



WHAT TO DO WITH A MAJOR IN...

POLITICAL SCIENCE

Description of Major

Political Science majors study this critically important art of governance by studying how a government's structure and function affect social order. Students will obtain an understanding in the diversity of governments around the world, and the various political theories, parties, and interest groups that are associated with them. With a degree in Political Science you might pursue a public service career in education, law, government, or a community service organization. On the other hand, you could enter the private sector in a range of careers including retail sales, marketing, or insurance. Our majors have a wide range of career opportunities because employers are always looking for people who can analyze issues, weigh options, make decisions, and craft cogent, persuasive explanations.

Possible Job Titles

Note: This list is not comprehensive, and some positions may require further education or training.

Account Executive
Advertising Sales Assistant
Area Training Coordinator
Business Manager
Campaign Coordinator
Case Clerk
Chief Financial Officer
Commercial Real Estate Agent
Company Representative
Congressional Aide
Conservationist
Consumer Relations Representative
Courier
Credit Manager
Customer Service Representative
Debate Coach
Deputy Clerk
Detention Officer
Diagnostic Consultant
Director of Operations
Executive Director
Field Coordinator
Financial Advisor
Financial Service Representative
Human Resource Specialist
Information Technology Architect
Insurance Agent
Landscaping Supervisor
Legal Assistant

Management Analyst
Marketing Communication Specialist
Marketing Coordinator
Minister of Youth
Network Administrator
Night Auditor
Office Manager
Paralegal Consultant
Paralegal Investigator
Patrol Officer
Peace Corp Volunteer
Political Analyst
Portfolio Assistant
Probation/Parole Officer
Program Officer
Project Coordinator
Proofreader
Public Relations Coordinator
Public Relations Specialist
Publications and Conferences Coordinator
Real Estate Title Examiner
Referral Specialist
Research Technician
Sales Representative
Senior Caseworker
Senior Research Associate
Studio Tour Guide
Substitute Teacher
Teacher

Legal Services Representative
Legislative Assistant
Legislative Correspondent
Litigation Clerk

Technical Analyst
Web Developer
Youth Director

The following links are excellent resources on specific careers such as those listed above:

- **O-net:** <http://online.onetcenter.org/>
- **Occupational Outlook Handbook:** <https://www.bls.gov/ooh/>

Possible Employment Settings/Fields

Administration
American Arbitration
American Diabetes Association
American Heart Association
American Pork Association
American Promotions
American Rivers
Banks
Center for International Trade and Security
Center for Prisoner Legal Assistance
Century Foundation
Clerk of Superior Court
CNN
Coca-Cola Company
Colleges and Universities
Collegiate Licensing Company
Datastream System
Democratic Campaign Committee
Departments of Education
Fundraising Committees
Government Agencies
IBM
Invesco
League of Conservation Voters
Magazine and Publishing Companies

Management
Medical Associations
National Center for Higher Education
National Rifle Association
Pharmaceutical Companies
Police Department
Proctor & Gamble
Prudential Securities
Public Schools
Retail Organizations
Rich's-Macy's
State General Assembly
Teach For America
Telenet Marketing Solutions
U.S. House of Representatives
United States Senator
US Army
US Banking Alliance
US Congress/Senate
US Department of Justice
US Marine Corps
US News Wire
US Peace Corps

Strategies for Success

- Prepare for graduate school if a pre-professional or advanced position is desired.
- Consider a part-time job in a law firm, bank, political setting, etc.
- Develop leadership skills by joining community or campus organizations.
- Volunteer to gain relevant experience.
- Ask to job shadow or interview a professional.
- Talk to faculty, recent graduates, and current students in the field.
- Join MSU College Democrats or College Republicans.
- Seek involvement in Pi Sigma Alpha, the Political Science Honor Society.
- Join Mississippi Model Security Council.

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