Many occupations today require a college educated individual who can write and speak well, solve problems, learn new information quickly and work well with others on a team. This means that Political Science graduates use their education in a wide variety of fields, and your future career may relate more to your personal career interests, work values and transferable skills than any specific academic major. Obtaining experiences within a particular field is extremely important in preparing students for life after college. These experiences can be in the form of internships, part-time jobs, or volunteer positions. Regardless, they allow students to develop specific knowledge and skills that both help a student solidify their career choice, and improve their chances of employment in that field following graduation. The following list contains a representative sample of job titles of former graduates with Political Science major. Use this as an idea list, and remember that it represents some, but certainly not all, of the careers you might consider.

Students obtaining employment immediately upon graduation are usually those with the best college records and a willingness to relocate to find a job. Some of these jobs also require education beyond a bachelors' degree.

RELATED CAREERS

Archivist
Attorney/Lawyer
Broadcast Journalist
Budget Administrator/Manager
Budget Analyst
Campaign Manager
Chief of Staff
City Manager
City Council
City Planner
City Project Coordinator
Community Development Program Administrator
Congressional Intern/Aid/Page/Staffer
Consumer Advocate
Criminologist
Crime Scene Investigator
Director, Fundraising
Editor
Educator
Financial Analyst
Firefighter
Foreign Service Officer/Specialist
Fund Raiser/Development Officer
Government Analyst
Grant Manager
Historian
Housing Administrator
Human Services Administrator/Field Worker/Staffer
Immigration and Customs Enforcement Officer
Intelligence Specialist
International Marketing
International Relations
Information Technology Specialist
Job Analyst
Journalist
Juvenile Justice Specialist
Labor Relations Specialist
Labor Union Staffer
Lawyer
Legislative Analyst
Lobbyist
Media Relations
Media Staff
Mediator/Arbitrator
Military Officer
Non-Profit Agency Worker
Paralegal
Parish Council/Police Jury
Parish Manager
Parole Officer/Administrator
Peace Corps/VISTA Volunteer
Personnel Administrator/Manager
Police Officer
Political Analyst
Political Consultant
Political Director
Press Officer
Program Manager
Public Affairs Information Manager
Purchasing Manager
Research Analyst
Staff Director—States
Senator
Tax Inspector
Teacher
Translator
Urban & Regional Planner
Writer/Editor
MAJOR SKILLS

- Oral and written communication
- Decision-making
- Problem solving
- Analytical thinking
- Interact with diverse populations
- Able to develop and market ideas
- Understanding community/cultural needs
- Computer literate
- Research skills
- Leadership
- Team worker
- Work under pressure

RELATED WEB SITES

Job Listings:
- MonsterTRAK  http://www.monstertrak.com
- Local Government Institute,  http://www.lgi.org
- U.S. Conference of Mayors,  http://www.usmayors.org
- Idealist,  http://www.idealist.org/career
- CCPSS’s Courses,  http://spa.american.edu/ccps/institutes.php
- Moving Ideas (Jobs in Policy),  http://www.movingideas.org/content/en/jobs.htm
- Think Tanks,  http://www.lib.umich.edu/govdocs/psthink.html

Professional Organizations:
- National Governors Association,  http://www.nga.org
- Association of Trial Lawyers of America,  http://www.atlanet.org/
- American Political Science Association  http://www.apsanet.org
- American Society for Public Administration  http://www.aspanet.org