

What can I do with a major in...

Political Science?

A major in political science will prepare you for a variety of careers, whether you choose to become a political analyst or apply your skills and knowledge in other work environments. The following list contains a sample of job titles of CMU graduates who majored in political science. This list represents some, but certainly not all, of the careers you may consider.

Career Titles for a Political Science Major:

- Advocate
- Association Manager
- Campaign Manager
- City Manager
- Community Relations Director
- Congressional Aide
- FBI/CIA Agent
- Foreign Correspondent
- Foreign Service Officer
- International Trade Specialist
- Labor Relations Specialist
- Legislative Assistant
- Lobbyist
- Media Analyst
- Newspaper/Magazine Journalist
- Peace Corps/Vista Worker
- Political Pollster
- Public Opinion Interviewer
- Special Interest Director
- Urban/Regional Planner

Students obtaining employment immediately upon graduation usually are those with the best college records and a willingness to relocate for a job. Some of these jobs also require education beyond a bachelor's degree.

Professional Skills Acquired Through a Major in Political Science

Many occupations in today's working world require college-educated individuals who can write and speak well, solve problems, learn new information quickly, and work well with a team. In addition to opening the door to numerous career possibilities in this field, a major in political science will help you develop the fundamental skills that many employers in many other professions are seeking in their employees.

Skills and qualities acquired through a major in political science may include:

- Analytical thinking
- Appreciating competing positions
- Computer literacy
- Decision making
- Defending opinions
- Development
- Interacting with diverse populations
- Interpretation
- Leadership
- Marketing
- Oral and written communication
- Persuasion
- Presenting alternative viewpoints
- Problem solving
- Research and planning
- Teamwork
- Time management
- Understanding community needs
- Working well under pressure

For more information about political science and other majors, please contact Career Services.

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