

WHAT CAN I DO WITH A MAJOR IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

CAREER INFORMATION FOR MAJOR IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

This handout provides sources of career information for **Political Science** Majors. There are different career options available in the field of **Political Science**. Below is a sample of some of the types of positions for graduates with major in **Political Science**. Please note that you might require further education and experience for some positions.

SKILLS DEVELOPED BY POLITICAL SCIENCE STUDENTS

- Oral and written communication
- Decision making
- Interpreting data
- Problem solving
- Analytical thinking
- Research skills
- Leadership abilities
- Conceptualizing and implementing projects
- Presenting ideas and data clearly
- Influencing and persuading people/groups
- Mediating/negotiating conflicts
- Programming and systems analysis
- Understanding components of complex problems
- Comparing/contrasting ideas and information
- Ability to interact with diverse populations
- Ability to develop and market ideas
- Understanding of community needs
- Computer literacy
- Ability to collaborate/work as part of a team
- Work well under pressure
- Decision making
- Public speaking
- Listening critically
- Utilizing survey research methods
- Organizing data/people/things
- Interpreting issues and data

CAREERS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

- Federal, Provincial or Municipal Governments (MP, MLA, Public Servant)
- Activist, Advocate/Organizer
- Administration, Corporate, Government, Non-Profit
- Archivist, Political Data
- Budget Examiner or Analyst
- Attorney
- Banking Analyst or Executive
- Career Counselor
- City Planner
- City Housing Administrator
- Communications Director
- Corporate Analyst
- Corporate Public Affairs Advisor
- Lobbyist
- Corporate Economist
- Corporate Manager
- Corporate Adviser
- Corporation Legislative Manager
- Customs Officer
- Editor, Online Political Journal
- Entrepreneur
- Federal Government Analyst
- Financial Consultant
- Foreign Service Officer
- Free-lance writer
- High School Teacher
- Immigration Officer
- Information Manager
- Intelligence Officer
- International Agency Officer
- International Research Specialist
- Labor Relations Specialist
- Legislative Analyst
- Policy Analyst
- Political Commentator
- Pollster
- Public Opinion Analyst
- Publisher
- Research Analyst
- State Legislator
- Systems Analyst
- University Administrator
- University Professor
- Urban Policy Planner

POLITICAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATIONS

- Canadian Political Science Association
- Prairie Political Science Association
- British Columbia Political Studies Association
- International Political Science Association

EMPLOYERS WHO HIRE POLITICAL SCIENCE GRADUATES

- Government
- Educational Institutions
- International Organizations
- Immigration
- Community Development Organizations
- Law Firms
- University and Colleges
- Lobbying Firms
- Banks/Financial Institutions
- Business Co-operations
- Financial Institutions
- Municipality
- Non-governmental Organizations
- Non-Profit Organization
- Consulting Firms
- Newspapers/Media
- Businesses
- Research Organizations

POLITICAL SCIENCE STUDENTS JOBS

Federal Government of Canada

<http://jobs.gc.ca>

Provincial Governments (please check each Provincial Government's website for job opportunities.

Talent Egg <http://www.talentegg.ca>

Canadian Political Science Association

<http://www.cpsa-acsp.ca/home.shtml>

Career Beacon <http://www.careerbeacon.com>

OTHER RESOURCES

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