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CAREER OPTIONS FOR POLITICAL SCIENCE MAJORS (continued)

- Public Opinion Analyst
- Public Relations consultant
- Public Speaking Consultant
- Purchasing Agent/Buyer
- Real Estate Agent
- Researcher
- Speech Writer
- Teacher

Some of these career choices may require additional education or preparation in the form of graduate studies, internships or professional formative courses and exams. For a more in-depth description of some the careers mentioned above, please visit the National Occupational Classification website at: http://www.hrsdc.gc.ca/eng/workplaceskills/noc/index.shtml

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- Canadian Political Science Association
- International Political Science Association
- Canadian Policy Research Networks
- Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives
- Access to Justice Networks
- The Canadian Institute of Strategic Studies
- The Council of Canadians
- Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management
- Canadian Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences
- Canadian Council on Social Development

If you wish to explore your interests, identify your goals, and discover how to make the most of your education, we encourage you to sign up for the P.A.C.E. program (Program for the Advancement of Career Exploration).

www.caps.mcgill.ca/programs/pace

Feel free to visit the CAPS office to make an appointment with a career advisor to discuss your career options and job search strategies.

 POTENTIAL EMPLOYERS

- Business Firms
- Charities
- Campaigns
- Computer Firms
- Consulting Firms
- Educational Institutions
- Government
- International Development Agencies
- Law Firms
- Large Corporations
- Newspapers & Magazines
- Non-profit Organizations
- Political Parties
- Public Interest Agencies
- TV & Radio Stations
- Welfare Organizations
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A degree in Political Science will provide you with the opportunity to learn about the ways in which power and authority permeate almost every aspect of our lives. The skills and knowledge you develop as a result of your education, as well as in your work and community activities, have the greatest impact on hiring decisions. Listed below are some key skills and knowledge you will acquire as a result of your university education and your focus on Political Science.

**SPECIFIC KNOWLEDGE SKILLS**

- Understanding the origin, development and operation of various political systems
- Knowledge of the factors that influence and change public opinion
- Ability to critically evaluate the arguments of others and debate effectively
- Understanding of the interrelationship of politics, the economy and geography
- Understanding of policies and strategies of resource allocation among competing groups
- Global viewpoint of leadership principles and social, cultural and political issues
- Ability to perform comparative and critical analyses
- Familiarity with the policy-making process and the relevance of legislation

**DATA-GATHERING AND COMMUNICATION SKILLS**

- The skills required to identify and access a wide range of relevant information and resources
- The ability to compile and organize facts and information, and to comprehend and apply new or unfamiliar information to different situations and settings
- Skills in preparing interesting, creative and informative presentations which target diverse audiences
- The ability to develop effective reports, presentations and materials using current technology

**THINKING, PLANNING AND ORGANIZATION SKILLS**

- The ability to learn, understand and interpret information and apply knowledge to new situations
- The ability to set priorities, meet deadlines and effectively manage time, data and resources
- Problem-solving skills and the ability to make well-reasoned decisions, think creatively and search for, identify and consider all sides of an issue
- Skills to effectively analyze and interpret a wide range of information and data to discuss, support and/or reject ideas, opinions, reports, theories and proposals

**TEAMWORK AND MANAGEMENT SKILLS**

- Skills enabling students to work effectively as part of a team by identifying their role and contributing, through leading, teaching, motivating and encouraging others, to the success of the team
- An understanding of how to successfully identify, plan and contribute to the goals of a project
- The ability to oversee, supervise and contribute to a project from beginning to end including determining outcomes, planning and completing tasks

**CAREER OPTIONS FOR POLITICAL SCIENCE MAJORS**

- Activist
- Business Administrator
- Community Worker
- Consumer Advocate
- Corporate Trainer
- Editor
- Event Coordinator
- Executive Assistant
- Foreign Correspondent
- Foreign Service Officer
- Fundraiser
- Government Administrator
- Historical Researcher
- Human Resource Specialist
- Immigration Officer
- Institutional Researcher
- International Relations Specialist
- Journalist
- Labor Relations Specialist
- Lawyer
- Legal Secretary
- Legislative Aid
- Lobbyist
- Market Research Analyst
- Media Correspondent
- Mediator
- Paralegal
- Police/Corrections Officer
- Policy Analyst
- Policy Researcher
- Politician
- Population studies Analyst
- Professor
- Public Affairs Consultant