# POLITICAL SCIENCE CAREER SUMMARY

### Office of Career Education & Development

**SLIPPERY ROCK UNIVERSITY** 

#### **CAREER RESPONSIBILITIES**

Political science is the study of governments; their procedures and policies; and political behavior of citizens and officials. Students of political science will develop the ability to conceptualize, think analytically, and communicate effectively. Political science provides good preparation for careers in law, administration, urban affairs, business, and other social sciences.

# **Skills Associated With Political Science Majors**

- Analytical, problem solving, communication, and organizational skills
- Strong interpersonal skills; ability to work with others to achieve goals as part of a team
  - Understanding of political principles
  - · Ability to utilize mathematical methods; simulation, statistics, electronic data
    - Well-developed writing and research skills

### **Sample Career Titles**

Arbitrator Intelligence Agent Political Campaign Manager Archivist International Business Political Consultant International Economist Political Pollster Author **Broadcast Journalist** Judae Political Researcher **Business Manager** Political Scientist Labor Relations Specialist Campaign Director Lawver Politician Case Worker Legislative Coordinator Probation officer City Planner Legislative Correspondent **Professional Association** College Professor Lobbvist Director Community Developer Management Trainee **Project Manager** Consultant Market Research Analyst Public Interest Group Director Marketing Director **Public Relations Officer** Demographer **Diplomat** Military officer Senator Editor News Reporter Social Service Aide News Writer FBI/CIA Agent Social Worker Foreign Correspondent Paralegal Stock Broker Foreign Service Officer Penologist Teacher Impact Analyst Police Officer Writer

To find out more about the daily work of these professions, skills needed, and salary ranges, go to Occupational Outlook Handbook and type a career title into the search field.

Visit **Career Education & Development**, 124 Bailey Library, to discuss these occupations and career opportunities with a Career Counselor.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Some careers may require additional training and/or education