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CAREER OPPORTUNITIES FOR PHILOSOPHY, POLITICS, & THE PUBLIC MAJORS

SKILLS & ABILITIES OF THE PPP MAJOR

Skills

- Conflict Resolution
- Critical Thinking
- Ethical Reasoning
- Historical Analysis
- Political Analysis
- Active Listening
- Social Perceptiveness
- Problem Sensitivity
- Coordination
- Time Management
- Complex Problem Solving
- Judgment and Decision-Making

Knowledge

- Public Policy
- Philosophical Concepts
- Historical Context
- Cultural Diversity
- Governmental Organization / Structure

- Geography
- Sociology
- Psychology
- Economics (Fiscal Policy)
- Foreign Language
- Interdisciplinary Studies

Abilities

- Written / Oral Communication (Reports)
- Deductive Reasoning– Apply general rules to specific problems
- Inductive Reasoning– Utilize specific details to form general rules
- Networking– Form strong interpersonal Relationships
- Close Attention to Detail
- Obtain Updated Information
- Issue Advocacy

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POTENTIAL CAREERS FOR PPP MAJORS

PPP Related Careers

- Congressional Staffer
- Public Administrator
- Humanitarian Relief Worker
- Teach For America Educator
- Diplomat
- Foreign Service Officer
- Intelligence Specialist
- Journalist
- Language Specialist
- Public Policy Activist
- Political Campaign Coordinator
- Public Satire Comedian

PPP Careers Requiring Advanced Degrees

- Lawyer
- Political Science / International Studies Professor
- Philosophy Professor
- Mathematics Professor
- Public Policy Researcher

** Due to the interdisciplinary nature of the PPP Honors Program, potential careers include but are not limited to the careers listed above*

**Partially taken O*Net OnLine and the Xavier University: PPP Honors Program website*

TYPES OF EMPLOYERS

- State/Federal Government
- Special Interest Groups
- Foreign Services
- Law Enforcement
- Military
- Law Firms
- Corporations
- Universities
- Political Parties
- Professional Associations
- Print and Electronic Media
- Nonprofit Organizations

* Partially Taken From *The University of Tennessee Career Services*

TOP 10 OCCUPATIONS EMPLOYING PERSONS WITH A BACHELORS WITH A POLITICAL SCIENCE RELATED MAJOR

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 specialist	4.9%
Personnel, training, and labor relations specialist	4.4%
Artists, broadcasters, writers, editors, entertainers, public relations specialist	4.0%

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

ADDITIONAL PPP RESOURCES

- Foreign Service of the Department of State, www.state.gov
- Federal Government Employment Opportunities, www.usajobs.gov
- United Nations, www.un.org
- World Trade Organization, www.wto.org
- Peace Corps Employment Center, <http://www.peacecorps.gov/>
- Teach For America, www.teachforamerica.org
- Pre-law Resources, <http://www.nalp.org/prelaw>
- National Association for Schools of Public Affairs and Administration, www.naspaa.org
- The American Society for Schools of Public Affairs and Administration, www.aspanet.org
- Partnership for Public Service, <http://ourpublicservice.org>
- Public Service Network, www.pse-net.com

RELATED BOOKS IN THE CAREER RESOURCE LIBRARY (CLC 530)

- *The Internship Series: The Congressional Internship Book 2011*
- *The Internship Series: Washington Internships in Law & Policy*
- *The Insider's Guide to Political Internships: What to do once you're in the door*