

## Graduate profile

Graduates of political science studies have a university-level humanistic education. They enjoy the advantage of possessing extensive interdisciplinary knowledge of the determinants that give shape to political phenomena and processes. Acquired through a variety of courses, including those on political science, philosophy, sociology, psychology, economics, history of politics, and management sciences, this knowledge allows graduates to understand the complex mechanisms governing the political life of society at both national and international level. Students gain the necessary knowledge, skills, and social competencies during their participation in a comprehensive range of general and specialist courses, which include political marketing, public administration, social communication and journalism, political leadership, and international political relations.

Graduates are able to critically analyse the complex socio-political reality and develop both strategies and actions for practically reshaping its various aspects. Among other skills, the graduates are able to: collect, organise, and hierarchise information on socio-political phenomena and processes; analyse the functioning of political subjects – e.g., social groups, political parties, public authorities, and decision-making centres; identify these subjects' strengths and shortcomings; understand how needs, interests, and values motivate the political activity of individuals, groups, and organisations; explain the course of and underlying mechanisms behind the cooperation and conflict between political subjects; explain decision-making processes; design and carry out political projects, such as political campaigns; use a host of methods and techniques to influence the actions of those participating in politics.

Possessing well-mastered and consolidated knowledge of political science, both general and specialist, and equipped with a range of practical skills and social competencies, graduates of political science prove they can remain competitive on the job market.

### Employment opportunities

Graduates of political science have an opportunity to take up work in national and international public institutions, state offices, self-government bodies, foundations, NGOs, and in the local and regional media. Specialists working with politicians and political candidates are becoming increasingly sought after, while campaign teams continue to look for highly-qualified specialists for programme work and political marketing. In addition, state and self-government administration provide a wealth of employment opportunities: these can be effectively seized by graduates of the public administration speciality, which lays primary emphasis on developing students' managerial skills. The speciality course in international political relations delivers comprehensive knowledge on the mechanisms of foreign and international policy, the speciality of social communication and journalism prepares its graduates to take up work in the media, while the speciality in political leadership helps its students to become future leaders by developing the relevant skills.

The graduates of political science are quality employees, especially valued as: employees of state and self-government institutions; experts at public opinion research centres; press, radio, and television journalists; public relations specialists; in-house advisers for political parties; experts in alleviating social conflict; political campaign organisers; workers for NGOs; teachers of social studies (following a pedagogy course granting teaching credentials).

The students may select one of 4 specialisations:

- Global Security
- Media and Politics
- Europe in the World
- Comparative Politics

BA study programme consists of six semesters: five semesters at the University of Wrocław and one semester of mobility arranged within ERASMUS+ at one of the Partner Universities abroad. Students take the opportunity to study the most important topics related to contemporary politics, security and media as well as key issues related to social sciences - taught by our highly qualified academic staff. The Institute also encourages students to develop their professional careers during studies by providing them with the opportunity to have an internship. In order to accomplish it institutional partnerships with numerous, public and private entities are blossomed.

There are lots of possibilities as Wrocław is the place where you may find for instance the Information Office of the European Parliament, European Commission and variety of international companies (HP, IBM).

#### Comparative Politics

Graduates of the speciality course in "Comparative Politics" are proficient in performing comparative analyses – the knowledge and skills that prove useful for further academic development on Master's and doctoral degree programmes, as well as being increasingly favoured by employers in the public and private sectors alike.

#### Media and Politics

Those graduating in "Media and Politics" possess both theoretical knowledge and practical skills in the field of social and political communication, which make them ideal candidates for the positions of media advisers, creators of media content, specialists of media in politics, and specialists for social communication. Their potential opportunities of employment come from advertising agencies, institutes for market research, PR departments at public and commercial institutions, media organisations, NGOs, political organisations, development agencies, and public administration bodies.

#### Global Security

Students completing their speciality course in "Global Security" are knowledgeable about the threats to contemporary international order and how to counter them. Allowing them to identify threats to contemporary social, political, and economic order, the knowledge acquired on the course also makes them recognised as

valuable assets by crisis management teams as well as international organisations and associations that specialise in promoting human rights, resolving violent conflicts, etc.

### Europe in the World

“Europe in the World” bachelor's specialization provides an inter-disciplinary understanding of the functioning of the European Union (EU) and its role as a global actor. It focuses on the internal and external aspects of European integration from the political, economic and social perspectives. In the challenging times we are living now, the increasing Euroscepticism on the continent is to a large extent caused by the lack of knowledge about the purpose, structure and benefits of the EU as well as of the policies it delivers. This specialization will give students the possibility to discuss, contest and understand the issues which they find complex or controversial about Europe.