating from NC State? = Continue in your current position of employment

Or 2. Which of the following best describes your plans for after graduating from NC State? = Start work full-time

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

- Non-profit
- Private
- Government (local, state or federal)
- Other (please specify): _____

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If 3. In which sector do you plan on working after graduation? = Non-profit

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): _____

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
- No

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If 7. Did you have a political science internship? = Yes

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 or 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 off-campus 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*)

- Student Legislature
- Student Government
- Social/Service fraternity or sorority
- Academic Honor Society
- Model United Nations
- Mock Trial
- Pi Sigma Alpha
- Society for Politics, Economics & Law (SPEL)
- Political Science Club
- Other NC State-affiliated organization (*please list*): _____

13. Since first becoming a Political Science major at NC State, over the years would you say you have...

- Become more progressive
- Become more conservative
- Become more libertarian
- 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?

- Very confident
- Somewhat confident
- Not very confident
- 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.

Thank you for completing the Graduating Senior Survey for the School of Public and International Affairs. **Please be sure to click on the 'Next' button to submit your responses.**

Depending on the major(s) in which you will be earning a degree from NC State in either December 2017 or May 2018, after clicking on the 'Next' button you might be directed to additional questions for your major(s). Your department very much appreciates your taking the time to answer these questions.