

What You Can Do With a Major In... **Political Science**

Career Exploration Websites:

Occupational Outlook Handbook (OOH)

www.bls.gov/oco

O*NET Dictionary of Occupational Titles

www.onetcenter.org/

Career Guide to Industries

www.bls.gov/oco/cg

Job Search Websites:

The #1 Entry Level Job Website

www.collegegrad.com

Political Wire

www.jobs.politicalwire.com

The Federal Government's Official Job Site

www.usajobs.opm.gov

Professional Organizations:

American Political Science Association

www.apsanet.org

International Studies Association

www.isanet.org

Visit USFSP Government and International Affairs Department

<http://www.stpete.usf.edu/coas/hgia/GIA/index.htm>

The study of government focuses on its structure and function, and the necessity for human social order. Political science study attempts to provide the student with a better understanding of political parties, interest groups, international relationships, public law, public administration, liberty, freedom, justice and power.

The Government & International Affairs Program at the University of South Florida St. Petersburg is a unit of the College of Arts and Sciences. The program contains more than 200 undergraduate students. Students in the program are drawn from all over the world and are taught by a faculty with a rich and diverse national and international background. Committed to the liberal arts tradition of intellectual curiosity and diversity, the GIA Department offers students a rigorous program of study that prepares them for successful careers in a rapidly globalizing world. Students in the program examine basic questions of political science, including how nations struggle over power and wealth, how political communities reconcile claims of liberty, authority, and justice, and how governments and societies produce the policies that influence our lives.

Students choose courses from the major subfields of American government, international relations, comparative politics, and political theory. Students develop critical analytical skills that allow them to understand and explain political problems and issues at the local, state, national and international levels. The program is unique in its focus on human rights and civil rights across the curriculum, as well as its commitment to civic engagement and experiential learning. Meeting the degree requirements in political science will prepare students for positions in public service and the private sector, for law school, and for graduate work in political science, international relations, public administration, and related disciplines.

Areas of Concentration:

Government

Public Policy; Research; Regional Planning; City or Town Management; Intelligence; Foreign Service; Law Enforcement ; Program Administration; Legislative, Executive, or Judicial Services

Law

Federal, state, local government; Law firms

Politics

Elected or Appointed Leadership; Staff Administration; Campaign Management; Special Interest Advocacy

Nonprofit

Administration; Management; Public relations; Fund Raising

Business

Sales; Management; Human Resources; Advertising; Public Relations

Journalism

Editing; Reporting; Circulation; Sales

Broadcasting

News Programming; Production

Education

Teacher; Professor

Possible Occupational Opportunities:

Community org. worker	Community relations
Customs manager	FBI/CIA Agent
Congress/legislative aide	Customs inspector
Diplomatic aide	Foreign correspondent
Diplomatic officer	ESL teacher
Foreign diplomat	Anthropologist
Foreign information officer	International conference planner
Foreign student advisor	Campaign worker
Foreign service officer	Immigration inspector
Intelligence specialist	City manager
Foreign news correspondent	Missionary
International consultant	Int'l Account manager
Peace Corps	Research assistant
International broadcaster	Int'l-relations specialist
National security agent	Foreign export
Announcer	Lawyer
Labor unions	Lobbyist
Businesses	Judge
Educator	Politician
Diplomat	Editor
Political consultant	Urban planner
Political scientist	School administrator
Government worker	Hospital administrator
Public health official	Chamber of Commerce manager

Possible Employment Settings:

Advertising departments and agencies	Air, bus, and rail lines
Banking and finance	Business and industry
Central Intelligence Agency	Chambers of Commerce
Civil Service Commission	Nonprofit Organization
Department of State	Department of Defense
Education	Federal Trade Commission
Federal Communications Commission	Regional Planning
Political Action Committees	Newspapers
Foreign Service Department	Immigration/Naturalization