

Government & Politics

What can I do with my major?



DEPARTMENT OF
GOVERNMENT
AND POLITICS

Skills Developed in Your Major



Political Knowledge: Understand political science concepts and apply that to address contemporary issues and encourage civic engagement.



Analytic Skills: Use political science concepts, modes of inquiry, and analytic skills to address contemporary problems.



Cultural Knowledge: Identify causes of systemic bias and discrimination against underrepresented groups.



Communication: Communicate arguments and political science ideas effectively orally and in writing.

Related Careers (BA/BS)

- Business Analyst
- Campaign Manager
- Chief of Staff
- City Year Corps Member
- Client Strategy Analyst
- Conflicts Information Specialist
- Consultant
- Data Analyst
- Economic Research Analyst
- Environmental Justice Coordinator
- Global Health Coordinator
- Global Strategy Analyst
- Government Relations Analyst
- International Cooperation Analyst
- International Trade Paralegal
- Interpreter
- Investigator
- Junior Compliance Operations Analyst
- Junior Contract Manager
- Legal Assistant
- Legislative Correspondent
- Management Consulting Associate
- Paralegal/Paralegal Specialist
- Peace Corps Volunteer
- Peace Fellow
- Policy Analyst
- Political Sales Coordinator
- Researcher
- Strategy and Consultant Analyst
- Survey Research Analyst

GVPT Majors: Employers/Graduate Schools

Accenture
American Civil Liberties Union
AmeriCorps
Council on International Educational Exchange
Critical Relief for Children Inc.
Deloitte
Ernst & Young
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Google

International Center for Religion and Diplomacy
Maryland General Assembly
National Institutes of Health
National Security Agency
NY County District Attorney's Office
Northrop Grumman
Peace Corps
Public Defender Service, DC
U.S. Agency for International Development

Around 30% of GVPT majors head to **graduate school**.

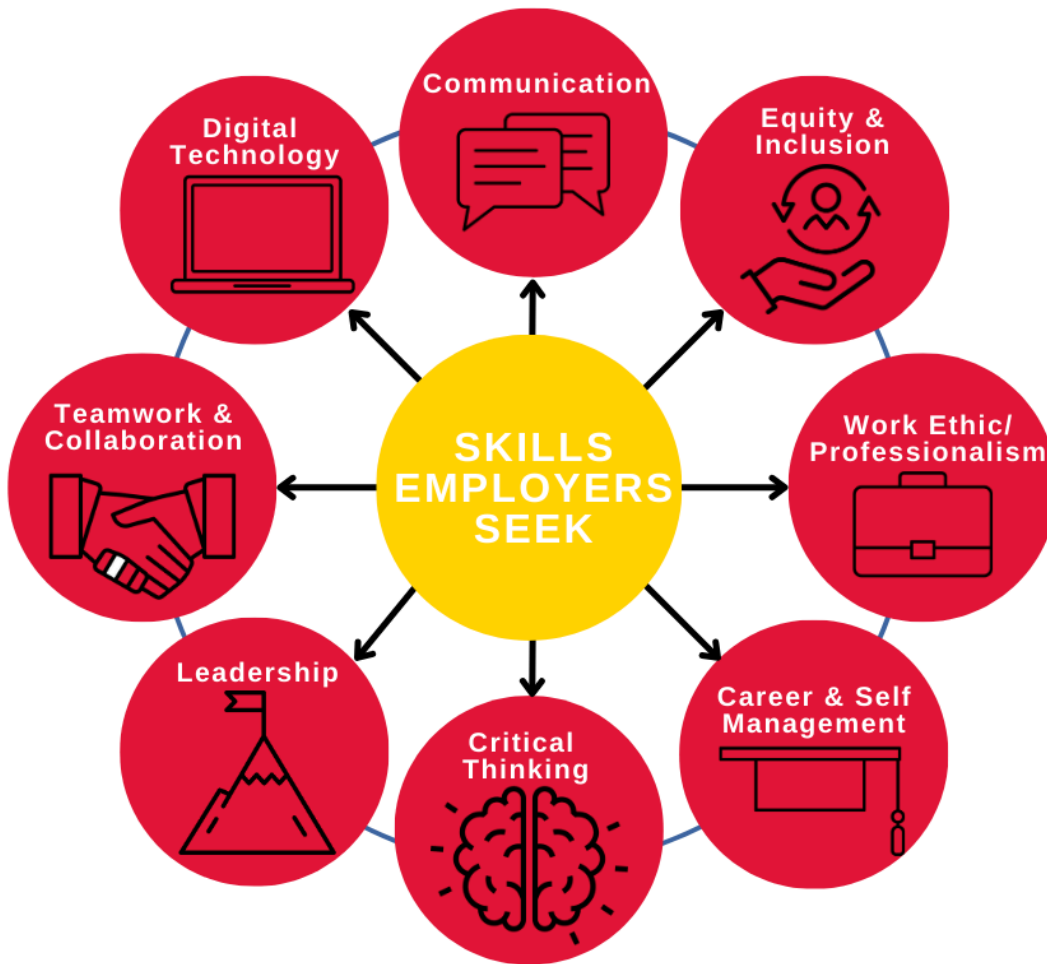
Sample programs:

American University
Catholic University
Cornell University
Fordham University
George Washington University
Georgetown University
Harvard University
Johns Hopkins University

Organization Types:

Advocacy
Business Services
Consulting
Government
Legal
Nonprofit
Policy
Political

Market Your Employable Skills



IDENTIFY

Highlight skills from your coursework, campus involvement, or leadership experiences!

TRANSLATE

your important skills into portable job skills:

Examples

ARTICULATE

Add examples to the following.

- Resume
- Elevator pitch
- Interview responses
- More!

NACE Job Outlook Survey.

Technical Skills Acquired

GVPT students gain many technical skills through the coursework. In the B.S., students gain experience producing quantitative political science research. Students in the BA can also take BS-oriented courses.

- Statistical Data Analysis
- Research Skills
- Qualtrics
- R programming
- Excel
- Google Suite

Expand Your Skills & Network

Gain Experience

- Internship
- Research
- Leadership

Meet Employers

- Fair Events
- Terrapins Connect
- Intern For a Day

Career Planning

- Enrichment courses
- Handshake
- Gain Skills

BSOS

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