Using the Major Sheet:

- Large headings indicate industry area and subheadings indicate employers within that area.
- Use the titles to search for careers and related careers in order to explore your options within different areas of industry. Note that some career titles have multiple names for similar positions.
- An asterisk (*) notes that additional training (certification, graduate school, high level of experience) may be needed in order to obtain this career. Make sure to thoroughly research career pathways.

### PUBLIC POLICY

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

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

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

### LOCAL, STATE, & FEDERAL AGENCIES

Transportation, Housing, Commerce, Zoning, Economic Development, etc.
- Population Studies Researcher
- Contract Administrator
- Legislative Liaison
- Program Evaluator
- Urban/Regional Planner
- Researcher/Statistician
- Public Affairs Specialist
- Public Affairs Specialist
- Research Assistant
- Compliance Specialist
- Civil Rights Investigator

### INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Government (US AID, Peace Corps, Foreign Service, Voice of America)
- Foreign Service Officer
- Information Officer
- Economic Affairs Officer
- Guide
- Peace Corps Volunteer
- Social Affairs Officer
- Program Manager

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

### 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.
- Assistant for Special Projects
- Membership Coordinator
- Research Associate
- Project Assistant

### EDUCATION

High Schools, Colleges, Universities
- Teacher
- Admissions Counselor
- Financial Aid Counselor
## LAW / INTELLIGENCE / CORRECTIONS

Private Practices, Government Agencies, Correctional Facilities, Courts

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## HUMAN SERVICES

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

| Community Service Agency Worker | Race Relations Specialist | Eligibility Specialist |
| Recreation Coordinator | Volunteer Coordinator | Caseworker |
| Family Services Specialist | Community Outreach Worker | Activities Leader |
| Youth Director | Social Service Aide | Community Organizer |
| Aide | Researcher | Proposal Reviewer |

## BUSINESS

Advertising / Marketing / Public Relations

| Marketing Research Analyst | Public Relations Specialist | Media Buyer/Assistant |
| Advertising Salesperson | Marketing Coordinator | Copywriter |
| Consumer Survey Supervisor | Special Events Coordinator | Jr. Account Executive |

Human Resources

| Personnel/Human Resources Asst. | Benefits Coordinator | Trainer |
| EEO/Affirmative Action Officer | Payroll Officer | Recruiter/Interviewer |
| Labor Relations Specialist | Staffing Specialist | Job Developer |

Insurance

| Claims Representative/Examiner | Insurance Agent | Underwriter |

Banking / Finance

| Branch Manager | Loan Representative | Property Manager |

Publishing / Journalism (Newspapers, Publishing Houses, Radio/TV, Wire Services)

| Editorial Assistant | Salesperson | Promotions Assistant |
| Reporter | Technical Writer | Circulation Personnel |
| Writer | Researcher | |

## Preparation for a Competitive Job Market:

- **Focus on transferable skill sets** as you pursue a degree in Political Science.
- **Obtain relevant internship, co-op, or volunteer experiences.**
- **Supplement Political Science course work with classes that are relevant to your career.**
- **Meet with a Career Specialist** to explore options, make decisions, and prepare for career choices.

## Additional Career Center Resources:

- **Major Sheets (POLI, ECON, FIEC, HIST, MCS):** [http://careers.umbc.edu/tools/major-sheets/](http://careers.umbc.edu/tools/major-sheets/)
- **Links by Major:** [http://careers2.umbc.edu/tools/links.php](http://careers2.umbc.edu/tools/links.php)
- **The Vault:** [http://careers.umbc.edu/students/discover/explore-careers-majors/](http://careers.umbc.edu/students/discover/explore-careers-majors/)
- Select “Guides” to view relevant guides such as:
  - “Vault Guide to Consulting Jobs”
  - “Vault Career Guide to Consulting”
  - “Vault Career Guide to Law”
  - “Career Launcher: Law”

- **Professional Organizations:**
  - American Political Science Organization: [http://www.apsanet.org/](http://www.apsanet.org/)
  - Foreign Policy Association: [http://www.fpa.org/](http://www.fpa.org/)

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