WHAT CAN I DO WITH MY POLITICAL SCIENCE DEGREE?

PUBLIC POLICY

Congress / State Legislature / President’s, Governor’s, Mayor’s Office
- Congressional/Legislative Aide
- Legislative Research Assistant
- Campaign Staffer/Aide
- Constituent Aide
- Committee Staff Person
- Legislative Correspondent
- Political Pollster
- Field Worker
- Press Assistant
- Media Relations Specialist
- Policy Analyst
- Staff Aide

Policy Organizations (Issue-Oriented / Political Party / Public Interest / Nat’l Associations)
- Public Opinion Interviewer
- Community/Field Organizer
- Program Developer/Coordinator
- Fund-Raiser/Development Associate
- Legislative Advocate
- Assistant Field Representative
- Office Manager
- Lobbyist Assistant
- Membership Coordinator
- Grass Roots Organizer
- Convention Organizer
- Research Assistant
- Assistant for Special Projects
- Government Affairs Specialist
- Project Manager
- Legislative Liaison
- Meetings Coordinator
- Press Assistant
- Legislative Analyst

Research Organizations (Issue-Oriented / Non-Profits / National Associations)
- Project Assistant
- Research Technician
- Research Associate
- Research Assistant
- Trainee

LOCAL, STATE, & FEDERAL AGENCIES

Transportation, Housing, Commerce, Zoning, Economic Development, etc.
- Population Studies Researcher
- Contract Administrator
- Legislative Liaison
- Program Evaluator
- Public Affairs Specialist
- Researcher/Statistician
- Public Information Officer
- Program Candidate
- Officer Candidate
- Military
- Civil Rights Investigator
- Compliance Specialist

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Government (US AID, Peace Corps, Foreign Service, Voice of America)
- Foreign Service Officer
- Information Officer
- Writer

International Organizations (UN, UNESCO, IMF, UNICEF, WHO, OAS)
- Economic Affairs Officer
- Social Affairs Officer
- Program Manager
- Guide

Non-Profits (CARE, Amnesty Int’l, Catholic Relief Services, Population Council)
- Public Policy Analyst
- Project Assistant
- Program Developer/Coordinator
- Community/Field Organizer
- Assistant Field Rep.
- Membership Coordinator
- Research Associate
- Assistant for Special Projects
- Project Assistant

LAW / INTELLIGENCE / CORRECTIONS

Private Practices, Government Agencies, Correctional Facilities, Courts
- Legal Assistant
- Court Appointed Special Advocate
- CIA Special Agent
- Government Intelligence Analyst
- Corrections Officer
- Intelligence Officer
- Legal Secretary
- Corrections Officer
- DIA Special Agent
- Probation/Parole Officer
- Correctional Caseworker
- FBI Special Agent
- Paralegal
- Correctional Caseworker
- Police Officer
- Intelligence Support Analyst

EDUCATION

High Schools, Colleges, Universities
- Teacher
- Admissions Counselor
- Financial Aid Counselor
### HUMAN SERVICES

**Advocacy Groups, Government, Non-Profits, Hospitals**

- Community Service Agency Worker
- Recreation Coordinator
- Family Services Specialist
- Youth Director
- Eligibility Specialist

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**Foundations**

- Aide
- Researcher
- Proposal Reviewer

### BUSINESS

**Advertising / Marketing / Public Relations**

- Marketing Research Analyst
- Advertising Salesperson
- Media Buyer/Assistant

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**Human Resources**

- Personnel/Human Resources Asst.
- EEO/Affirmative Action Officer
- Labor Relations Specialist

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**Insurance**

- Claims Representative/Examiner
- Insurance Agent

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**Banking / Finance**

- Branch Manager
- Loan Representative

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**Retail / Sales**

- Assistant Buyer
- Store/Department Manager
- News Writer

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### KEEP IN MIND...

This list is just a brief introduction to your career options - it is _not_ a complete list! Also keep in mind that although these career fields are open to you as a political science major, you must take extra steps to prepare yourself for a competitive job market. It is important to:

1. **obtain relevant internship, co-op, or volunteer experience** (see CSC about their part-time, major-related job announcements and the Shriver Center about co-op, internship _and_)
2. **supplement your political science course work** with classes that would be relevant and beneficial to your chosen career field.

Make an appointment with a career specialist for suggestions on researching your career options, choosing a career field, and preparing for your chosen occupation.

### ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

**Internet sites:** that allow you to explore career options for Political Science degree:

- Career Services Center - Links by Major: [http://www.careers.umbc.edu/students/websites_major.php](http://www.careers.umbc.edu/students/websites_major.php)

**CSC Career Resource Center**

- 100 Jobs in Social Change
- Great Jobs for Political Science Majors

**National Associations:**

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