BUILD YOUR CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

The Humphrey School of Public Affairs is one of the country’s most respected hubs for politics. Here, prominent international, national, and state politicians, policy makers, activists, students, and faculty come together to discuss and advance innovative approaches to the critical issues of our time. This respectful and practical environment offers students an ideal setting to earn a Concentration in Politics and Governance.

If you are interested in government relations, campaigns and election administration, advocacy, or global governance and human rights, this concentration offers myriad career-path opportunities.

The Humphrey School is a crossroads where American and international political power brokers present and exchange ideas with leading experts. Recent guests have included former President Bill Clinton; former Vice President Walter F. Mondale; former Secretaries of State Condoleezza Rice, Madeleine Albright, and Henry Kissinger; United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees António Guterres; and national political and policy analysts Gwen Ifill, Ramesh Ponnuru, Michele Norris, Thomas Friedman, Kevin Hassett, E.J. Dionne, and Norm Ornstein.

POLITICS AND GOVERNANCE CONCENTRATION HIGHLIGHTS

/\/\/ Exceptional opportunities to interact with today’s leading national and international policy makers and activists

/\/\/ Numerous internship options

/\/\/ Practical training with first-rate faculty dedicated to teaching, engaged in real-world political issues and policy, and distinguished for their research

/\/\/ Opportunities to explore courses in global studies, public and nonprofit leadership, economic and community development, environmental policy, urban and regional planning, elections, and lawmaking

/\/\/ Priority access to the wealth of activities and events at the School’s research and outreach centers—focused on American politics, global studies, and urban policy—that stand out as among the country’s most trusted and credible sources for research, dialogue, and civil debate

/\/\/ A vibrant metropolitan location with access to the Capitol, courts, dozens of governmental agencies, 18 Fortune 500 companies, and hundreds of nonprofit organizations
HERE’S HOW YOU CAN PUT YOUR CONCENTRATION IN POLITICS AND GOVERNANCE TO WORK

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• MN Secretary of State  
• Municipal elections offices | • National Law Center on Homelessness & Poverty  
• National Partnership for Women & Families  
• Metropolitan Interfaith Coalition for Affordable Housing | • U.S. State Department  
• U.S. Agency for International Development  
• Mission Convergence (India)  
• Population Council (Egypt)  
• Human Rights Watch |
| WHAT’S NEXT AFTER COMPLETING YOUR DEGREE? | • Government relations in major corporation  
• Policy development in legislative or executive branch  
• Strategist in public affairs firm | • Election campaign staff  
• Elections administrator  
• Voter services | • Nonprofit advocacy organizations  
• Community organizations serving people with low income and communities of color | • U.S. government  
• International non-governmental organizations working on humanitarian relief  
• United Nations |

EXAMPLES OF POSITIONS IN POLITICS AND GOVERNANCE HELD BY GRADUATES

Career options span all levels of government, non-governmental organizations, and the corporate and nonprofit sectors.

DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF  
Member of Congress, U.S. House of Representatives

DEVELOPMENT OUTREACH AND COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER, RWANDA  
U.S. Agency for International Development

SENATOR  
Minnesota State Senate

CAMPAIGN MANAGER  
State Gubernatorial Campaign

LEGISLATIVE AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS LIAISON  
Minnesota Department of Human Rights

PROGRAM ASSOCIATE  
American Refugee Committee

CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY  
Target Corporation

CORPORATE CITIZENSHIP REPRESENTATIVE  
Xcel Energy

ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR, POLICY DEVELOPMENT  
Alzheimer’s Association

SUPERVISORY LEGISLATIVE STRATEGIST  
U.S. Customs and Border Protection

POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC RELATIONS OFFICER  
Consulate General of Canada

DIRECTOR OF PROGRAMS  
Women’s Foundation of Minnesota