

What can I do with my studies in POLITICAL SCIENCE?

The information in this handout will provide you with ideas as to some typical careers/jobs that are associated with your degree, along with alternative careers that may not be as directly related to what you have studied. This by no means implies that these jobs are the only options you have. These careers are just samples of what you can do if you have the appropriate skills and experience.

I can look for work now with my B.A. in Political Science. Depending on my interests and experience, possible job titles include:

Customs Inspector #1228	Foreign Service Officer #4168	Lobbyist #4161, #4163, #4164	Public Affairs Officer #5124
Development Officer #4164	Volunteer Coordinator #4212	Immigration Officer #1228	Legislative Assistant #1222
Public Relations Consultant #5124	Investment Advisor #1112	Political Organizer #4164	Politician #4169
Policy Analyst	Campaign Worker	Intelligence Analyst	Public Opinion Pollster

I can look for work now outside my area of study. Depending on my interests and experience, possible job titles include:

	Management Consultant #1122	Benefits Officer #1432	Marketing Specialist / Representative
	Insurance Agent #6231	Financial Advisor/Planner	Market Researcher #4163
<i>Business</i>	Recruiter #1223	Human Resources Specialist #1121	Job Analyst #1121
	Bank Officer	Investment Advisor #1112	Entrepreneur / Venture Capitalist
	Actuary #2161		
<i>Education</i>	Academic Advisor #4143	Educator / Trainer #4131	Alumni Relations Officer
	Writer #5121 / Author / Columnist	Editor #5122	Reporter #5123 / Correspondent
<i>Communications</i>	Journalist #5123	Broadcaster #5231	Publisher #0016
	Production Assistant	Web Developer/Producer	

Other

Administrative Assistant #1411

Data Management
Administrator

Municipal Administrator

Corporate Public Affairs
Officer

Government Relations Officer

With additional education/training or experience, I can become:

University Professor #4121

College Instructor #4131

Political Scientist #4169

Lawyer #4112

Corporate Trainer

Trade Specialist

Senior Management Consultant

For career descriptions, profiles and job outlooks visit the *National Occupational Classification Website* (<http://www23.hrdc-drhc.gc.ca/2001/e/generic/welcome.shtml>), *Job Futures* (www.jobfutures.ca), and *Career Cruising* (www.careercruising.com, username & password available by contacting CAPS)

If you wish to explore your interests, identify your goals, and discover how to make the most of your education, we encourage you to sign up for the P.A.C.E. program (Program for the Advancement of Career Exploration). For more information visit <http://www.caps.mcgill.ca/programs/pace/>

Feel free to come by the CAPS office to make an appointment with a career advisor to discuss your career options and job search strategies.

Employers

Business Firms

Charities

Campaigns

Computer Firms

Consulting Firms

Educational Institutions

Government

International Development
Agencies

Law Firms

Large Corporations

Newspapers & Magazines

Non-profit Organizations

Political Parties

Public Interest Agencies

TV & Radio Stations

Welfare Organizations

Skills of Political Science Majors

- Broad understanding of how different political systems generate solutions to political problems
 - Ability to analyze the multiple dimensions of an issue and select critical information
 - Ability to systematically investigate a problem
 - Ability to carry out tasks with thoroughness, precision and attention to detail
 - Experience in gathering political data relevant to a research problem and in employing various data analysis research techniques
 - Ability to define political problems by applying concepts of political theory
 - Skills in writing careful, clear, concise and reasoned reports and essays
 - Proficiency in locating sources of information and in using research libraries
 - Ability to conduct and explain research clearly
 - Ability to explain complex concepts and theories to others
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- Ability to make keen observations, solve problems, and make appropriate decisions
 - Understanding of the influence of “perspective” on facts
 - Ability to synthesize a large amount of information and draw conclusions based on that information
 - Ability to develop systematic procedures for investigating a problem
 - Proficiency for detailing information accurately
 - Oral & written communication
 - Interact with diverse populations
 - Decision-making
 - Able to develop & market ideas
 - Problem-solving
 - Understanding of community needs
 - Analytical thinking
 - Computer literate
 - Research skills
 - Team worker
 - Leadership abilities
 - Work well under pressure

Professional Associations

- Canadian Political Science Association (www.cpsa-acsp.ca)
- American Political Science Association (www.apsanet.org)
- International Studies Association (www.isanet.org/)