



What Can I Do with a Major in...

Political Science

Possible Career Options

(some career areas require advanced education)

Anthropologist
Campaign Worker
Chamber of Commerce Manager
Community Relations Director
Congressional Aide
Consumer Advocate
Diplomat
Foreign Correspondent
Foreign Service Officer
Geographer
Government Intelligence Analyst
Hospital Administrator
International Organization Official
International Trade Specialist
Judge
Labor Relations Specialist
Lawyer
Lobbyist
Market Research Analyst
Military Officer
Newspaper/Magazine Journalist
Peace Corps/VISTA Worker
Political Consultant
Political Scientist
Politician
Probation/Parole Officer
Public Administrator/Manager
Public Health Official
Public Opinion Interviewer
Public Recreation Director
Public Relations Specialist
Radio/TV Announcer
Researcher
School Administrator
Survey Worker
Teacher, Social Studies
Technical Writer
Urban/Regional Planner
Writer/Author

Leadership/Management Skills

- Time management and organizational skills
- Goal setting and attainment skills
- Flexibility
- Communicates ideas to others
- Persuades people and adapts to change

Communication/Writing Skills

- Speaks articulately
- Presents ideas through well-constructed, systematic arguments
- Expresses a distinctive view and explains difficult material
- Eliminates ambiguities and vagueness in communication
- Constructs useful analogies
- Possesses leadership skills
- Writes interpretively, argumentatively, and descriptively
- Develops structure and technique while anchoring generalizations
- Constructs clear formulations, good arguments, and examples
- Builds and defends views and appreciates competing positions

Research/Analytical Skills

- Reads comprehensively
- Organizes and interprets social, economic, and political data
- Summarizes complicated materials
- Thinks analytically
- Evaluates problems and makes appropriate decisions
- Analyzes concepts, definitions, arguments, and complex problems
- Organizes ideas, deals with questions of value and extracts essential information
- Distinguishes fine differences between views and discovers common ground

Other Useful Skills

- Focuses on the structure and function of government and the necessity for human social order

Print and Web Resources

OCS Books

Careers in Law

Choosing a Career in Law

Great Jobs for Political Science Majors

How to Get into the Top Law Schools

So You Want to be a Lawyer?

Online Career Resources

Law Info

www.lawinfo.com

Occupational Outlook Handbook

www.bls.gov/oco/ocos054.htm (Political Scientist)

<http://www.bls.gov/oco/ocos012.htm> (Senators)

Internship Electronic Resources

After College

www.aftercollege.com

Idealist and Action Without Borders

www.idealists.org

Local Internships

www.hope.edu/knowhope/internships/index.cgi

Rising Star Internships

www.rsinternships.com

Employment Opportunity Electronic Resources

Careers in Government

www.careersingovernment.com

Federal Jobs

www.fedworld.gov/jobs/jobsearch.html

Moving Ideas: The Electronic Policy Network

www.movingideas.org/content/en/jobs.htm

Partnership for Public Service

www.ourpublicservice.org/workforusa

Spotlight on Careers

www.spotlightoncareers.org

US Dept. of State Careers

<http://www.careers.state.gov/>

More resource links are available at the Office of Career Services website:

www.hope.edu/student/career

Professional Associations

American Judicature Society

www.ajs.org

American Political Science Association

www.apsanet.org

American Society for Public Administration

www.aspanet.org

Christian Legal Society

www.clsnet.org

Ethics and Public Policy Center

www.eppc.org

National Bar Association

www.nationalbar.org

Pi Sigma Alpha

www.apsanet.org/~psa

The Law and Society Association

www.lawandsociety.org

Hope Graduates in the Political Science World

Agent	U.S. Government—Secret Service
Ambassador	U.S. Department of State
Assistant Chief Counsel.....	Department of Homeland Security
Assistant Director of Middle Eastern Studies	Harvard University
Assistant Professor of Political Science.....	US Air Force Academy
Attorney	Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms
Attorney	Latham & Watkins
Border Agent.....	U.S. Border Patrol
Budget Director	State of Michigan
Congressman/Representative Pete Hoekstra.....	United States Congress
Correspondent	ABC News
Counterproliferation Analyst.....	U.S. Army
Deputy Child of Staff.....	U.S. Department of Education
Diplomat.....	Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Diplomat.....	U.S. Department of Commerce
Director Legislative Affairs	Travel Industry Association of America
Director of Constituent Relations.....	State Senator Laura M Troy
Director—German, Austrian & Swiss Affairs	U.S. Department of State
Emergency Program Manager	Federal Highway Administration
Executive Director	Michigan Supreme Court
Immigration Trial Attorney.....	U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Intelligence Analyst	Central Intelligence Agency
International Settlements.....	JP Morgan Chase
Law Librarian	Grayson County Library
Lawyer	Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meaghan & Flam
Main Street Manager, Downtown Development.....	City of Clare, MI
Mayor.....	City of Holland
Media Coordinator	The White House Office of Media Affairs
Peace and Justice Programs	Catholic Relief Services
Personal Aide to Barbara Bush.....	Former President George Bush
Physical Scientist/Forensic Examiner	Federal Bureau of Investigation
Professor of Political Science.....	University of Connecticut
Program Specialist	Administration for Native Americans
Secretary of State	State of Michigan
Senior Director for Relief, Stabilization, and Development	Special Assit. to the President of the United States
Senior Employment Specialist.....	Department of Defense
Senior Intelligence Officer	Central Intelligence Agency
Senior Researcher	National Institute of Population & Social Security Research
Social Security Benefit Determination Services	State of Michigan
Special Agent.....	F.B.I
Staff—Operations Specialist.....	State Department—Central American Affairs