The Benefits of Studying Political Science

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[Political science](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Political_science) involves the study of governments, including the study of public policies, processes, and behaviors of the various branches of government. Pursuing an education in political science may appeal to individuals who possess an interest in politics or social issues.

The benefits of taking a political science class, however, often appeal to individuals in many areas of education. Students who study political science have the opportunity to gain invaluable political knowledge to assist them in fulfilling their social responsibilities as United States' citizens. That knowledge helps them develop a clearer understanding of government and the methods available to hold public officials responsible for their choices. Political science classes also teach other skills that are helpful in other courses and professional industries. Skills developed in this course of study include analytical abilities, oral expression, and academic writing.