

## **Mediterranean Studies**

### **political science**

#### **1- What is political science?**

The study of political science consists of studying state policy and the authority responsible for its implementation from local and international perspectives. It requires an understanding of political ideas, ideologies, and behavior, as well as the layers of society, government, diplomacy, state law, strategy, and warfare.

From another perspective, it is a social science that uses humanistic perspectives and scientific skills to study the governments of all countries and regions of the world.

Studying political science is valuable for citizenship and political career, and reinforces the importance of political participation in students and prepares them to participate in political life. It increases employment opportunities in many future careers in government, law, commerce, or the media and public sector.

What does a student study in political science major?

Political science in departments in modern universities are divided into several fields that the student studies, each of which contains different subfields, which are:

**Domestic politics:** represents the most common field of study in the political science major; It includes many sub-domains, such as public opinion, elections, national government, and local or regional governments.

**Comparative Politics:** Focuses on politics within countries, and analyzing the similarities and differences between them.

**International relations:** includes political relations and connections between countries, including the state's foreign policy, international political economy, the policy options available to governments, and the reasons for the outbreak of

conflict between countries. Some universities organize international relations as a separate department within them.

Study of political theory: includes the study of classical political philosophy and some contemporary perspectives, such as constructivism, critical theory, and postmodernism.

Public Administration: Specializes in teaching bureaucracy, which is about directing practical applications in political science. A separate department is allocated to it within the university to prepare students for civil service.

Public law: specializes in the study of constitutions, civil and criminal legal systems

Public Policy: It specializes in studying the approval and implementation of government policies related to civil rights, defense, health, education, economic growth, development and environmental protection.

## **2- 10 reasons why we study political science**

Political science represents an outstanding preparation for advanced study, especially with regard to improving writing, communication, analysis and data skills.

preparing you for critical and independent thinking, appreciation of different points of view, and knowledge of current affairs of the country.

Preparation for graduate school or law school.

Political science is the primary undergraduate major for a law degree.

Obtaining graduate degrees in various fields of political science, such as public policy or public administration.

Studying political science qualifies you to work in private, for-profit and nonprofit organizations, as well as in the public sector.

Understand the meaning of political life and engage in political work if the student has the desire to do so

It also prepares students for a variety of fields, including law, journalism, international affairs, education, government positions, and work in political offices.

Preparing students for active citizenship.

Introducing the importance of political participation, and preparing students to participate in political life in their country.

This is in addition to the possibility of working in non-profit organizations, and educational professions in schools and universities. They can also work in various media, such as journalism, magazines, and political programs.

## **3- Fields of graduate studies in political science**

Political science is one of the majors in which students most want to obtain a master's degree and postgraduate studies to obtain a doctorate or professorship, and provide more opportunities in political and diplomatic work.

Some of prominent master's degrees in political science

Politics, Security and Crisis

MSc Digital Politics & Sustainable Development

Arts in Political Communication

Political and Business Communication

Global Management and Politics

#### **4- Requirements to study in political science major**

The requirements for studying political science vary from one university to another, but in general the student must have some personal qualities that qualify him to study the political science major and work in it later.

Some of these requirements are:

A genuine desire to build powerful tools for understanding, advancing, and debating political arguments.

Interest in the ideas of the political world,

If you are interested in law school, public policy, or any other political path.

Having leadership qualities and the ability to build good social relationships

As well as having clear personality traits, and accepting criticism.

Possessing general culture and the ability to deal with the cultures of different peoples.

Proficiency in various languages, especially English.

Creativity in writing, insight, constructive critical thinking, and analytical sense.

Possessing communication skills and interacting with others.

Rhetoric in public speaking and speaking in various media platforms.

The ability to understand, memorize, assimilate, and analyze.

He has psychological stability and is able to provide community assistance.

It addresses problems in the theory of justice, the theory of democracy, the practice of human rights, and problems of political authority and political commitment.

Students of this major can work as policy analysts and researchers in governmental, international or non-governmental organizations, and the media.

#### **Conclusion**

Thus, we have made it clear why we study political science, especially for students who love political action and the study of political behavior. Political science contributes to understanding the world around us and the relations between countries, so you must have an open mind and a social personality to succeed in your studies and hold the highest positions.

