

POLITICAL SCIENCE CAREER PATHS



UMBC's B.A. in Political Science provides the framework to understand the business of the Washington DC region: politics. Our program offers students a wide range of courses and internship opportunities in pre-law, public policy, and international affairs with the objective of developing careers that are innovative, engaging, and rewarding. Our alumni work for federal, state, and local governments, NGOs and international agencies. In addition, many alumni have attended prestigious law and graduate schools while other graduates have started their own businesses and not-for-profits.



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PUBLIC POLICY PATH

CONGRESS | STATE LEGISLATURE | PRESIDENT'S, GOVERNOR'S, MAYOR'S OFFICE

- Congressional/Legislative Aide
- Legislative Research Assistant
- Campaign Staffer/Aide
- Constituent Aide
- Committee Staff Person
- Legislative Correspondent
- Political Pollster
- Field Worker
- Press Assistant
- Media Relations Specialist
- Policy Analyst
- Staff Aide

POLICY ORGANIZATIONS (ISSUE-ORIENTED/POLITICAL PARTY/PUBLIC INTEREST NATIONAL ASSOCIATIONS)

- Public Opinion Interviewer
- Community/Field Organizer
- Program Developer/Coordinator
- Fund-Raiser/Development Associate
- Legislative Advocate
- Assistant Field Representative
- Office Manager
- Lobbyist Assistant
- Membership Coordinator
- Grass Roots Organizer
- Convention Organizer
- Research Assistant
- Assistant for Special Projects
- Government Affairs Specialist
- Public Policy Analyst
- Project Manager
- Legislative Liaison
- Meetings Coordinator
- Press Assistant
- Legislative Analyst

RESEARCH ORGANIZATIONS (ISSUE-ORIENTED/NON-PROFITS/NATIONAL ASSOCIATIONS)

- Project Assistant
- Research Technician
- Research Associate
- Trainee
- Public Policy Analyst

LOCAL, STATE, & FEDERAL AGENCIES PATH

TRANSPORTATION | HOUSING | COMMERCE | ZONING | ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, ETC.

- Population Studies Researcher
- Contract Administrator
- Legislative Liaison
- Program Evaluator
- Urban/Regional Planner
- Researcher/Statistician
- Public Information Officer
- Officer Candidate-Military
- Public Affairs Specialist
- Research Assistant
- Compliance Specialist
- Civil Rights Investigator

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS PATH

INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS (UN, UNESCO, IMF, UNICEF, WHO, OAS)

- Economic Affairs Officer
- Guide
- Social Affairs Officer
- Program Manager

GOVERNMENT (US AID, PEACE CORPS, FOREIGN SERVICE, VOICE OF AMERICA)

- Foreign Service Officer
- Information Officer
- Peace Corps Volunteer
- Writer
- Customs Agent

NON-PROFITS (CARE, AMNESTY INT'L, CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES, POPULATION COUNCIL)

- Public Policy Analyst
- Project Assistant
- Program Developer/Coordinator
- Community/Field Organizer
- Assistant Field Rep
- Assistant for Special Projects
- Membership Coordinator
- Research Associate

LAW | INTELLIGENCE | CORRECTIONS PATH

PRIVATE PRACTICES, GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES, COURTS

- Legal Assistant
- Court Appointed Special Advocate
- CIA Special Agent
- Government Intelligence Analyst
- Intelligence Officer
- Legal Secretary
- Corrections Officer
- DIA Special Agent
- Probation/Parole Officer
- Correctional Caseworker
- Intelligence Support Analyst
- Paralegal
- Police Officer
- FBI Special Agent

A NOTE FROM OUR PROGRAM DIRECTOR



So long as humans live together, politics will be ubiquitous and indispensable. We may not “like” politics but without politics, we would not be able to build roads, run schools, and elect leaders.

The study of politics reveals hidden ways in which this complex and uncertain human activity works, sometimes to our benefit and sometimes to our disadvantage. As the world becomes more and more global, specialized, and intricate, politics itself is interpenetrated by not only other social science disciplines such as economics, psychology, and sociology, but also medicine and healthcare, technology, and statistical knowledge.

UMBC's program in Political Science at the Universities at Shady Grove offers students a way to understand, analyze, and contribute to political life. We offer courses and internship opportunities in pre-law, public policy, and international affairs and help students develop innovative, engaging, and rewarding careers based upon political science training. Our alumni work for federal, state, and local governments, NGOs and international agencies. Many students have gone on to law school and graduate programs or have started businesses and not-for-profits. Once you understand that politics is a necessary human activity, new opportunities open up to apply that knowledge.

Every Wednesday during the academic year, I host a current affairs discussion group at the Universities at Shady Grove from 12 noon to 1 pm in Room 4156 of the The Camille Kendall Academic Center. This is an open forum where you can meet other students and faculty to discuss issues of common interest. Please join us and see where the study of politics can take you.

EDUCATION PATH

HIGH SCHOOLS | COLLEGES | UNIVERSITIES

- Teacher
- Admissions Counselor
- Financial Aid Counselor

HUMAN SERVICES PATH

ADVOCACY GROUPS | GOVERNMENT | NON-PROFITS | HOSPITALS

- Community Service Agency Worker
- Recreation Coordinator
- Family Services Specialist
- Youth Director
- Eligibility Specialist
- Race Relations Specialist
- Volunteer Coordinator
- Community Outreach Worker
- Social Service Aide
- Social Service Administrator
- Caseworker
- Activities Leader
- Community Organizer

FOUNDATIONS

- Aide
- Researcher
- Proposal Reviewer

BUSINESS PATH

ADVERTISING | MARKETING | PUBLIC RELATIONS

- Marketing Research Analyst
- Advertising Salesperson
- Media Buyer/Assistant
- Public Relations Specialist
- Marketing Coordinator
- Special Events Coordinator
- Consumer Survey Supervisor
- Copywriter
- Jr. Account Executive

HUMAN RESOURCES

- Personnel/Human Resources Asst.
- EEO/Affirmative Action Officer
- Labor Relations Specialist
- Benefits Coordinator
- Payroll Officer
- Staffing Specialist
- Trainer
- Recruiter/Interviewer
- Job Developer

INSURANCE

- Claims Representative/ Examiner
- Insurance Agent
- Underwriter

BANKING | FINANCE

- Branch Manager
- Loan Representative
- Property Manager

RETAIL | SALES

- Assistant Buyer
- Store/Department Manager
- Sales Representative

PUBLISHING / JOURNALISM (NEWSPAPERS, PUBLISHING HOUSES, RADIO/TV, WIRE SERVICES)

- Editorial Assistant
- Reporter
- News Writer
- Salesperson
- Technical Writer
- Researcher
- Promotions Assistant
- Circulation Personnel