



# RANDOLPH COLLEGE

*Founded as Randolph-Macon Woman's College in 1891*

## Political Science

The political science major provides the students with an understanding of the political process as reflected by human interactions with each other and with the state. The Department emphasizes the sharpening of analytical skills. The major provides excellent preparation for a career or further study in law, public service, political science, or international affairs.

### Career Options for the Political Science Undergraduate

#### **Politics and Government**

Staff Assistant  
Legislative Aide  
Public Opinion Analyst  
Corrections Officer  
Paralegal  
Policy Analyst  
Foreign Service Officer  
\*Legal Investigator  
\*City Manager  
\*International Lawyer  
\*Urban Policy Planner  
\*Public Health Administrator  
\*Lawyer

#### **Public Interest and Social Change**

Lobbyist  
Canvass Director  
Strategist  
Publications Director  
Issues Director  
Peace Corps Volunteer  
Development Director  
Association Executive  
Event Coordinator  
Campaign Manager  
Politician  
Advocacy Attorney  
\*Environmental Lawyer

#### **Communication**

Teacher, secondary school  
Public Affairs Reporter  
Editor  
News Public Opinion Analyst  
Press Agent  
Editorial assistant  
\*Professor  
\*Educational Administrator

#### **Business and Industry**

Advertising Account Manager  
Regulatory Analyst  
Sales Promotion Manager  
Public Affairs Officer  
Human Resources Manager  
Financial Planner  
Executive Search Consultant  
Customer Service Representative  
Industry Lobbyist  
Business Analyst  
\*Bank Administrator  
\*Systems Analyst  
\*Marketing Research Analyst

*\*Denotes Careers that may require a Graduate Degree.*

### Job Outlook for these Careers:

**National:** U.S. Department of Labor  
[www.bls.gov/oco/home.htm](http://www.bls.gov/oco/home.htm)

**Virginia:**  
[www.vaview.vt.edu/](http://www.vaview.vt.edu/)

## Randolph Internship Opportunities

American Embassy in Paris  
The White House  
Centre for European Policy Studies

National Association for Public Interest Law  
Amnesty International  
United Nations Foundation

## Employers of Alumnae

Illinois Congressional Campaign  
Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence  
Citizens Against Government Waste

Republican National Committee  
Stanford University Crime Victims Board  
The Corporate Executive Board

## Liberal Arts Skills

### **Communication**

Presenting ideas and data clearly  
Influencing and persuading people, groups  
Mediating, negotiating conflicts  
Public speaking  
Listening critically

### **Analysis**

Interpreting issues and data  
Understanding components of complex problems  
Offering relevant perspectives  
Synthesizing themes from complex issues

### **Research and Quantitative Methods**

Interpreting data  
Developing research designs and models  
Programming and systems analysis  
Utilizing survey research methods  
Comparing and contrasting ideas and information

### **Planning and Development**

Making projections  
Organizing people, equipment, and ideas  
Logistical thinking  
Conceptualizing and implementing projects  
Decision making

## Graduate Programs Alumnae have attended

University of Virginia  
Stanford University  
Tulane University  
University of Richmond, Law School

Fordham University  
Vanderbilt University  
Southwestern University School of Law

## Associations related to the Political Science Major

American Political Science Association  
National Education Association  
American Bar Association

Law School Admission Council  
The Politix Group  
American Society for Public Administration

### **Additional Sources of Information:**

Career Development Center  
West Hall, (434) 947-8116  
[www.randolphcollege.edu/cdc](http://www.randolphcollege.edu/cdc)