

POLITICAL SCIENCE, CERTIFICATE

ADVISING AND CAREERS

ADVISING

Students who are declared or interested in the political science certificate have numerous advising resources available to them. The political science advising team is composed of professional and peer advisors who are excited to talk with students about everything from academic planning to professional development for future careers. Information on the political advising team, how to contact an advisor and how to schedule an appointment hours can be found on this website (<https://polisci.wisc.edu/politicalsciencecertificate/>).

INTERNSHIPS

The Department of Political Science recognizes the importance of internships in helping students develop professional skills and explore potential career paths. Positions can vary depending on availability and students' interests, but recent sponsors have included the WI State Legislature, the Office of the Governor, Sierra Club, and numerous non-profit, media, lobbyist and policy organizations in Wisconsin and throughout the country. Please see our internship board (<https://polisci.wisc.edu/internship-board/>) for examples of the wide array of opportunities. Political Science certificate students can also get academic credit in conjunction with an internship by taking Poli Sci 315.

ALUMNI MENTORING

Like internships, networking can be a valuable tool in opening professional doors and learning more about the professional value of the political certificate. The department often matches students with alumni mentors drawn from our Board of Visitors (<https://polisci.wisc.edu/board-of-visitors/>) and other graduates who can help them get started building a professional network, answer questions about a specific field, provide guidance in applying for jobs or preparing for interviews, and provide general career advice.