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

Sample Work Settings

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

Sample Employers

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

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

Sample Websites

Center for the Study of Democratic Performance
polisci.fsu.edu/csdp/
LeRoy Collins Institute
collinsinstitute.fsu.edu
Careers in Political Science
www.apsanet.org/CAREERS/Careers-In-Political-Science
News and Information
Sample Career Center Library Resources

Sample Books
Careers for Number Crunchers & Other Quantitative Types .................................................. IIA CF-N8
Career Opportunities in Politics, Government, & Activism .................................................. IIB 11-1011.01 A9
Careers for Good Samaritans & Other Humanitarian Types ............................................ II A CF-G6
Great Jobs for Political Science Majors ................................................................................ II C PL R6
Guide to America's Federal Jobs ............................................................................................... VIB2 T3

Opportunities in Social Science Careers ........................................................................... IIB 19-3000 M2
Peterson's Getting a Government Job: The Civil Service Handbook ................................... VIB2 D4
Political Scientists Occupational File .................................................................................. IIB 19-3094
The Political Ladder: Insider tips for Getting a job in Politics ......................IIB 11-1031 A21

Self-Exploration and Career Information
To explore values, interests, and skills:
FOCUS 2
www.career.fsu.edu/Students/Plan-Your-Career/Explore-Majors-and-Careers/FOCUS2
Sigi3
www.career.fsu.edu/sigi
(Obtain a User ID from a Career Advisor)

To explore occupational outlooks and salaries:
National Compensation Survey
http://www.bls.gov/ncs/
Occupational Outlook Handbook
http://www.bls.gov/ooh
Salary.com
www.salary.com

Connecting Majors, Skills, and Occupations
• View learning outcomes associated with your major in the FSU Undergraduate Academic Program Guide Learning Compact:
  www.academic-guide.fsu.edu/
• Explore the connection between occupations and skills in O*Net:
  www.onetonline.org
• Use the FSU Career Portfolio to document transferable skills you develop through your major and other experiences:
  www.portfolio.fsu.edu
• Use ProfessioNole to learn more about industry demands, career expectations, and opportunities from professionals:
  www.career.fsu.edu/professionole

Sample Professional Organizations
American Association of Political & Public Affairs Professionals - Washington, DC
www.theaapc.org
American Federation of Government Employees - Washington, DC
www.afge.org
American Foreign Service Association - Washington, DC
www.afsa.org
American Political Science Association - Washington, DC
www.apsanet.org
American Society for Public Administration - Washington, DC
www.aspanet.org
International City/County Management Association - Washinton, DC
www.icma.org

For other related professional organizations, go to FSU Libraries database at lib.fsu.edu; select Find a Database; search for Gale Databases; choose Associations Unlimited.

Additional Information
Florida State University Career Guide
www.career.fsu.edu/Resources/Career-Guides
Career Guides by Topic
www.career.fsu.edu/Resources/Career-Guides
Library Links
www.career.fsu.edu/Resources/Career-Center-Library
Steps to Career Success
www.portfolio.career.fsu.edu/stepstocareersuccess/index.html