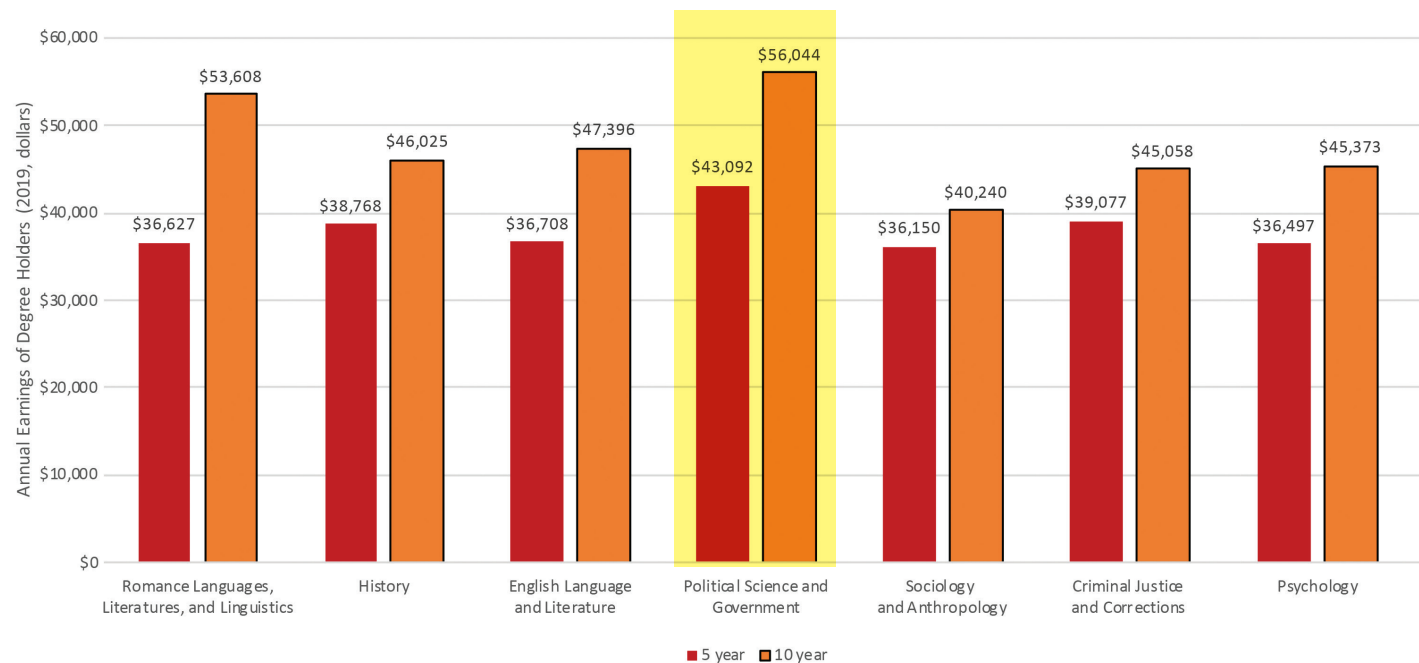


Political Science: Understanding the Power to Make Change

VSU's Political Science Department is home to a dynamic group of leading scholars, teachers, and students. Our Political Science and Organizational Leadership Bachelors Degrees prepare our students for lifelong success in the areas of law, politics, leadership, research, and service. Our Pre-Law track and International Affairs track are popular among VSU students. Our talented and diverse faculty promote an active learning environment that features hands-on experiences, community engagement, internships, and study abroad opportunities. Top students can also apply to the accelerated program to earn one of our bachelor's degrees and a master's in Public Administration in just 5 years.

How much can I earn with a Political Science Degree?



Career Opportunities:

A degree in Political Science or Organizational Leadership can lead to a number of different career paths in areas such as:

- Law
- Diplomacy
- Federal and Local Government
- Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs)
- Business
- Teaching
- Political Journalism

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Experiential Learning:

Our students engage in such activities as:

Study Abroad

The department is proud to have 2 partnerships with universities in the Czech Republic, which give our students the opportunity to gain hands-on experience while working in a culturally diverse setting. Our partner institutions are Palacký University (in Olomouc) and the University of West Bohemia (in Pilsen).

- The department's Pizer Scholarship, and the College of Humanities and Social Sciences, provide scholarship funds for our majors who study abroad.
- Political Science majors have also participated in other VSU study abroad programs to Ireland, Russia, Ecuador, and to other countries.

Model United Nations (MUN)

Model United Nations students participate in national and international simulations and earn credit toward their degree. Our award-winning students have excelled at Model UN conferences in New York City, Washington, DC, Kyoto (Japan), Prague (Czech Republic), and in the Galapagos Islands.

Model Senate

Interested in learning about how the U.S. Senate works? If so, Model Senate would be perfect for you! Model Senate students take part in competitive simulations where they learn firsthand how our national legislature operates.

Mock Trial

Students can shapen their legal skills and earn course credit through our Mock Trial team. Join today to get an early start on your law career!



Internship Opportunities:

Georgia Legislative Internship Program (GLIP)

VSU participates in the GLIP each year by sending students as paid interns to the Georgia legislature. During their time at the State Capitol, VSU interns gain knowledge of how state government works, while also making lifelong career contacts and friendships.

Students have also recently interned with:

- Georgia Governor's Internship Program
- Congressional offices (in D.C. & Georgia)
- U.S. Senate campaigns
- Lowndes County Solicitor General's office
- District Attorney's offices and local law offices
- Non-profit organizations
- Advocacy groups

We also have many ways for students to get involved outside of the classroom, including:

- Model United Nations (MUN)
- Model Senate
- Mock Trial
- Pi Sigma Alpha (Political Science honor society)
- Phi Alpha Delta (Pre-Law honor society)
- The Young Democrats
- The College Republicans

If research is their passion, our students:

- Publish their own research
- Present their research at regional and national conferences
- Partner with faculty on research projects
- Conduct Applied Research with Local Government and Non-Profit Organizations

