



## WHAT IS POLITICAL SCIENCE?

Political science is a social science that studies the theory and practice of governments and politics at the local, state, national and international level. It seeks to understand political ideas, ideologies, institutions, policies, processes, and behaviors. Political Science also focuses on other social sciences such as economics, sociology, anthropology and history.

### INTERESTS

(THINGS YOU LIKE TO DO)

- Public policy issues
- Keeping up with politics
- News and current events
- Developing theories
- Finding explanations or possible solutions to issues
- Learning about other fields like economy and history

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### SKILLS

(THINGS YOU WILL LEARN & USE)

- Communication
- Public speaking
- Cultural Competency
- Time management
- Analytical skills
- Problem solving
- Planning and development skills
- Critical thinking
- Research/quantitative skills

## LAVC DEGREES & CERTIFICATES OFFERED

Political Science is the academic study of the state, government, and politics. The discipline deals with the theory and practice of politics, political systems, and political behavior. The Political Science AA-T helps prepared students for careers in fields such as law, education, journalism, and governmental service. LAVC offers the following degrees:

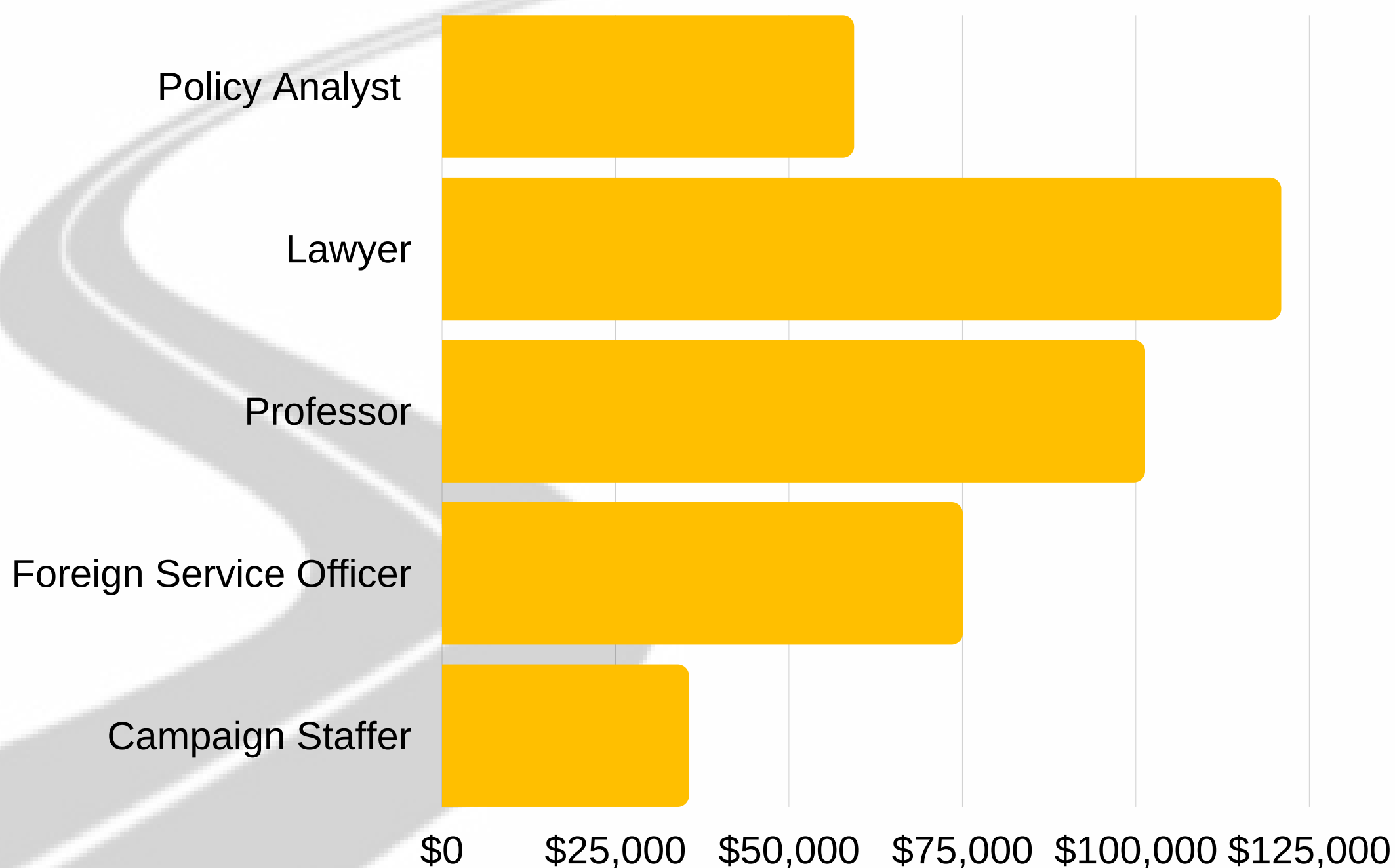
- **Associate of Arts for Transfer (AA-T) in Political Science**
- **Associate of Arts (AA) in Political Science**

## TRANSFER RELATED MAJORS

- **CSU Los Angeles:** Political Science, Political Science - Global Politics, Public Administration, or Pre-Legal Studies
- **CSU Bakersfield:** Political Science - Power & Justice, Pre - Law, and Global Politics
- **CSU Channel Islands:** Political Science
- **CSU Dominguez Hills:** Political Science
- **CSU Fullerton:** Political Science
- **CSU Northridge:** Political Science - Politics & Government, Law & Society, or Public Policy & Management
- **San Diego State:** Political Science
- **UC Berkeley:** Political Science
- **UC Merced:** Political Science
- **UC Davis:** Political Science
- **UC Los Angeles:** Political Science
- **UC Riverside:** Political Science
- **UC San Diego:** International Studies - Political Science



EARNINGS\*



\*Earnings can vary by occupation and experience. The following are median wages as of 2018 in California based on CaliforniaCareerZone.org

FOR MORE INFORMATION

- [www.lavc.edu/transfer](http://www.lavc.edu/transfer)
- <http://www.lavc.edu/hhpls/index.aspx>
- [www.lavc.edu/transfer/majors/default.html](http://www.lavc.edu/transfer/majors/default.html)
- [www.assist.org](http://www.assist.org)
- [www.eureka.org](http://www.eureka.org)
- [www.cacareerzone.org](http://www.cacareerzone.org)
- [www.onetonline.org](http://www.onetonline.org)
- <http://degrees.calstate.edu/>
- [https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/counselors/files/undergraduate\\_majors\\_list.pdf](https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/counselors/files/undergraduate_majors_list.pdf)

RELATED OCCUPATIONS

- Policy analyst
- Lawyer
- Professor
- Foreign service officer
- Political consultant
- Urban planner
- Politician
- Public service officer
- Lobbyist
- Political campaign staffer



POTENTIAL EMPLOYERS

- Government agencies
- Non-profit organizations
- Colleges and universities
- Law firms
- Political campaigns
- Advertising firms
- Lobbying firms
- Non-governmental organizations

This general information is provided by the LAVC Career/Transfer Center. For specific information about majors and careers please make an appointment to see a counselor either online, in person at the Counseling Department (Student Services Annex) or by phone at (818) 947-2474.