Political Science

 Marketable Skills

Political Science majors develop professional skills including:

- The ability to formulate and develop original projects and see them through to completion
- An aptitude for researching, analyzing, and interpreting social, legal, economic, and political data
- Critical thinking and analytical writing skills
- Inductive and deductive reasoning skills
- Strong interpersonal and intercultural communication skills
- Poise in negotiation and mediation
- Confidence communicating ideas to others
- Leadership, planning, and organizational skills
- The ability to analyze and evaluate organizational behavior

 Relevant Fields

- Advocacy
- Government
- International Organizations
- Journalism
- Law
- Nonprofit Management
- Politics / Policy Development
- Private Sector

 Sample Occupational Titles

Bachelor’s Degree:

- Activist / Organizer
- Campaign Operative
- Congressional Office/Committee Staffer
- Labor Relations Specialist
- Teacher

Advanced Degree:

- Attorney
- Foreign Service Officer
- Lobbyist
- Policy Analyst
- Research Analyst
- University Professor
Print Resources

Find these titles and additional books, periodicals, and handouts in the Career Resource Library:

- Complete Idiot’s Guide to Getting Government Jobs by Partnership for Public Service
- Great Jobs for Political Science Majors by Mark Rowh
- Ten Steps to a Federal Job: How to Land a Job in the Obama Administration by Kathryn Troutman

Online Resources

Visit these websites and others listed in our School-Specific Resources:

- Careers in Government at www.careersingovernment.com
- Idealist at www.idealista.org
- USAJOBS at http://www.usajobs.gov

Professional Associations

The following professional associations offer career-related information and job listings:

- The American Association of Political Consultants at www.theaapc.org
- American Political Science Association at www.apsanet.org
- International City/County Management Association at www.icma.org/en/icma/home
- National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration at www.naspaa.org

Find more professional associations at American Society of Association Executives at www.asaecenter.org/Directories/AssociationSearch.cfm