

what can I do with a degree in...

political science



OCCUPATIONAL TITLES

- Congressional Aide
 - Corporate Practice Attorney*
 - Federal Government
 - Foreign Service Officer
 - Intelligence Specialist
 - Judge*
 - Journalism
 - Judicial Clerk
 - Lawyer*
 - Legislative Assistant
 - Lobbyist
 - Political Scientist
 - Teacher*
- *Requires additional education*

EMPLOYMENT SETTINGS

- Federal/state/local government agencies
- Colleges & universities
- Consulting firms
- Court systems
- Embassies
- Law firms
- Media companies
- Political parties
- Political interest groups
- Research organizations
- Corporations
- Labor unions
- U.S. Armed Forces
- Polling organizations

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES

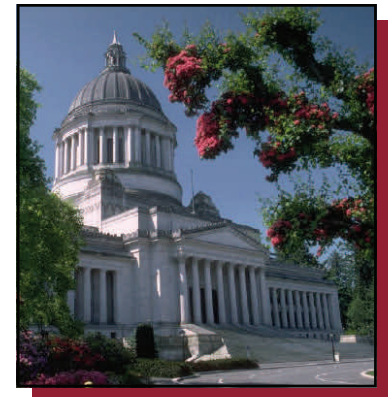
- Assist in preparation of newly proposed laws and perform library research
- Conduct political surveys
- Consult with political parties to recommend strategies in choosing effective leaders and campaigning
- Design political opinion surveys
- Persuade politicians to pass legislation that benefit organizations or groups
- Conduct research
- Perform academic duties
- Prepare reports summarizing public opinions
- Provide information to the public regarding the congress member's position on proposed laws
- Provide political analysis and advice
- Write drafts for new laws, and discuss the laws with lobbyists, reporters and voters
- Write articles, books, reports, papers, other material

SKILLS & ABILITIES

- Advising
- Analyzing
- Answering questions
- Conducting research
- Conflict management
- Critical-thinking
- Decision-making
- Developing ideas
- Evaluating
- Explaining
- Gathering information
- Giving speeches
- Instructing
- Interpreting
- Leading/Coordinating
- Marketing ideas
- Organizing
- Working with computers
- Writing

INTERNET SITES AND PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- American Political Science Association: www.apsanet.org
- League of Women Voters: www.lwv.org
- National Organization for Women: www.now.org
- IUSB Department of Political Science: www.iusb.edu/~sbpol/
- Federal Job Search: www.federaljobsearch.com
- NOW Job Openings: www.now.org/organiza/work.html#jobs
- GOP Jobs: www.gopjob.com
- Careers in Government: www.careersingovernment.com
- Indiana Republican Party: www.indgop.org
- Indiana Democratic Party: www.indems.org
- Libertarian Party of Indiana: www.lpin.org
- St. Joseph County GOP: www.gopsjc.com
- Bureau of Labor Statistics: <http://www.bls.gov/ooh/life-physical-and-social-science/political-scientists.htm#tab-1>



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