

CAREERS FOR

Political Science

MAJORS

Do you have a curiosity for government and understanding the background of how it all works? Do you wonder why certain officials get elected into office? Do you have a passion for critical social or political issues? If you said yes to any of these, then Political Science may be a good fit for you.

Political science, by definition, is the study of politics, public policy, and government. Using both scientific and humanistic perspectives, [UNM's Political Science Program](#) offers an engaging program to help students develop skills to examine United States, all countries and regions of the world, and international relations. This program not only provides theoretical knowledge, but real-world applications of the learned material.

UNM offers both a [Master of Arts](#) and a [PhD](#) in Political Science. Students who want to pursue graduate education may also consider:

- Law school
- Master of Public Policy
- Master of Public Administration

Industries & Target Employers

There are many different career opportunities available to philosophy majors. While the majority of careers require a bachelors, other careers will need additional education (lawyer, researcher, professor, etc.) or licensure (K-12 educator).

- **Government:** Public policy, Research, Regional and urban planning, City management, Intelligence (e.g., CIA), Foreign Service (e.g., Department of State), Law enforcement, Legislative, executive, or judicial services
- **Law:** Law firms, Corporations, Federal, state, and local government, Private practice, Colleges and Universities
- **Politics:** Elected or appointed leadership, Campaign management, Staff administration, Special interest advocacy
- **Nonprofit:** Administration, Management, Public Relations, Fundraising, Nonprofit organizations, Foundations, Professional associations
- **Business:** Sales, Human Resources, Management, Advertising, Public Relations

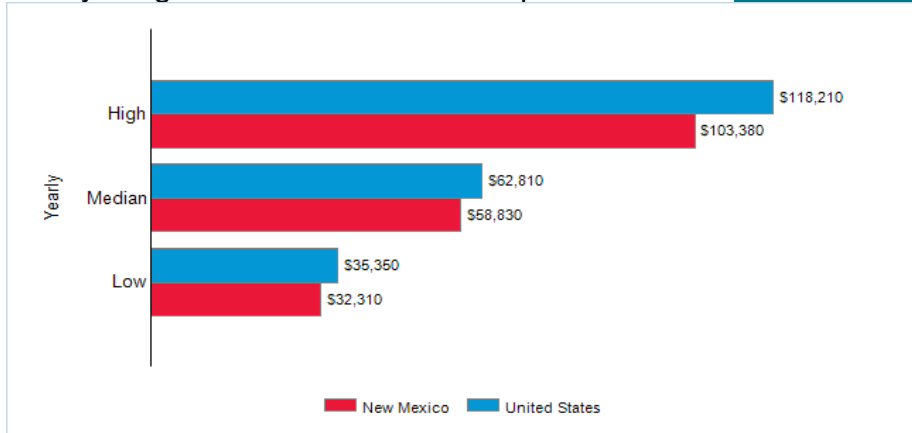
- **Journalism:** Editing, Reporting, Sales, Newspapers, Internet, Wire services, Magazine, Corporations, Political parties and action committees
- **Broadcasting:** News programming, Production, TV stations, Radio stations, Independent syndications
- **Education:** Public schools and Private schools, Colleges and universities

Top Employers

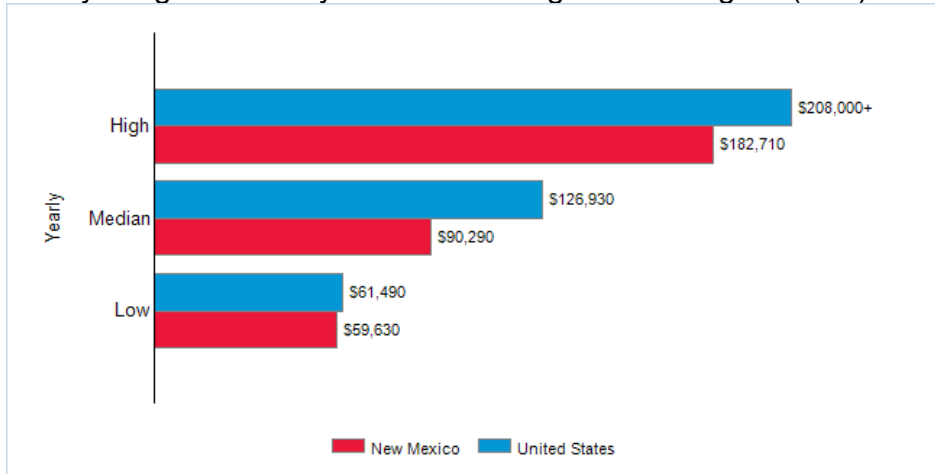
- [City of Albuquerque](#), [City of Rio Rancho](#), [City of Carlsbad](#)
- [Bernalillo County](#)
- [Bureau of Indian Affairs](#)
- [Pueblo of Isleta](#), [Pueblo of Laguna](#)
- [Department of Cultural Affairs, New Mexico](#)

Salary Information

Yearly Wages for Public Relations Specialists from [Career One Stop](#)



Yearly Wages for Lawyers **will need graduate degree (J.D.) from [Career One stop](#)



Tips

- The program encourages participating in an internship while attending school to gain hands-on experience. This program offers internship opportunities such as:
 - [Fred Harris Congressional Internship](#)
 - [NEW! Mayor's Select Internship Program](#)
 - [New Mexico State Legislative Internship](#)
 - [PoliSci 291 and PoliSci 491 Internships](#)
- Conduct [informational interviews](#) with professionals who perform jobs that interest you. Or find organizations you are passionate about and do an internship for that company.
- Research [non-profit companies](#) for potential organizations. Decipher what draws you to the field of psychology: is it understanding people, is it research, or is it helping people?
- Explore jobs that include those interests and skills and [job shadow](#) to see if it is a fit for you.

Learn More

[Handshake](#)

[O*NET](#)

[Occupational Outlook Handbook](#)

[Governmental Affairs \(ASUNM\) Students Group](#)

[Buzzfile Employers by Major—Political Science NM](#)

[American Political Science Association \(APSA\)](#)

[UNM Political Science Department](#)

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