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CAREER OPPORTUNITIES FOR POLITICAL SCIENCE MAJORS

SKILLS & ABILITIES OF THE POLITICAL SCIENCE MAJOR

- Verbal communication
- Written communication
- Research skills
- Self-confident
- Analytical
- Leadership
- Detail oriented
- Public speaking
- Ability to develop rapport
- Problem-solving
- Natural curiosity
- Work well under pressure
- Sense of fairness
- Ability to work independently
- Self-motivated
- Willingness to work hard
- Well-organized
- Proofreading
- Commitment to public service
- Ambitious and outgoing
- Desire to influence others
- Public appeal
- Ability to interpret social/political data
- Ability to handle criticism/opposing views effectively
- Sound judgment
- Persistence
- Dedication

POTENTIAL CAREERS

- Civil Preparedness Officer
- Claims Adjudicator
- Commissioner, conservation of resources
- County Agent
- Cultural Affairs Officer
- Customs Inspector
- Diplomatic Officer
- Economic Development Coordinator
- Intelligence Specialist
- Legislative Aide or Assistant
- Manager of city, county, or town
- Manager for health, safety, and environmental programs
- Municipal Services Supervisor
- Occupational Safety and Health Compliance Officer
- Prosecuting Attorney
- Public Affairs Officer
- Public Works Commissioner
- Secretary of State
- Urban Planner
- Welfare Director
- Teacher/Professor
- Lawyer
- Judge
- Nonprofit Administration

TYPES OF EMPLOYERS

- Agency for International Development
- City Governments
- County Governments
- Environmental Protection Agency
- Federal Trade Commission
- Military
- NASA
- National Science Foundation
- Nuclear Regulatory Commission
- Regional Planning Agencies
- State Governments
- U.S. Information Agency
- U.S. Postal Service
- Schools
- Colleges and Universities
- Banks
- Insurance Companies
- Private Law Firms
- Nonprofit Organizations
- Federal Government (Department of Agriculture, Commerce, Defense, Justice, Treasury, Education, Health and Human Services, State, etc.)

TOP 10 OCCUPATIONS EMPLOYING PERSONS WITH A BACHELORS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

Top and mid-level managers, executives, administrators	21.1%
Insurance, securities, real estate, business services	8.5%
Sales occupations, including retail	8.4%
Other management-related occupations	7.0%
Accountants, auditors, other financial specialists	4.9%
Personnel, training, and labor relations specialists	4.4%
Artists, broadcasters, writers, editors, public relations specialists	4.0%
Other administrative (record clerks)	3.7%
Other marketing and sales occupations	3.1%
Protective-service occupations	3.0%

POST GRADUATION ACTIVITES

- About 25% of master's degrees are earned in business administration and management.
- About 16% are earned in an aspect of political science.
- About 12% are earned in public administration.

**Taken from The College Majors Handbook (Fogg, Harrington, & Harrington) 2004*

RELATED BOOKS IN THE CAREER RESOURCE LIBRARY (GSC 310)

- *Careers and the Study of Political Science*
- *Great Jobs for Political Science Majors*
- *What to Do with Your History or Political Science Degree*
- *The Internship Series: The Congressional Internship Book 2007-2009*
- *The Insider's Guide to Political Internships: What to do once you're in the door*
- *The Student's Federal Career Guide*
- *Resumes for Law Careers*