

# Political Science

*This sheet has sample occupations, work settings, employers, and career development activities associated with this major. Some of these options may require additional training and career planning. You are not limited to these options when choosing a possible career path.*

## Sample Occupations

Administrator (Community Development, Contract, Health Services, Higher Education, Policy)	Customs Worker: Agent, Inspector, Staff Assistant	Internal Auditor	Political Scientist
Ambassador	Demographer	Job Analyst	Program Auditor
Arbitrator (Labor)	Director, Fundraising	Journalist	Public Affairs Director
Archivist	Director, Planning, Evaluation, Research	Lawyer	Quality Improvement Advisor
Benefits Calculation Specialist	District Program Manager	Legislative Analyst	Researcher: Public & Private Rural, Urban, & Community
Budget Officer/Analyst	Environmental Occupations	Lobbyist	Tax Examiner
Bureau Chief	Executive Analyst	Management Analyst	Teacher: College, University
Campaign Assistant	FBI Agent	Market Research Analyst	Urban & Regional Planner
CIA Agent	Financial Analyst	Military Officer	Veterans Claim Representative
City Clerk	Financial Manager	Newspaper Writer/Journalist	
	Foreign Service Officer	Parole Officer	
	Intelligence Specialist	Personnel & Labor Relations Manager	
		Police/Detective	

## Sample Work Settings

Archives, Federal/Municipal	Employment Offices (National, State, Local)	Healthcare Agencies	Political Party Headquarters
Central Intelligence Agency	Environmental Protection Agency	Historical Societies	Professional Associations
Chambers of Commerce	Executive Office of the President	Housing & Urban Development	Professional Periodicals
Children & Family Services Department	Federal Bureau of Investigation	Import/Export Companies	Public Interest Groups
Civic & Taxpayers' Associations	Federal Labor Relations Board	Labor Unions	Public Opinion Research
Consumer Affairs Office	Government Printing Office	Law Firms	Public Relations Firms
Correctional Institutions	Government Representatives' Offices	Libraries	Regional Planning Councils & Associations
Court System (Federal, State, Local)	Governor's Office	Magazines, Newspapers	School Boards
Defense Department	Grassroots Organizations	Market-Research Departments & Firms	Social Service Agencies
Department of Commerce	Health & Human Services Department	Media Companies	U.S. Dept. of Commerce
Drug Enforcement Agency		Municipalities	Urban Renewal Agencies
Economic Development Agencies		Non-Profit Public Service Agencies	Workforce Development Agencies
Educational Institutions		Peace Corps	
		Political Action Committees	

## Sample Employers

*A sample of organizations that have hired students with a concentration in political science.*

Cengage Learning	Mathematical Policy Research	National Federation of Independent Businesses	Northwestern Mutual Financial Network
D.C. Consulting, Inc.			U.S. Department of State
Teach for America			

## Sample Websites

Center for the Study of Democratic Performance <a href="http://polisci.fsu.edu/csdp/">polisci.fsu.edu/csdp/</a>	LeRoy Collins Institute <a href="http://collinsinstitute.fsu.edu">collinsinstitute.fsu.edu</a>	Political Research Online <a href="http://www.apsanet.org/content_43579.cfm">www.apsanet.org/content_43579.cfm</a>	News and Information on Political Science <a href="http://www.apsanet.org/content_1478.cfm">www.apsanet.org/content_1478.cfm</a>
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## Connecting Majors, Skills, and Occupations

- View learning outcomes associated with your major in the *FSU Undergraduate Academic Program Guide Learning Compact*: [www.learningforlife.fsu.edu/smalcs/learningcompacts.cfm](http://www.learningforlife.fsu.edu/smalcs/learningcompacts.cfm)
- Explore the connection between occupations and skills in O\*Net: [www.onetonline.org](http://www.onetonline.org)
- Use the FSU Career Portfolio to document transferable skills you develop through your major and other experiences: [www.portfolio.fsu.edu](http://www.portfolio.fsu.edu)
- Use ProfessoNole to learn more about industry demands, career expectations, and opportunities from professionals: [www.career.fsu.edu/professionole](http://www.career.fsu.edu/professionole)

## Sample Career Center Library Resources

### Sample Books

Careers for Number Crunchers & Other Quantitative Types.....	IIA CF-N8	Guide to America's Federal Jobs: A Complete Directory of U.S. Government Career Opportunities.....	VIB2 T3
Career Opportunities in Politics, Government, & Activism.....	IIB 11-1011.01 A0	Great Jobs for Political Science Majors.....	IIC PL R6
Careers for Good Samaritans & Other Humanitarian Types.....	IIA CF-G6	Opportunities in Social Science Careers.....	IB 19-3000 M2
Federal Career Opportunities.....	VIB2 U7	Peterson's Getting a Government Job: The Civil Service Handbook.....	VIB2 D4
Federal Jobs in Law Enforcement.....	VIB2 W2	Political Scientists Occupational File.....	IIB 19-3094
		Red, White, & Blue Jobs: Finding a Great Job in the Federal Government.....	VIB2 P3

### Self Exploration and Career Information

To explore values, interests, and skills:

To explore occupational outlooks and salaries:

Choices Planner  
[www.flchoices.org](http://www.flchoices.org)

Sigi3  
[www.career.fsu.edu/sigi](http://www.career.fsu.edu/sigi)  
(Obtain a User ID from a Career Advisor)

NACE Starting Salaries Survey Data  
[www.naceweb.org/salary-resources/starting-salaries.aspx](http://www.naceweb.org/salary-resources/starting-salaries.aspx)

Occupational Outlook Handbook  
[www.bls.gov/ooh](http://www.bls.gov/ooh)

Salary.com  
[www.salary.com](http://www.salary.com)

SeminoleLink Plus! Services  
[www.career.fsu.edu/seminolelink](http://www.career.fsu.edu/seminolelink)

See additional resources in Career Center Advising Module Sheets:  
[www.career.fsu.edu/advising/modules.cfm](http://www.career.fsu.edu/advising/modules.cfm)

## Sample Professional Organizations

American Association of Political & Public Affairs Professionals - Washington, DC  
[www.theaapc.org](http://www.theaapc.org)

American Federation of Government Employees - Washington, DC  
[www.afge.org](http://www.afge.org)

American Foreign Service Association - Washington, DC  
[www.afsa.org](http://www.afsa.org)

American Political Science Association - Washington, DC  
[www.apsanet.org](http://www.apsanet.org)

American Society for Public Administration - Washington, DC  
[www.aspanet.org](http://www.aspanet.org)

International City/County Management Association - Washington, DC  
[www.icma.org](http://www.icma.org)

*For other related professional organizations, go to FSU Libraries database at [lib.fsu.edu](http://lib.fsu.edu); select Find a Database; search for Gale Databases; choose Associations Unlimited.*

## Additional Information

Florida State University Career Guide 2013-2014  
[www.career.fsu.edu/pubs/2013-14CareerGuide.pdf](http://www.career.fsu.edu/pubs/2013-14CareerGuide.pdf)

Career Guides  
[www.career.fsu.edu/advising/guides.cfm](http://www.career.fsu.edu/advising/guides.cfm)

Library Links  
[www.career.fsu.edu/library/links.cfm](http://www.career.fsu.edu/library/links.cfm)

Steps to Career Success  
[www.career.fsu.edu/Steps-to-Career-Success/](http://www.career.fsu.edu/Steps-to-Career-Success/)