

## What can I do with a major in “Political Science”?

### The University of Georgia Career Center

Clark Howell Hall, 706-542-3375, [www.career.uga.edu](http://www.career.uga.edu)  
Department of Political Science, 706-542-2057, <http://polisci.uga.edu/>



*This information describes typical occupations and employment settings associated with this major. Understand some of these options may require additional training. Moreover, you are not limited to these options when choosing a possible career path.*

#### **Description of Political Science**

Political science studies governments around the world by concentrating on how a government's structure and function affect social order. Students who major in political science gain a solid awareness in the diversity of government around the globe and the various political theories, parties, and interest groups that correspond with these systems. In addition, students develop an understanding of international relations, public laws, public administration, personal rights and freedoms, justice, and political authority. Like all good liberal arts majors, political science helps students develop their analytical and problem-solving abilities, as well as improve their written and oral communication skills. It provides excellent preparation for graduate education in law and public administration, as well as doctoral programs in political science. Political Science is also a good foundation for careers in public service, campaign work, and various management positions in the private sector.

#### **Research Careers**

Georgia Career Information Center - <http://www.gcic.peachnet.edu> (accessible only on campus computers)

O\*NET - <http://online.onetcenter.org> (click on Find Occupations)

Occupational Outlook Handbook - <http://www.bls.gov/oco> (type in general term for career of interest)

Alberta Occupational Profiles - <http://www.alis.gov.ab.ca/occinfo/frameset.asp> (click on Occupational Title Search)

Career Insider - powered by the Vault - [http://career.uga.edu/resources/online\\_resources](http://career.uga.edu/resources/online_resources)

\*Please visit the Career Center Library or your Career Consultant for additional information or assistance.

#### **Possible Job Titles of Political Science Graduates**

(\*As reported by Career Center post-graduate survey)

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|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| *Account Executive                | *Governor's Aide               | *Program Coordinator            |
| *Administrative Assistant         | *Intern                        | *Project Consultant             |
| *Associate Director               | *Interoperability Manger       | *Property Manager               |
| *Banker                           | *Legal Assistant               | *Recruiter                      |
| *Case Assistant                   | *Marketing Assistant           | *Research Associate             |
| *Commercial Account Manager       | *Membership and Special Events | *Sales Associate                |
| *Communication Director           | *Director                      | *Senior Accounting Technician   |
| *Communication Specialist         | *National Field Director       | *Shelter Advocate and Volunteer |
| *Customer Services Representative | *Ocean Exports Representative  | *Coordinator                    |
| *Data Management Specialist       | *Paralegal                     | *Sportscaster                   |
| *Financial Advisor                | *Political Director            |                                 |

#### **Possible Employers of Political Science Graduates**

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| *Alston & Bird                     | *Georgia Center for Continuing  | *International Medicine Center     |
| *American Constitution Society     | *Education                      | *Lt. Governor Casey Cagle          |
| *Athens First Bank and Trust       | *Georgia Secretary of State     | *Maynard Cooper & Gale P.C.        |
| *Congressman Phil Gingrey          | *Google Inc.                    | *Medics Home Health Services       |
| *Corner Stone Communications Group | *Governor's Office of Georgia   | *Nimbleslick Artist Management and |
| *Democratic Party of Georgia       | *Hall County School System      | *Consulting                        |
| *Doublegate Country Club           | *Hella, Inc.                    | *Page International                |
| *Draper and Associates             | *Hewlett-Packard                | *Quality Craftsman                 |
| *Edward Jones                      | *Innercity Education Foundation | *Republican Governors Association  |
| *GE Healthcare                     | *Internal Data Resources        | *Southern Broadcasting             |
| *Georgia Aquarium                  | *Internal Revenue Sevice        |                                    |

## **Career Center Library Resources**

Some titles are available in Clark Howell Hall and others are available at the UGA Main Library  
*Careers for Legal Eagles and Other Law and Order Types* (2005) by Blythe Camenson  
*Career Opportunities in Politics, Government, and Activism* (2008) by Joan Axelrod-Conrada  
*How to Get a Job in Congress Without Winning an Election* by Christopher Porter  
*Insider's Guide to Political Jobs in Washington* (2003) by William Endicott  
*Opportunities in Social Science Careers* (2004) by Rosanne Marek  
*Students Federal Career Guide* (2004) by Katherine Troutman  
*Top Careers for Liberal Arts Graduates*(2003) by Ferguson

## **Campus Resources**

**College Republicans** [www.ugarepublicans.com/](http://www.ugarepublicans.com/)  
**Georgia Legislative Intern Program** <http://www.cviog.uga.edu/students>  
**Pi Sigma Alpha** [www.uga.edu/pol-sci/undergrad/](http://www.uga.edu/pol-sci/undergrad/)  
**The Roosevelt Institution** [http://spia.uga.edu/organizations/roosevelt\\_institution/](http://spia.uga.edu/organizations/roosevelt_institution/)  
**Young Democrats** <http://www.ugayoungdemocrats.com/>

## **Employment Websites**

**Action Without Borders** <http://www.idealists.org/>  
**Careers with the State of Georgia** <https://www.careers.ga.gov/>  
**Internship Programs by Wetfeet** <http://www.wetfeet.com/>  
**Internships-USA** [www.internships-usa.com](http://www.internships-usa.com) (Call for username/password)  
**USAJobs (Federal Career Opportunities)** <http://www.usajobs.gov/>  
**Partnership for Public Service** [www.makingthedifference.org](http://www.makingthedifference.org)

## **Additional Resources**

**American Association of Political Consultants** - <http://www.theaapc.org/>  
**American League of Lobbyists** - <http://www.alldc.org/>  
**American Political Science** - <http://www.apsanet.org/>  
**American Society of Association Executives** [www.asaenet.org](http://www.asaenet.org)  
**Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management** -  
<https://netforum.avectra.com/eweb/StartPage.aspx?Site=APPAM&WebCode=HomePage>  
**Government Departments and Agencies** [www.firstgov.gov](http://www.firstgov.gov)  
**Georgia Governor's Intern Program** - <http://intern.gov.georgia.gov/02/gov/intern/home/0,2743,97947509,00.html>  
**Georgia Local Government Access** - <http://www.glga.org/>  
**Georgia Municipal Association** - <http://www.gmanet.com/>  
**Association County Commissioners of Georgia** - <http://www.accg.org/>