

What Can I Do With a Major in Political Science?

Possible Career Options

(some career options could require advanced study)

Anthropologist
 Banker/Financier
 Campaign Worker
 Chamber of Commerce Manager
 Community Relations Director
 Congressional Aide
 Consumer Advocate
 Diplomat
 Editor
 Foreign Correspondent
 Foreign Service Officer
 Geographer
 Government Intelligence Analyst
 Government Worker
 Hospital Administrator
 International Banker
 International Organization Official
 International Trade Specialist
 Judge
 Labor Relations Specialist
 Lawyer
 Lobbyist
 Market Research Analyst
 Military Officer
 Newspaper/Magazine Journalist
 Peace Corps/VISTA Worker
 Penologist
 Political Consultant
 Political Scientist
 Politician
 Presidential Advance Person
 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

Transferable Skills

Conducts and explains scientific research clearly
 Communicates ideas to others
 Focuses on the structure and function of government and the necessity for human social order

Problem Solving Skills

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

Persuasive Skills

Constructs clear formulations, good arguments, and examples
 Builds and defends views and appreciates competing positions
 Persuades people and adapts to change

Communication 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

Research Skills

Reads comprehensively
 Organizes and interprets social, economic, and political data
 Summarizes complicated materials

Other Useful Skills

Time management and organizational skills
 Goal setting and attainment skills
 Flexibility

Employment Sites

Past interns and graduates have worked at:

Abroms and Weisz Company
Alliance Artists Limited Company
American Near-East Refugee Aid Company
Ashland County Prosecutors
Ashland University
Bank One County of Dayton
Commonwealth National Bank Company
Cross and Lieberman
Donald P. Bogosian Esquire
Enforcer Products, Inc.
Environmental Engineering Concepts Company
Foster Bettac and Heller PC Company
Freeman and Freeman Attorney at Law
Gerber Co.
GOPAC Company
Great Valley Industries
Hudson Business Forms Company
Huntington College
Integra Financial Corporation
International Marketing Analyst
IRS
Kathryn A. Beilstein, Attorney at Law
Key Corp. Shareholders Services Incorporated
Kunzman Coley Yospin and Bernstein
Lego Systems Incorporated
Lynch and White Attorneys at Law
Mansfield City Law Directors Office
Marysville Journal
McNamara and McNamara Law Office
Miami University – Hamilton Campus
Michelin Tire Corporation
Mitchell Allen Catalona and Boda Company
National Right to Work Commission
Ohio House of Representatives
Ohio Republican Party
Ohio Senate
Omaha Children's Hospital
Parilla, Militozok and Shedden
Purdue University
St. Andrews Lutheran Church
Turkey Creek Junior High
University of Pennsylvania
U.S. Army
U.S. Department of Energy
Youngstown Metropolitan

Experiential Education

Assisting with registration at national party convention

Working on campaign to elect state politician

Serving as a page in Congress

Becoming research assistant for a government agency

Working for a lobbying organization

Researching political issues/campaigns for national library/museum

Additional Resources

Jebens, Harley, (1996), *100 Jobs in Social Change*, Macmillan: New York, NY.

Occupational Outlook Handbook (2002-03), US Department of Labor.

Rowh, Mark, (1999), *Great Jobs for Political Science Majors*, VGM Career Horizons: Chicago, IL.