
Political Science

Career Information

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An Overview...

Political science is the study of government and focuses on its structure and function and the necessity for human social order. Political science attempts to provide the student with a better understanding of political parties, interest groups, international relationships, public law, public administration, liberty, freedom, justice, and power. It also traces how ideas about the rights and privileges of citizens evolved and how theories are developed about political processes.

Skills:

Ability to conduct/explain scientific research
Ability to communicate ideas
Intellectual capacity
Ability to relate to people from varying backgrounds
Ability to speak articulately/read comprehensively
Knowledge of survey research methods
Ability to organize and interpret social/economic/political data
Critical thinking (critical writing)

Personal charisma/public appeal
Aptitude for leadership
Understanding of community needs
Ability to analyze data
Ability to evaluate problems
Ability to make decisions
Ability to translate theories

Some Professional Careers:

Announcer
Abstractor
Administrative Officer
Arbitrator
Biographer
Campaign Consultant
Campaign Worker
Chamber of Commerce Manager
City Manager
Columnist/Commentator
Congressional Aide
Conservator
Consular Officer
Correspondent
Court Administrator
Customs Officer
Demographer
Diplomat

Editor
Educator
Election Supervisor
Energy Research
FBI/CIA Agent
Foreign Service Officer
Government Worker
Hospital Administrator
Import/Export Agent
Intelligence Agent
International Relations
Judge
Labor Relations
Lawyer
Legal Investigator
Lobbyist
Management
Mayor

Media Election Analyst
Military Officer
News Reporter
Organizational Behavior
Parole/Probation Officer
Penologist
Political Scientist
Politician
Public Relations Representative
Public Relations Representative
Quality Control
Research Assistant
Senior Health Planner
Case Worker
Survey Worker/Interviewer
Technical Writer
Urban Planner

Career Center Resources:

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Hiring Organizations:

Advertising agencies
Archives (federal/municipal)
Banks
Chamber of Commerce
Colleges/universities
Correctional institutions
Court systems
Government agencies
Historical societies
Import/Export companies
Labor unions

Libraries
Local officials
Political action committees
Political party headquarters
Professional periodicals
Public opinion research firms
Regional planning councils
Research firms
Senators/Representatives
Social service agencies

Professional Organizations:

Academy of Political Science
475 Riverside Drive, Suite 1274
New York, NY 10115-1274
212-871-2500
www.jstor.org/journals/aps.html
email: aps@psqonline.org

American Association of Political Consultants
600 Pennsylvania Ave SE, Suite 330
Washington DC 20003
202-544-9815
www.theaapc.com
email: tallman@theaapc.org

International Political Science Association
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Montreal, Quebec H3G1C5
Canada
Tel/fax: 1-514-848-8717
www.ipsa-aispo.org
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Job Titles and Employers of DU Undergraduate Political Science Majors:

Job Title

Administrative Assistant
Administrative Assistant
Campaign Coordinator
Front Desk
Investor Service
Lobbyist
Management Assistant
Project Manager
Technology Integration

Employer

Oppenheimer Funds
The Scripps Research Institute
CDL Associate
Denver Public Library
Janus Funds
Cook Hill Gerard Associates
City of Greenwood Village
Office of International Affairs
Integration X Inc.