Q: We frequently talk about skills that we expect students in our majors to acquire: critical thinking, communication, research and analysis, organization, and empathy. In addition to these more general skills, are there specific skills that your program offers to prospective students?

A: Political Science promotes the development of strong writing skills (an essential skill that many workplaces have noted are weak in recent college graduates); the ability to communicate clearly and persuasively; decision-making and problem-solving skills; an awareness and understanding of US and global issues; and leadership skills and the propensity for civic engagement.

Q: How does your program give students an advantage in today's job market?

A: The Political Science program at Rowan gives students a broad range of skills and knowledge that they can apply in a wide range of careers, giving them the flexibility they need to meet the demands of an ever-changing workplace. Our internship program also offers students real world experience with community organizing, issue advocacy, managing projects, collaborating on teams, conducting research, and analyzing data.

Q: What jobs / careers are students in your major best positioned to pursue?

A: Political Science students are uniquely positioned to excel in the fields of law, government, politics, public policy, and public administration, to name a few. However, a Political Science student’s skill set makes them attractive employees for numerous industries and professions. The possibilities are endless! Here is a small sampling of the many careers open to graduates in Political Science:

- Attorney
- International Research Specialist
- Activist/Advocate/Organizer
- Journalist
- Campaign Operative
- Labor Relations Specialist
- CIA Analyst or Agent
- Lobbyist
- City Planner
- Pollster
- Communications Director
- Policy Analyst
- Corporate Public Affairs Advisor
- Publisher

The Bottom Line

The number one element that sets Rowan apart is that our faculty members go the extra mile to ensure that students get the one-on-one assistance they need to achieve their goals. We keep our class sizes small so professors can develop personal relationships with all of our students, and know all students by name. Because we believe in a very hands-on approach to learning, we ensure that our students get the most out of their required internship, making sure they end up working in positions that provide professional preparation for their future careers.