

# POLITICAL SCIENCE

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## POLITICAL SCIENCE PROFILE

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.

- [WCSU Political Science](#)
- [Occupational Outlook Handbook](#)

## 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.



Political Scientists	Economists
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Public Administrators	Anthropologists
Archeologists	Geographers
Historians	Post-Secondary Teachers
Sociologists	Survey Researchers
Political Analysts	Urban/Regional Planners
Attorney	Political Campaign Staff

## RÉSUMÉ SAMPLES & HELP

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](mailto: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](#)

[Get Educated](#)

[International Student](#)

[Live Career](#)

[US News](#)

## **SALARY INFORMATION**

[Occupational Outlook Handbook](#)

## **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](#)

[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 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](#)  
[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](#)