



# Political Science Career Paths

For more information about specific careers, check with the Career Center, your advisor, Nash Library, people working in the field, and/or write to the **American Political Science Association, 1527 New Hampshire Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036.**

## Career Paths with a Bachelors in Political Science

Advisor	Consumer advocate	Government worker	Mayor	Program director
Ambassador	County treasurer	Hospital administrator	Mediator	Project analyst
Announcer	Criminologist	Housing administrator	Military officer	Public relations officer
Anthropologist	Cultural-affairs officer	Import-export agent	News reporter	Public health official
Archivist	Customs inspector	Intelligence specialist	Paralegal	Real estate agent
Biographer	Demographer	Internatl relations spec.	Political scientist	Reporter
Book critic	Diplomat	Judge	Penologist	Researcher
Broadcast journalist	Editor	Juvenile justice spec.	Personnel manager	School administrator
Budget analyst	Educator	Labor relations spec.	Politician	Social worker
Chief purchasing officer	Election supervisor	Lawyer	Political campaign mgr	Student affairs officer
City council member	FBI/CIA agent	Legislative aide	Political consultant	Survey worker
City manager	Foreign correspondent	Lobbyist	Police officer	Technical writer
Columnist/commentator	Foreign service officer	Management auditor	Pollster	Tour guide
Congressional aide	Fundraiser	Management trainee	Press officer	Translator
Consular officer	Geographer	Market research analyst	Probation officer	Urban planner

Check job titles at the [Occupational Outlook Handbook](#)

## Hiring Institutions

Archives, federal/municipal	Energy department	Libraries
Business corporations	Environmental protection agency	Magazines/newspapers
Chambers of commerce	Federal Bureau of Investigation	Management/consulting firms
Civic & taxpayers' associations	Federal trade commission	Market research depts. & firms
Consulting firms	Foreign service	Non-profit organizations
Correctional institutions	Housing & urban development	Political-action committees
Court system	Labor department	Political-party headquarters
Educational institutions	Treasury department	Professional periodicals
Government agencies:	Veteran's administration	Public opinion/research companies
Civil rights commission	Historical societies	Public relations firms
Commerce department	Import-export companies	Radio/Television stations
Consumer affairs office	Industry/manufacturing	Senators/Representatives/Local offices
Defense department	Labor unions	Social-service agencies

## Marketable Skills

Analytical thinking	Effective & persuasive speaking	Planning & administering programs
Analyzing computer systems	Expediting research	Problem solving
Analyzing data	Explaining data analysis	Reviewing & evaluating projects or ideas
Collecting & organizing data	Grasping complex laws or case histories	Simplifying complex data
Comparing & compiling research reports	Interact with diverse populations	Statistical skill
Decision making	Interviewing	Tabulating data
Describing & evaluating issues	Isolating specific from general	Team worker
Developing & marketing ideas	Knowledge of survey research methods	Translating theory into action
Developing research designs	Maintaining records	Understanding of community needs
Editing & proofreading materials	Organizing ideas, materials & objects	Writing reports & articles



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## Organizations & Associations

[American Assoc. of Political Consultants](#)  
[American Bar Association](#)  
[American Political Science Association](#)  
[American Society of Assoc. Executives](#)  
[American Society for Public Admin.](#)  
[Foreign Policy Association](#)  
[International City/County Management Association](#)  
[National Association of Counties](#)  
[National Association of Independent Schools](#)  
[National Association of Schools of Public Affairs & Administration](#)  
[National Assoc. of State Boards of Ed.](#)  
[National Bar Association](#)  
[National Conf. of State Legislatures](#)  
[National Governors Association](#)  
[National League of Cities](#)  
[National Republican Congressional Campaign Committee](#)  
[Peace Science Society](#)  
[Southern Political Science Association](#)  
[United States Conference of Mayors](#)

[Corporation for National & Community Service](#)  
[CSD International](#)  
[Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee](#)  
[Democratic Party](#)  
[Executive Searches](#)  
[Fed World](#)  
[Federal Government Jobs](#)  
[Federal Job Search](#)  
[Federal Jobs Net](#)  
[Federal Law Clerk Info System](#)  
[First Gov](#)  
[Global Policy Forum](#)  
[Global Service Corps](#)  
[GOP Jobs](#)  
[Gov Jobs](#)  
[Gov Spot](#)  
[Govt. Jobs](#)  
[Heritage Foundation](#)  
[Idealist](#)  
[Intern Abroad](#)  
[Intern web](#)  
[International Affairs Resources](#)  
[International Jobs Center](#)  
[Internet Legal Research Group](#)  
[Internship Programs.com](#)  
[Jobs in Nonprofit](#)  
[JobTrak](#)  
[Journalism Jobs](#)  
[Law Info](#)  
[Law Jobs](#)  
[Lawyers Weekly Jobs](#)  
[Legal Employment](#)

[Local Government Institute](#)  
[Moving Ideas](#)  
[National Center for State Courts](#)  
[National Center on Education & the Economy](#)  
[Newspaper Jobs Page](#)  
[Oklahoma Employment Security Commission](#)  
[Opportunity Knocks](#)  
[Overseas Recruitment](#)  
[Peace Corps](#)  
[Political Science Resources](#)  
[Political Science Resources on the Web](#)  
[Political Science Quarterly](#)  
[Politix Group](#)  
[Poly-Cy](#)  
[Project Vote Smart](#)  
[Public Agenda](#)  
[Republican National Committee](#)  
[Riley Guide](#)  
[Roll Call](#)  
[Rotary International](#)  
[Statehouse News](#)  
[Student Affairs](#)  
[The Hill](#)  
[The Washington Center](#)  
[United Nations](#)  
[US Courts](#)  
[USA Jobs](#)  
[Wash Law](#)  
[Weasel World Resources](#)  
[World Teach](#)  
[YMCA International](#)

## Job Resources

[American National Election Studies](#)  
[American Presidency Project](#)  
[Careers in Government](#)  
[Cato Institute](#)  
[Center for Civic Education](#)  
[Center on Budget & Policy Priorities](#)  
[Close-up Foundation](#)  
[Choose Law](#)  
[Chronicle of Higher Education](#)  
[Constitutional Rights Foundation](#)