POLITICAL SCIENCE

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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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For a guide, and list of sample résumés, please visit our virtual résumé tool at https://www.wcsu.edu/careersuccess/resumes/. This is where you will find sample résumés, download our fillable résumés template, and find the cover letter & résumé checklist to ensure you are on the right track. Whether you are applying directly to a person, or an applicant tracking system (ATS), there are things you will need to know for your résumé to be recognized by the company’s database. Use the checklist we provide and always proofread for perfection. Remember, your résumés and cover letters are the first writing samples any employer will ever see from you. You need to make sure it is perfect. Don’t risk it, and come visit one of our Career Peer Leaders, who can help you. We are available Monday through Friday, either virtually or in person, anytime between 9 am to 5 pm. If you would like information, or to set an appointment, please contact the Career Success Center at careersuccess@wcsu.edu.

**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
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
ESPAnet: 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 Insitute 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
Fédération Internationale des Associations Vexillologiques
Foreign Policy Research Institute
Government Innovators Network
Guatemala Scholars Network
The Hansard Society
The Independent Institute
Institute for the Study of Conflict, Ideology & Policy (ISCIP)
Institute of Contemporary British History
International Association for the Study of Common Property
International Association of Genocide Scholars
International Association of Schools and Institutes of Administration
International Society for the Study of European Ideas
International Foundation for Election Systems
International Peace Research Institute
International Personnel Management Association
International Society of Political Psychology
Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research
Inter-University Seminar on Armed Forces and Society
Institute for Humane Studies
Institute for Political History
Justice Studies Association
The Law and Society Association
Latin American Centre for Development Administration (CLAD)
National Academy of Social Insurance
National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration
National Endowment for Democracy
National Flag Foundation
National Humanities Alliance
National Science Foundation
National Society for Experiential Education
Open Society Institute
Organization of American Historians
Pi Sigma Alpha
Policy Studies Organization
Politics of Education Association
Public Administration Theory Network
Public Choice Society
The Reinvention Center
Social Science Research Council
Society for Disability Studies
Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics
Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues
Society for the Study of Social Problems
Southern States Communication Association
Urban Affairs Association
Walter Bagehot Research Council on National Sovereignty

Sister Associations
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