

POLITICAL SCIENCE

Political Science is the study of government, its structure and function, public policy, individual and group political behavior in the United States, all countries and regions of the world, and international relations. Most people attracted to a major in political science have an interest in politics and public affairs. As a discipline firmly rooted in the Liberal Arts, political science provides students with the broad critical thinking, analytical and writing skills that are applicable to many different positions in the job market. (fp.uni.edu/polisci/careers/careers.htm, October 14, 2005)

SELECTED RESOURCES FROM THE UNI CAREER SERVICES LIBRARY (CSL) ***

*Political Science: An Ideal Liberal Arts Major
Careers and the Study of Political Science: A Guide for
Undergraduates
Great Jobs for Political Science Majors*

*Career Opportunities in Politics, Government, and Activism
Opportunities in Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice
Careers
College Majors and Careers*

***The Career Services Library (CSL) is temporarily relocated in Rod Library, on the north side of the library's main floor near the Career Collection and north stairwell. Please contact [Career Services](#), 319-273-6857, if you have difficulty in finding any of the CSL resources.

UNI LIBRARIES

Use subject or keyword to search UNI libraries ([Career Services Library](#), [Rod Library](#), etc.) for information on specific occupations. Enter the career field followed by the phrase *vocational guidance*, e.g. *political science - vocational guidance*. Other subject terms are: *career development*, *occupations*, *professions*, and *job descriptions*.

SELECTED WEB SITES

(NOTE: Links to non-UNI Internet sites are provided for your convenience and do not constitute an endorsement)

EXPLORING CAREERS

UNI Career Services www.uni.edu/careerservices/

Career Exploration Resources www.uni.edu/careerservices/students/explore/careerresources.html

"What Can I Do with a Degree in Political Science?" www.uni.edu/polisci/careers/careers.htm

Do I Want to be a Lawyer? academic.regis.edu/jriley/lawyer.htm

A Call to Serve: Careers www.makingthedifference.org/federalcareers/

JOB HUNTING

UNI Career Services: Find Employers and Jobs www.uni.edu/careerservices/

UNI AACSB CareerLink www.uni.edu/careerservices/careerlink/

Government Employment www.uni.edu/careerservices/government/index.html

UNI Rod Library: Career Related Information and Job Banks www.library.uni.edu/ris/career.shtml

NCSL Jobs Clearinghouse for State Legislatures and Public Policy www.ncsl.org/public/joblegis.htm

U.S. Office of Personnel Management: USAJobs www.usajobs.opm.gov/

Moving Ideas: Job Listings www.movingideas.org/content/en/jobs.htm

Riley Guide Jobs in Public Service www.rileyguide.com/public.html

Federal Jobs.Net www.federaljobs.net/federal.htm

Federal Jobs from Fed World www.fedworld.gov/jobs/jobsearch.html

Online Resources from APSA www.apsanet.org/section_412.cfm

NASPAA: Job Postings www.naspaa.org/students/careers/joblinks.asp

US National Science Foundation www.nsf.gov/crssprgm/reu/reu_search.cfm

ASSOCIATIONS/ORGANIZATIONS

USA Political Organizations www.psa.ac.uk/www/usa_org.htm

American Political Science Association - Online www.apsanet.org/

International Political Science Association www.ipsa.org/site/

National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration www.naspaa.org/

Search for more Associations www.asacenter.org/Directories/AssociationSearch.cfm?navItemNumber=16581

OTHER ONLINE RESOURCES

Information by Subject from UNI Rod Library www.library.uni.edu/subject/index.html

Graduate Studies in Political Science www.uni.edu/polisci/careers/grad.htm

Resources for Political Science www.apsanet.org/section_188.cfm

QuickLinks for Students www.apsanet.org/content_3360.cfm

SEARCH THE INTERNET

Use search engines or subject directories (www.library.uni.edu/dbandcat/search.shtml) to search the Internet. Use keywords such as the name of the field plus careers or jobs - e.g. *careers in political science* or *public policy jobs*. Use phrases such as *what can I do with a major in ...* with the name of the field of interest - e.g. *what can I do with a major in political science*. Look for categories such as *jobs* or *careers* in subject directories available on the Internet.

POSSIBLE OCCUPATIONS

(Some career options may require advanced degree)

Administrative Officer/Government Service	Customs Inspector	Lawyer
Administrative Services	Diplomatic Officer	Lobbyist
Arbitrator/Mediator/Conciliator	Editor/Publications	News Analyst/Editor
Archivist	Election Supervisor	Paralegal Assistant
Biographer	Foreign-Service Officer	Parole/Probation Officer
Book Critic	Government Intelligence Analyst	Political campaign organizer
Campaign Manager/Staff	Government Property Inspector	Political Scientist
College/University/School Official	Law Enforcement Officer	Public Relations Specialist
Columnist/ Correspondent	Government Service Executive	Research Assistant
Congressional-District Aide	Intelligence Specialist	Teacher/Professor
	International Relations Specialist	Title Examiner

POSSIBLE WORK SETTINGS

Business and Industry	Local/Federal Government	Consulting Firms	Non-governmental
Campaign Headquarters	Newspapers	Interest Groups and	Organizations
Colleges/Universities	Non-Profit organizations	Associations	Public and International
Embassies	Private Lobbying Groups	Corporate Public Affairs	Affairs
International Agencies	Self-Employed	Capitol Hill	
Law Firms	Research Firms		

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