The Career Center at Loyola University Maryland

Political Science

What can I do with this major?

Print Resources

(All Available in the Career Resource Library in The Career Center)

What to do with your History or Political Science Major
(H/PS Section)

Great Jobs for Political Science Majors
(H/PS Section)

The Insider's Guide to Political Internships
(H/PS Section)

An Insider's Guide to Political Jobs in Washington
(GOV Section)

FBI Careers
(GOV Section)

The Almanac of American Politics
(GOV Section)

Guide to America's Federal Jobs
(GOV Section)

How to Get Into the Top Law Schools
(Grad Section)

The Law School Buzz Book
(Grad Section)

Overview Of Major

Political science is the systematic study of government and politics. It deals with the making and implementing of public policy by means of decisions regarded as authoritative or binding for society. Graduates can pursue careers with Congress, Congressional committees, the White House, lobbying or law firms, interest groups, judges, state legislators or more.

POLITICAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT SITE:
www.loyola.edu/academic/politicalscience.aspx

COURSE CATALOGUE:
www.catalogue.loyola.edu/CATALOGUES/CURRENT/UNDERGRADUATE/artsandsci/polysci.html#PageLink1

ACADEMIC ADVISING AND SUPPORT CENTER:
www.loyola.edu/department/aasc.aspx

Potential job titles

- ◊ Counterterrorism Analyst
- ◊ Community Service Learning Fellow
- ◊ Arbitrator
- ◊ Congressional Aide
- ◊ City Planning Aide
- ◊ Equal Opportunity Specialist
- ◊ Labor Relations Advisor
- ◊ Urban and Regional Planner
- ◊ Public Relations Specialist
- ◊ Paralegal
- ◊ Social Studies Teacher
- ◊ Attorney
- ◊ Foreign Service Officer
- ◊ Appeals Examiner
- ◊ Historian
- ◊ Parole Officer
- ◊ Management Consultant
- ◊ Technological Espionage Intelligence Agent

Where Can I Get An Internship?

- ◊ ACLU
- ◊ Attorney General of Maryland
- ◊ Baltimore Council of Foreign Affairs
- ◊ CNN
- ◊ U.S. Senate
- ◊ HUD
- ◊ Mayor's Office
- ◊ Peace Corps
- ◊ Alternative Directions
- ◊ Baltimore City Public Defender
- ◊ Baltimore Development Corp
- ◊ City of Baltimore
- ◊ U.S. Congress
- ◊ Sallie Mae
- ◊ U.S. Attorney General of Maryland
- ◊ Department of Criminal Justice of NJ

Sample Web Resources

American Bar Association

www.abanet.org

American Political Science Association

www.apsanet.org

Center on Budget & Policy Priorities

www.cbpp.org

Government Jobs

www.governmentjobs.com

FBI

www.fbi.gov

International Court of Justice

www.icj-cij.org

Law School Admission Council

www.lsac.org

Maryland Public Policy Institute

www.mdpolicy.org

Public Agenda

www.publicagenda.org

U.S. Department of State

www.state.gov

U.S. Secret Service

www.secretservice.gov

USA Jobs

www.usajobs.gov

Sample graduate programs pursued by Political Science majors:

- ◊ JD
- ◊ Master of Public Policy
- ◊ Master of Environmental Management
- ◊ Master of Social Work
- ◊ Master of Arts in Teaching
- ◊ Master of Arts in Public Administration

Possible Career Fields

Government

Public Policy ◊ Research ◊ Regional Planning ◊ Foreign Service

City or Town Management ◊ Intelligence COmmunity

Law Enforcement ◊ Legislative, Executive, or Judicial Services

Law

Politics

Elected or Appointed Leadership ◊ Campaign Management

Staff Administration ◊ Special Interest Advocacy

Non-Profit

Administration ◊ Management ◊ Advertising ◊ fundraising

Business

Sales ◊ Human Resources ◊ Management

Advertising ◊ Public Relations

Journalism

Editing ◊ Reporting ◊ Circulation ◊ Sales

Broadcasting

News Programming ◊ Production

Education

Possible Work Settings

Government ◊ Law Firms ◊ Corporations ◊ Special Interest Groups

Non-profits ◊ Campaigns ◊ Political Action Committees ◊ Newspapers

Financial Companies ◊ Insurance Companies ◊ Associations

Print & Electronic Media ◊ TV & Radio Stations ◊ Schools & Colleges

Important Skills & Abilities

Computers ◊ Statisitcs & Data Analysis ◊ Foreign Language

Research ◊ Writing ◊ Communication & Interpersonal ◊ Leadership

Reporting ◊ Debating ◊ Active Listening ◊ Negotiation

service orientation

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