



CAREER OPPORTUNITIES FOR POLITICAL SCIENCE MAJORS

SKILLS & ABILITIES OF THE POLITICAL SCIENCE MAJOR

- Verbal communication
- Written communication
- Research skills
- 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
- 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 Defender
- 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.)

RESOURCES AND WEBSITES FOR THE POLITICAL SCIENCE MAJOR

`American Political Science Association- <http://www.apsanet.org/>
 American Society for Public Administration-<http://www.aspanet.org/>
 United Nations Public Administration Network-<http://www.unpan.org/>-
 International Political Science Association -<http://www.ipsa.org/>
 O*Net - <http://www.onetonline.org/>

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