

Political Science BPhil or BSGS

Overview

Students of political science will develop the ability to conceptualize, to think analytically, and to communicate effectively. Thus, it provides good preparation for law school or administration, urban affairs, and other social sciences.

Job Outlook

See <http://www.bls.gov/oco/ocos054.htm> for more information.

Compensation

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Career Options/Tracks

Frequent areas of employment following graduation include teaching, public relations, government service at the federal, state or local level, lobbying with interest groups or business, policy research, journalism, and campaign work (polling, media relations etc.). In addition, a large number of graduates go into business- marketing, personnel, advertising, banking and finance. Another career avenue is with non-profit agencies who are frequently the recipients of contract to perform services funded by government. Relatively few students are hired as "political scientist" since few jobs specifically call for this specialization. Graduates with computer skills or training in a specialized policy area or policy analysis in general are most likely to find government jobs.

Advanced Education Options

Students interested in law or in higher level government positions, generally need master's or doctorate degrees.

Sample Job Titles

*lobbyist assistant or campaign assoc.	*political campaign manager
*labor relations specialist	*broadcast journalist
*paralegal	*lawyer
*legislative coordinator	*foreign service officer
*international business	*political representative
*public relations officer	*staff assistant
*legislative correspondent	*scheduling secretary

Some Employers of Political Science Majors

*consulting firms	*non-profit organizations
*state/federal government	*newspapers
*colleges/universities	
*public/international affairs offices	
*political parties	
*private/public interest groups	
*campaign management firms	
*business and industry	

Other Sources of Information

Advocacy Jobs Search

<http://www.execsearches.com/exec/>

American Political Science Association

<http://www.apsanet.org>

American Society for Public Administration

<http://www.aspanet.org/scriptcontent/index.cfm>

Cato (Think Tank)

<http://www.cato.org>

Heritage Foundation (Think Tank)

<http://www.heritage.com>

Job Source for Republicans

<http://www.GOPjob.com>

Jobs in Nonprofit Organizations

<http://www.jobsinnonprofit.com>

<http://www.opportunitynocs.org/>

Moving Ideas: The Electronic Policy Network

<http://www.movingideas.org/>

National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration

<http://www.naspaa.org>

Online Resources to find a job in Political Science

<http://www.apsanet.org/jobplc/onlinejobs.cfm>

Political Job Listings in DC

<http://www.rollcall.com> and <http://www.hillnews.com>

Public Sector Jobs

<http://www.sector1.net/jobsearch/default.asp>

The Riley Guide

<http://www.rileyguide.com>