



What you can do with a major in...

Political Science

Transferable Skills

Political Science students are **given insight into how government works** in Indiana, in the United States, and in countries all over the world. They acquire many skills that can **easily transfer to any subject** matter. The following is a list of transferable skills that Political Science majors develop:

Interacting with diverse populations
 Understanding community needs
 Computer literacy
 Working well under pressure
 Developing ideas
 Marketing and persuading
 Working as a team
 Complex decision making
 Self-assessment
 Challenges Assessment

Complex decision making
 Problem solving
 Critical & Analytical thinking
 Researching
 Leadership
 Understanding the big picture
 Appreciating differing worldviews
 Time Management
 Adaptability or Adjustment
 Preparedness

Job Titles of IUPUI Liberal Arts Who Majored in Political Science

The IUPUI Political Science Department focuses on training students to be **critical observers, informed, active participants, and while preparing them for a variety of careers** in everything from politics to teaching, law, public administration and business. The skills learned by Political Science students allow them to embrace various career paths. Their abilities to **dissect problems and generate solutions** while waging risks and consequences lead them to multiple careers including the following:

Academic Affairs Coordinator '07
 Account Executive '95
 Government Affairs Consultant '04
 Assistant Consumer Counselor '97
 Military Personnel Tech '96
 Communications Coordinator, '03
 Media Support Specialist '99
 Information System Specialist '03
 Director of Networks Services '94
 Senior Compliance Analyst '02
 Presidential Appointee/Special Assist '03

Law Clerk '04
 Airport Manager '91
 Care Manager '07
 Firefighter '89
 Policy Analyst '05
 Doctor '74
 Tax System Analyst '98
 Project Coordinator '95
 Real Estate Consultant '00
 VP Governmental Affairs '01
 Director Public Affairs '02

Development Associate '00
 Operations Manager '97
 Travel Consultant '05
 Marketing Director '97
 Intercultural Consultant '91
 Financial Advisor '05
 Founder/CEO '04
 Regional Manager '00
 Senior Loan Officer '02

Additional Job Titles for Political Science

Accountant
 Analyst
 District Attorney
 Consultant (Political)
 Foreign Correspondent
 Foreign Service Officer

International Relations Specialist
 Journalist
 Labor Relations Specialist
 Legislative Advocate
 Lobbyist
 Market-Research Analyst

Political Campaign Manager
 Political Representative
 Professor
 Public Relations Officer
 Researcher
 Teacher

Areas of Employment

Archives	Corporate Companies	Magazines & Newspapers
Airlines	Educational Institutions	Market Research
Associations	Government Agencies	Media & Public Relations
Army	Historical Societies	Nonprofit Organizations
Business & Industry	Import/Export Companies	Political Organizations
Chambers of Commerce	Labor Unions	Regional Planning Councils
Consulting & Lobbying Firms	Law Firms	State Agencies & Institutions

Resources in Local Libraries

Some books available at the IUPUI University Library or at the Indianapolis Marion County Public Library you can use to explore Political Science include:

- *Careers for social scientists: political science* by Chamberlin, Jo Hubbard (IUPUI).
- *Careers for majors in social sciences* by United States Bureau of the Census (IU-Bloomington)
- *Career Opportunities in Law and the Legal Industry* by Susan Echaore-McDavid (IU-Bloomington)
- *Careers in International Law* by American Bar Association (IU-Bloomington)
- *Finding Jobs in Political Science* by Sheilah Mann (WORLDCAT)
- *Great Jobs for Political Science Majors* by Mark Rowh (IUPUI)
- *Great Jobs for Liberal Arts Majors* by Camenson, Blythe (IUPUI)
- *Opportunities in social science careers* by Marek, Rosanne J. (IU-Bloomington)
- *Opportunities in Government* by Neale Baxter and Mark Rowh (IMCPL)
- *So You Want to Be a Lawyer* by Marianne P. Calabrese (IU-Bloomington)

Additional Sources for Information

Alumni and faculty members in your major and related fields are great resources. You can also visit the **Liberal Arts Career Development Office in CA243** to speak with a **career coach**. The Career Development Office can help you gather additional information about careers that interest you and help you locate IU alumni in your desired field to set up informational interviews.

Professional associations are excellent sources of career and employment information, and many of them have websites. Search the internet – many colleges and universities have websites for their Career Centers and for each academic majors also. Many of these sites include career and employment information as well as links to other useful websites. **Below is a list of some sites:**

- American Political Science Association <http://www.apsanet.org>
- American Society for Public Administration www.aspanet.org
- American Society for International Law <http://www.asil.org/ajil.cfm>
- Association for Politics and the Life Sciences <http://websites.usu.edu/APLS/>
- American Society for Political and Legal Philosophy <http://www.political-theory.org/asplp.html>
- Foreign Policy Association <http://www.fpa.org/>
- International Association for Political Science Students <http://www.iapss.org/>
- University of North Carolina <http://www.uncwil.edu/stuaff/career/Majors/political.html>

Primary Resources Used to compile the information in this Document:

Indiana University Alumni Association Directory <https://alumni.indiana.edu/directory/>
IUPUI School of Liberal Arts Political Science Department <http://www.iupui.edu/~polisci/>
Davidson College Office of Career Services <http://www3.davidson.edu/cms/x1106.xml>
University of Texas at Austin Liberal Arts Career Services <http://www.utexas.edu/cola/lacs/>

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