



What can I do with a Political Science degree?

Areas of Political Science

Public Policy - Research - Regional Planning - City or Town Management - Peace Corps
Intelligence Service - Foreign Service - Political Affairs - Economic Affairs - Administrative Affairs
Consular Services - U.S. International - Communication Agency

Employers:

Federal, state and local government

Strategies:

Complete an internship. Serve in model United Nations. Become involved in student government. Participate in cross-cultural groups/organizations. Write for campus publications dealing with national and international affairs. Develop skills in computers, statistics and data analysis. Acquire foreign language competency for international positions. Supplement curriculum with business courses. Earn a graduate degree in political science or public administration for advancement.

Areas of Law

Lawyer - Legal Assistant - Paralegal

Employers:

Law firms, corporations, state and local government, private practice, public interest agencies.

Strategies:

Develop research, writing, analytical and communication skills. Attend law school to earn a law degree. Attend a specialized training program for paralegals.

Areas of Politics

Staff of State or National Official - Campaign Worker - Political Party - Public Interest Groups.

Employers:

Legislators, national and state, Republican/Democratic National Committee, Public Interest Advocacy groups, Campaigns/
national, state, county or city.

Strategies:

Volunteer for local or national campaigns. Gain experience through internships. Attain leadership roles in campus or local organizations. Develop excellent verbal and written communication skills. Become involved in campus political organizations, student government, campus publications, and community service projects. Take courses in statistics, computer science, environmental protection or public policy. Develop a network of personal contacts.

Areas of Journalism

Editing - Reporting/Research - Circulation - Sales

Employers:

Large circulation newspapers, local newspapers, wire services, trade newspapers.

Strategies:

Find summer/part-time work and internships. Get sales experience. Gain skills in desktop publishing and photography. Develop excellent grammar, verbal, and writing skills. Serve on college newspaper, yearbook or other publications. Become student member of professional associations.

Areas of Business:

International - National - Marketing/Sales - Human Resources - Advertising - Public Relations - Banking/Finance Retail

Employers:

Business firms

Strategies:

Develop strong analytical, verbal, writing and computer skills. Acquire a business minor or double major. Get experience in area of interest through internships or other employment. Earn leadership role in campus organization.

Areas of Broadcast Journalism:

News Programming - Productions

Employers:

Major television networks, Public television stations, National radio networks, State/regional radio networks, Medium/small market radio stations, Independent radio syndications.

Areas of Nonprofit:

Administration - Management - Public Relations - Fund Raising

Employers:

Nonprofit organizations, Foundations, Professional associations, Interest Groups, Charities

Strategies:

Gain experience through volunteerism and internships. Supplement curriculum with business courses. Serve in leadership roles in campus organizations. Develop strong written and oral communication skills.

Areas of Education:**Employers:**

Public schools, private schools, colleges and universities.

Strategies:

Certification required for public school teaching; seek certification in more than one subject for greater marketability. Earn a Ph.D. for college teaching. Volunteer with community and church youth programs. Participate in sports (can lead to coaching). Become involved in student clubs, debate, publications, government and activities.

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Careers for Political Science Majors (PDF)