

**TYPICAL COMPETENCIES AND SKILLS DEMONSTRATED  
POLITICS MAJOR – MESSIAH COLLEGE**

- ✓ Ability to do intensive and extensive research, especially to identify sources and processes for obtaining funding for grants – with public, corporate, foundation and individual contributors
- ✓ Analytical and report-writing skills
- ✓ Oral communication skills and the application thereof to formal and informal presentations
- ✓ Knowledge of governmental institutions, roles and processes
- ✓ Relationships between the national government and state and local levels of government
- ✓ Understanding of public policy processes, as well as the substance of decision-making and implementation of public policy at all levels of government
- ✓ Relationships between the public and private sectors; existing and changing programs of assistance and promotion; applicable government rules and regulations (as enunciated in the public policy process referred to above)
- ✓ Skills, instruments, values, ethics, responsibility, and challenges of leadership