The Department of Political Science at Memorial University offers internship and co-op programs which allow students the opportunity to take what they have studied in the classroom and apply it to the world around them.

**POLICY IS THE BEST POLICY**

Policy work involves skills that can become a part of how public policy is developed, delivered and maintained. With positions working on policy analyses available with federal, provincial and municipal government, with non-governmental organizations or with political parties, there is no limit to what you can learn from your experience—while having a meaningful impact on society.

**WE LOVE A GOOD PARTY**

Public relations work is about creating opportunities. Work closely with political support staff, get to know how decisions are made, contribute to communications campaigns and help constituents get government service. Get your feet wet working with political parties at the federal or provincial level, or perhaps in a non-partisan capacity with a legislature or government agency.

**WE ADVOCATE ADVOCACY**

Newfoundland is changing society for the better. Be a part of the advocacy and non-profit sector at the front lines and work passionately for a cause you believe in. Explore a range of placements from international organizations to community groups.

**LAW DEGREES**

Want to utilize the knowledge and experiences you have gained in your legal career? Non-traditional placements are available in a range of legislative branches dealing with everything from upholding human rights to ensuring public access to legal advice.

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STUDENTS IN THE POLITICAL SCIENCE BAC WITH CAREERS are assisted in their job search by a dedicated Faculty of Arts comprehensive education coordinator who develops work term opportunities and contracts and facilitates student access to these opportunities. All students are also encouraged to pursue work term opportunities independently, in consultation with the coordinator. The coordinator also monitors students during their work term, provides professional development workshops and seminars and is the liaison between the university, the student and the employer.

STUDENTS IN PSSC 4400 receive support from a member of the department who assists with coordinating a work placement and support staff in Career Development & Experiential Learning.

“The internship program has been a very positive experience for our office. Students bring a fresh outlook, enthusiasm and energy which benefits all in the office environment ... Our intern was high performance and exercised initiative and demonstrated maturity ...”

— ANONYMUS CANADA GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

“The responsibilities of our office demand professional behavior and strong communication skills, and our interns utilize quickly proved to be a valuable asset to our team.”

— INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS IN NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR
THE POLITICAL SCIENCE INTERNSHIP COURSE (96 HOURS)

Political Science 6600 is a great opportunity for senior students in any degree program with at least some political science background who wish to spend a limited amount of time in a professional environment and an ideal option for employers to avail of experienced undergraduate students for small projects. This internship course is regularly offered to provide students the opportunity to earn regular 4000-level credit hours while applying what they have learned during their degree program. It involves a supervisor-mentor commitment of work experience that offers an opportunity for students to help explore their options as they choose a career path. Students work 48 hours (eight hours per week, unpaid) during the semester and must sign a learning contract with their employer. There are comprehensive writing assignments but no exams. (Placement administered by the Department of Political Science)

“I believe the greatest value of the internship is that it provides a unique and exciting experience that is unparalleled in the classroom.”
—MARK, POSC 6600 student

ALSO AVAILABLE
THE POLITICAL SCIENCE MA WITH INTERNSHIP (1 YEAR TERM)

A popular and competitive one-year full-time program, the MA with internship is designed to provide students who have completed an undergraduate degree with practical work experience in public policy research and public administration. Students undertake two semesters of coursework to provide themselves with a basic background in political science research. A fourth-month paid work term follows (generally running from May to August). Students must also produce a major paper for POSC 6935 (a co-op write-up for the internship, POSC 6930) that applies political science concepts and methods to an issue related to their placements.

The master’s program provided strong financial support and an excellent opportunity to gain practical experience through the internship option. The program made concrete what I learned in the undergraduate program and truly prepared me to work in the policy field.
—CHRISTINE, MA internship graduate

For details on programs visit www.mun.ca/posc.