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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,

TOP 10 OCCUPATIONS EMPLOYING PERSONS WITH A BACHELORS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

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| 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 ACTIVITIES

- 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)*

RELATED BOOKS IN THE CAREER RESOURCE LIBRARY (CLC 530)

- *The Internship Series: The Congressional Internship Book 2009-2011*
- *Careers and the Study of Political Science*
- *Great Jobs for Political Science Majors*
- *What to Do with Your History or Political Science Degree*
- *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*
- *The Internship Series: Washington Internships in Law & Policy*