



Political Science

This sheet has sample occupations, work settings, employers, and career development activities associated with this major. Some of these options may require additional training and career planning. You are not limited to these options when choosing a possible career path.

Sample Occupations

Administrator (Community Development, Contract, Health Services, Higher Education, Policy)	Customs Worker: Agent, Inspector, Staff Assistant	Intelligence Specialist	Personnel & Labor Relations Manager
Ambassador	Demographer	Internal Auditor	Police/Detective
Arbitrator (Labor)	Director, Fundraising	Job Analyst	Political Scientist
Archivist	Director, Planning, Evaluation, Research	Journalist	Program Auditor
Benefits Calculation Specialist	District Program Manager	Lawyer	Public Affairs Director
Budget Officer/Analyst	Environmental Occupations	Legislative Analyst	Quality Improvement Advisor
Bureau Chief	Executive Analyst	Lobbyist	Researcher: Public & Private
Campaign Assistant	FBI Agent	Management Analyst	Rural, Urban, & Community
CIA Agent	Financial Analyst	Market Research Analyst	Tax Examiner
City Clerk	Financial Manager	Military Officer	Teacher: College, University
	Foreign Service Officer	Newspaper Writer/Journalist	Urban & Regional Planner
		Parole Officer	Veterans Claim Representative

Sample Work Settings

Archives, Federal/Municipal	Educational Institutions	Healthcare Agencies	Political Action Committees
Central Intelligence Agency	Employment Offices (National, State, Local)	Historical Societies	Political Party Headquarters
Chambers of Commerce	Environmental Protection Agency	Housing & Urban Development	Professional Associations
Children & Family Services Department	Executive Office of the President	Import/Export Companies	Professional Periodicals
Civic & Taxpayers' Associations	Federal Bureau of Investigation	Labor Unions	Public Interest Groups
Consumer Affairs Office	Federal Labor Relations Board	Law Firms	Public Opinion Research
Correctional Institutions	Government Printing Office	Libraries	Public Relations Firms
Court System (Federal, State, Local)	Government Representatives' Offices	Magazines, Newspapers	Regional Planning Councils & Associations
Defense Department	Governor's Office	Market-Research Departments & Firms	School Boards
Department of Commerce	Grassroots Organizations	Media Companies	Social Service Agencies
Drug Enforcement Agency	Health & Human Services Department	Municipalities	U.S. Dept. of Commerce
Economic Development Agencies		Non-Profit Public Service Agencies	Urban Renewal Agencies
		Peace Corps	Workforce Development Agencies

Sample Employers

A sample of organizations that have hired students with a concentration in political science.

Cengage Learning	Mathematical Policy Research	Northwestern Mutual Financial Network	Teach for America
D.C. Consulting, Inc.	National Federation of Independent Businesses		U.S. Department of State

Sample Websites

Center for the Study of Democratic Performance polisci.fsu.edu/csdp/	LeRoy Collins Institute collinsinstitute.fsu.edu	Careers in Political Science www.apsanet.org/CAREERS/Careers-In-Political-Science	News and Information www.sciencedaily.com/news/science_society/political_science/
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Sample Career Center Library Resources

Sample Books

Careers for Number Crunchers & Other Quantitative Types.....IIA CF-N8	Homeland Security and Federal Law Enforcement Career Guide.....VIB2 M2
Career Opportunities in Politics, Government, & Activism.....IIB 11-1011.01 A9	Military Careers: A Guide to Military Occupations.....IIB 55-0000 M5
Careers for Good Samaritans & Other Humanitarian Types.....IIA CF-G6	Opportunities in Social Science Careers.....IB 19-3000 M2
Guide to America's Federal Jobs: A Complete Directory of U.S. Government Career Opportunities.....VIB2 T3	Peterson's Getting a Government Job: The Civil Service Handbook.....VIB2 D4
Great Jobs for Political Science Majors.....IIC PL R6	Political Scientists Occupational File.....IIB 19-3094
Guide to America's Federal Jobs.....VIB2 T3	The Political Ladder: Insider tips for Getting a job in Politics.....IIB 11-1031 A21

Self-Exploration and Career Information

To explore values, interests, and skills:

To explore occupational outlooks and salaries:

FOCUS 2

www.career.fsu.edu/Students/Plan-Your-Career/Explore-Majors-and-Careers/FOCUS2

Sigi3

www.career.fsu.edu/sigi

(Obtain a User ID from a Career Advisor)

National Compensation Survey

<http://www.bls.gov/ncs/>

Occupational Outlook Handbook

<http://www.bls.gov/ooh>

Salary.com

www.salary.com

SeminoleLink

www.career.fsu.edu/seminolelink

See additional resources in Career Center Advising Module Sheets:

www.career.fsu.edu/Resources/Module-Sheets

Connecting Majors, Skills, and Occupations

- View learning outcomes associated with your major in the *FSU Undergraduate Academic Program Guide* Learning Compact: www.academic-guide.fsu.edu/
- Explore the connection between occupations and skills in O*Net: www.onetonline.org
- Use the FSU Career Portfolio to document transferable skills you develop through your major and other experiences: www.portfolio.fsu.edu
- Use ProfessoNole to learn more about industry demands, career expectations, and opportunities from professionals: www.career.fsu.edu/professionole

Sample Professional Organizations

American Association of Political & Public
Affairs Professionals - Washington, DC

www.theaapc.org

American Federation of Government
Employees - Washington, DC

www.afge.org

American Foreign Service Association -
Washington, DC

www.afsa.org

American Political Science Association -
Washington, DC

www.apsanet.org

American Society for Public
Administration - Washington, DC

www.aspanet.org

International City/County Management
Association - Washinton, DC

www.icma.org

For other related professional organizations, go to FSU Libraries database at lib.fsu.edu; select Find a Database; search for Gale Databases; choose Associations Unlimited.

Additional Information

Florida State University Career Guide

www.career.fsu.edu/Resources/Career-Guides

Career Guides by Topic

www.career.fsu.edu/Resources/Career-Guides

Library Links

www.career.fsu.edu/Resources/Career-Center-Library

Steps to Career Success

www.portfolio.career.fsu.edu/stepstocareersuccess/index.html