According to the Bureau of Labor Statics, employment of those who majored in political scientists is projected to grow 3 percent from 2016 to 2026. About half of all political science majors are employed by the federal government. These individuals will continue to be needed in government to assess the impact of government policies, such as the efficiencies of public services, effects of budget changes, and advantages of proposed improvements.

Political organizations, lobbying firms, and labor unions rely on the knowledge of political majors to manage complicated legal and regulatory issues and policies. Political majors will be needed at research and policy institutes to focus specifically on politics and political theory. Organizations that research or advocate for specific causes, such as immigration policy, healthcare, or the environment, also need political majors to analyze policies relating to their field. Candidates with advanced degrees, strong writing and analytical skills, and experience researching or performing policy analysis should have the best job prospects. Candidates who have specialized knowledge or experience in their field of interest will also have better job opportunities. Internships or volunteer work also may be helpful.

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RELATED CAREER PATHS

The career paths listed below are only a sample of the opportunities one may consider. They have been taken from the Bureau of Labor’s Occupational Outlook Handbook and the O*Net Online. Some career paths may require additional education and training. To gain more understanding of the different career paths, take a look at Candid Career, where you can watch testimonials of people doing exactly what you might want to pursue.

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**SAMPLE RÉSUMÉS**

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**JOB SEARCH ENGINES**

- America’s Job Bank
- Government Jobs
- Idealist
- Nonprofit Times
- OpportunityKnocks.org
- PublicServiceCareers.org
- Roll Call jobs
- USA.Gov
- USA Jobs

**RESEARCH RESOURCES**

- The Balance Careers
- Council on Foundations
- The Chronicle of Philanthropy
- Get Educated
- International Student
- Live Career
- US News
SALARY INFORMATION

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WHAT YOU CAN DO NOW

Join a professional political science society or association – See list below
Consider studying abroad. Click here to learn more.
Volunteer for WCSU’s Vita Program
Volunteer for Junior Achievement in your community

ASSOCIATIONS

Professional associations are a great way for college students, recent graduates, and career changers to enhance personal and professional development while being provided endless networking opportunities. Being a member of an association also offers chances to attend conferences, learn about latest industry trends, scholarships, internship opportunities, along with attitudes and competencies expected in the industries of interest. Many associations encourage students to participate and even offer drastically reduced membership rates. Joining an association could be the best thing you do for your career.

US POLITICAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATIONS

Domestic Political Science Associations
- American Political Science Association
- Great Plains Political Science Association
- National Capital Area Political Science Association
- National Conference of Black Political Scientists
- New England Political Science Association
- Northeastern Political Science Association
- Pacific Northwest Political Science Association
- Southern Political Science Association
- Southwestern Political Science Association
- Western Political Science Association
- Western Social Science Association

State Political Science Associations
- Alabama Political Science Association
- Arkansas Political Science Association
- Florida Political Science Association
- Georgia Political Science Association
Illinois Political Science Association
Indiana Political Science Association
Iowa Conference of Political Scientists
Kansas Political Science Association
Kentucky Political Science Association
Louisiana Political Science Association
Michigan Political Science Association
Minnesota Political Science Association
Mississippi Political Science Association
New Jersey Political Science Association
New York State Political Science Association
North Carolina Political Science Association
Ohio Association of Economists and Political Scientists
Oklahoma Political Science Association
Pennsylvania Political Science Association
South Carolina Political Science Association
Tennessee Political Science Association
Virginia Conference of Political Scientists
West Virginia Political Science Association
Wisconsin Political Science Association

Political Science Caucuses
Asian Pacific American Caucus
Caucus for a New Political Science
Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Political Science Caucus
Latino Caucus in Political Science/Sector Latino de Ciencia Politica
Women's Caucus for Political Science

NON-US POLITICAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATIONS

International Political Science Associations
African Association of Political Science
European Consortium for Political Research
International Association for Political Science Students
International Political Science Association
International Studies Association
Latin American Political Science Association
ESPA.net: Network for European Social Policy Analysis
Nordic Political Science Association

National Political Science Associations
Academic Society of Romania
Albanian Political Science Association
Argentine Association of Political Analysis
Australasian Political Studies Association
Austrian Political Studies Association
Belgian Political Science Association
Brazilian Political Science Association
British Columbia Political Studies Association
Bulgarian Political Science Association
Canadian Political Science Association
Chilean Political Science Association
Chinese Association of Political Science (Taipei)
Croatian Political Science Association
Czech Association of Political Science
Danish Political Science Association
Dutch Political Science Association
Finnish Political Science Association
French Political Science Association
German Political Science Association
Hellenic Political Science Association
Hungarian Political Science Association
Icelandic Political Science Association
Indian Council of Social Research
Israel Political Science Association
Italian Political Science Association
Japanese Political Science Association
Korean Political Science Association
Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences (FLACSO)
Lithuanian Political Science Association
Mexican Political Science Association
Mexican Research Council on Political Science (COMICIP)
New Zealand Political Studies Association
Norwegian Political Science Association
Pakistan Political Science Association
Philippine Political Science Association
Polish Political Science Association
Political Studies Association (UK)
Political Studies Association of Ireland
Portuguese Political Science Association
Quebec Society of Political Science
Russian Political Science Association
Slovak Political Science Association
Slovenian Political Science Association
South African Association of Political Studies
Spanish Political Science Association
Swedish Political Science Association
Swiss Political Science Association
Turkish Political Science Association
Uzbekistan Association of Political Science
Venezuelan Political Science Association

COGNATE AND RELATED ORGANIZATIONS

Cultural and Regional Area Studies
- African Studies Association
- American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies
- American Conference for Irish Studies
- American Institute for Sri Lankan Studies
- Association for Asian Studies
- Association for Canadian Studies
- Association for Canadian Studies in the United States
- Association for Israel Studies
- Association for Jewish Studies
- Association for the Advancement of Baltic Studies
- Association of Chinese Political Studies
- Association of Third World Studies
- Assyrian Academic Society
- Australian & New Zealand Studies Association of North America
- Brazilian Studies Association
- British Politics Group
- Canadian Association for Latin American and Caribbean Studies
- Caribbean Institute and Study Center
- Caribbean Studies Association
- Committee on Atlantic Studies
- Conference Group on German Politics
- Conference Group on Italian Politics & Society
- Conference Group on Taiwan Studies
- Council for European Studies
- European Community Studies Association - Canada
- European Union Politics Group
- European Union Studies Association
- International Society for the Study of European Ideas
- Latin American Studies Association
- Middle East Studies Association
- Minda de Gunzburg Center for European Studies
- Polish Institute of Arts and Sciences of America
- University Association for Contemporary European Studies

Related/Cognate Organizations
- Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences
- Academy of Management
Academy of Political Science
Aging Policy and Politics Group
American Academy of Arts & Sciences
American Academy of Political and Social Science
American Academy of Rome
American Association for Public Opinion Research
American Association for the Advancement of Science
American Section of the International Association for the Philosophy of Law and Social Philosophy
American Society for Political and Legal Philosophy
American Society for Public Administration
American Society of International Law
American Statistical Association
Association for Comparative Economic Studies
Association for Political Theory
Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management
Association for the Study of Black Women in Politics
Association for the Study of Ethnicity and Nationalism
Association for the Study of Law, Culture, and the Humanities
Association of American University Presses
Association of Black Sociologists
Association of Oral History Educators
Association of Social Science Researchers
Brookings Institution
Canadian Association for American Studies
Center for International Relations
Center for Strategic & International Studies
Center for The Business of Government
Center for the Study of the Presidency
Christopher H. Browne Center for International Politics
Claremont Institute for the Study of Statesmanship and Political Philosophy
Committee on Health Politics
Committee on the Political Economy of the Good Society
Communal Studies Association
Community Action Partnership
Community College Humanities Association (CCHA)
Conference for the Study of Political Thought
Conference Group on Theory, Policy and Society
Consortium of Social Science Associations
Consortium on Qualitative Research Methods
Federation Internationale des Associations Vexillologiques
Foreign Policy Research Institute
Government Innovators Network
Guatemala Scholars Network
American Anthropological Association
American Association of Political Consultants
American Economic Association
American Historical Association
American Psychological Association
American Sociological Association
Association for Politics and the Life Sciences
Association of American Geographers
National Social Science Association
Southern Demographic Association
Southwestern Social Science Association

Higher Education Organizations
American Association of Community Colleges
American Council on Education
Association of American Colleges and Universities
Council for Advancement and Support of Education
Council of Graduate Schools
EDUCAUSE
Institute for Higher Education Policy
National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education