

POLITICAL SCIENCE

Many occupations today require a college-educated individual who can write and speak well, solve problems, learn new information quickly and work well with others on a team. This means that Political Science graduates use their education in a wide variety of fields, and your future career may relate more to your personal career interests, work values and transferable skills than any specific academic major. Obtaining experiences within a particular field is extremely important in preparing students for life after college. These experiences can be in the form of internships, part-time jobs, or volunteer positions. Regardless, they allow students to develop specific knowledge and skills that both help a student solidify their career choice, and improve their chances of employment in that field following graduation. The following list contains a representative sample of job titles of former graduates with Political Science major. Use this as an idea list, and remember that it represents some, but certainly not all, of the careers you might consider.

Students obtaining employment immediately upon graduation are usually those with the best college records and a willingness to relocate to find a job. Some of these jobs also require education beyond a bachelors' degree.

Related Political Science Career Titles

Entry-Level

- *Asst. Account Executive
- *Account Service Rep
- *Activities Specialist
- *Assistant Buyer
- *Campaign Staffer
- *Congressional Aide
- *Congressional Research
- *Historic Site Interpreter
- *Assistant Consultant
- *Public Relations Assistant
- *Real Estate Agent/Broker
- *Research Assistant
- *Teacher
- *Law Enforcement Officer
- *Legislative Assistant
- *Social Worker
- *Legal Assistant
- *Environmental Policy Analyst
- *Lobbyist
- *Management Analyst
- *Foreign Service Officer
- *Media Analyst
- *Historic Preservationist
- *Paralegal
- *Peace Corps/Vista Worker
- *Political Pollster
- *Politician
- *International Trade Specialist
- *Probation/Parole Officer
- *Reporter
- *Social Services Administrator
- *Writer/Author

Additional Education/Experience Required

*Advertising Executive

*Attorney

*Account Executive

*Archivist

*Community Relations Dir.

*Campaign Manager

*City Manager

*Public Administrator Manager

*Urban/Regional Planner

*FBI/CIA Agent

*Government Intelligence Analyst

*Marketing Director

* International Relations Manager

*Development Associate

*Executive Director, Non-Profit/NGO

*Sales Manager

*Special Interest Group Director

*Director of Public Policy

Related Major Skills for Political Science

Oral & written communication

Interact with diverse populations

Decision-making

Able to develop & market ideas

Problem-solving

Understanding of community needs

Analytical thinking

Computer literate

Research skills

Team worker

Leadership abilities

Work well under pressure

Political Science Web Sites

Job Listings / Job Search:

The Moving Ideas Network - Jobs in Policy <http://movingideas.org/jobs/>

American Political Science Association www.apsanet.org/jobplc/onlinejobs.cfm

A Call to Serve: http://www.ourpublicservice.org/info-url3739/info-url_list.htm?cat_id=43

Association for Public Policy And Management Job Bank <http://www.appam.org//services/jobbank/pos/index.shtml>

Careers In Government: Careers In Government is a clearinghouse of information, resources and jobs available in public sector organizations in America and abroad. www.CareersInGovernment.com

USA Jobs- United States Office of Personnel Management <http://www.usajobs.opm.gov/>

America's Job Bank (Labor Department)--80% of their postings are from public state employment service agencies. <http://www.ajb.dni.us>

Federal Jobs--This sites allows you to search databases of open US government jobs. <http://www.fedworld.gov/jobs/jobsearch.html>

MonsterTRAK <http://www.monstertrak.com>

Internship Hot Spots www.uncwil.edu/stuaff/career/internhotspots.htm

Internship Hot Links <http://www.uncwil.edu/stuaff/career/Hotlinks/internshipresources.htm>

Riley Guide: Employment Resources on the Internet <http://www.rileyguide.com>

Career Planning & Information:

University of California Santa Barbara: The following web sites offer links to a broad spectrum of Political Science areas of interest <http://www.library.ucsb.edu/subj/politica.html>

Government and Political Science Resources : very comprehensive site
http://www.educationindex.com/poli_sci/

Political Resources on the Net: Listings of political sites available on the Internet sorted by country, with links to Parties, Organizations, Governments, Media and more from all around the world <http://www.politicalresources.net/>

Poly-Cy: Internet Resources for Political Science <http://pslab11.polsci.wvu.edu/PolyCy/>

Occupational Outlook Handbook <http://www.bls.gov/oco/home.htm>

What Color Is Your Parachute: The Net Guide <http://www.jobhuntersbible.com>

Political Science: An Ideal Liberal Arts Major
<http://www.polsci.wvu.edu/polsci/career/careers.html>

Organizations & Associations:

American Political Science Association <http://www.apsanet.org>

National Federation of Paralegals Association <http://www.paralegals.org/Choice/home.html>

Society for Political Methodology <http://web.polmeth.ufl.edu/>

Presidency Research Group <http://www.ibiblio.org/lia/prgnet/>

Peace Science Society (International) <http://pss.la.psu.edu/>

International Political Economy Network <http://csf.colorado.edu/ipe/>

State & Regional Political Science Associations <http://www.apsanet.org/PS/organizations/state/>

American Society for Public Administration <http://www.aspanet.org/>

Miscellaneous Resources:

Pre-Law Student Services <http://www.ilrg.com/pre-law.html>

Pre-Law Handbook <http://oncampus.richmond.edu/academics/as/polisci/prelaw/>

Graduate/Law School Resources <http://www.uncw.edu/stuaff/career/Hotlinks/gradschoolresources.htm>