

# Linking Majors to Careers

## POLITICS

# Politics

Political scientists explore the ways people organize, administer and modify the institutions that govern their societies. Majors of this discipline investigate the theory and practice of political, economic and social systems, the uses of power, and forms of change. Specialties may include comparative politics, international relations, political theory and behavior or public policy.

▪ With a bachelor's degree in Politics one can be employed in federal agencies that deal with civil rights, consumer affairs, labor or foreign relations. Working in a state or national legislature is another option. Corporations and public interest groups are two other settings where political science skills are used.

**SKILLS:** The person who majors in **Politics** at Regis University has the opportunity to learn a variety of essential **skills** such as:

- understanding
- gathering data
- detail work
- negotiating
- writing
- comprehending complexity
- view isolated events in a larger context
- communicating effectively
- learn how systems of government work
- Expressing
- Observing
- Categorizing
- explaining
- synthesizing
- improving
- researching
- making presentations
- making decisions
- analyzing
- perceiving
- assessing
- seeing patterns
- comparing

### **SOME SUGGESTIONS FOR SUCCESSFUL ENTRY INTO A CAREER:**

1. Develop communication skills such as debate, persuasive speaking and negotiation. Hone these skills by becoming active in campus organizations.
2. Finely developed reading and writing skills are important to comprehending and being able to explain the complex subject matter of political science. Analytical abilities can be gained through taking the most challenging courses in the curriculum.
3. As with all fields of study that provide broad skills, getting practical experience while in school is important to obtaining a career-related position after graduation. This can be in the form of internships, volunteer work for a political organization or campaign, participation in the model United Nations, or student government.
4. Since governmental units are continually interacting, fluency in a foreign language is a desired skill. Travel and study abroad can offer a broadened perspective that will help you better understand your own culture as well as the ones you are visiting.

**RELATED JOBS:** With strong communications skills, careers in business, journalism, reporting, broadcasting and foreign correspondence and many others are within reach. Graduate studies can prepare you for positions in law, research, Foreign Service, college teaching or high-level administrative posts. Listed below are additional typical career fields politics majors frequently enter:

administrative officer/government service	archivist
city manager	urban planner
college Professor*	securities analyst
community relations specialist	campaign specialist
cultural-affairs officer	customs inspector
demographer	director of institutional research
editor/publications	election supervisor
foreign-service officer	import-export agent
intelligence specialist	international-relations specialist
law enforcement officer	labor relations specialist
legislative advocate	manager/chamber of commerce
legislative aide	correspondent
lobbyist	lawyer
market-research analyst	newscaster
probation/parole officer	reporter(print & publications)
research assistant	social worker
special agent/FBI or CIA	high-school teacher
writer(prose, fiction, nonfiction)	

\* Requires a graduate degree.

## **WEB SITES RELATED TO POLITICAL SCIENCE:**

Account Manager	<a href="http://stats.bls.gov/oco/ocos020.htm">stats.bls.gov/oco/ocos020.htm</a>
Archivist	<a href="http://stats.bls.gov/oco/ocos065.htm">stats.bls.gov/oco/ocos065.htm</a>
Attorney	<a href="http://stats.bls.gov/oco/ocos053.htm">stats.bls.gov/oco/ocos053.htm</a>
Consultant	<a href="http://stats.bls.gov/oco/ocos019.htm">stats.bls.gov/oco/ocos019.htm</a>
Criminologist	<a href="http://stats.bls.gov/oco/ocos020.htm">stats.bls.gov/oco/ocos020.htm</a>
Labor Relations	<a href="http://stats.bls.gov/oco/ocos021.htm">stats.bls.gov/oco/ocos021.htm</a>
Law Enforcement Officer	<a href="http://stats.bls.gov/oco/ocos160.htm">stats.bls.gov/oco/ocos160.htm</a>
Lawyer	<a href="http://stats.bls.gov/oco/ocos053.htm">stats.bls.gov/oco/ocos053.htm</a>
Legal Assistant	<a href="http://stats.bls.gov/oco/ocos114.htm">stats.bls.gov/oco/ocos114.htm</a>
News Reporter	<a href="http://stats.bls.gov/oco/ocos088.htm">stats.bls.gov/oco/ocos088.htm</a>
Paralegal	<a href="http://stats.bls.gov/oco/ocos114.htm">stats.bls.gov/oco/ocos114.htm</a>
Public Relations Managers	<a href="http://stats.bls.gov/oco/ocos020.htm">stats.bls.gov/oco/ocos020.htm</a>
Researcher	<a href="http://stats.bls.gov/oco/ocos055.htm">stats.bls.gov/oco/ocos055.htm</a>
Technical Writer	<a href="http://stats.bls.gov/oco/ocos089.htm">stats.bls.gov/oco/ocos089.htm</a>
Writer/Author	<a href="http://stats.bls.gov/oco/ocos089.htm">stats.bls.gov/oco/ocos089.htm</a>
Broadcast Journalist	<a href="http://stats.bls.gov/oco/ocos087.htm">stats.bls.gov/oco/ocos087.htm</a>
Management Analyst	<a href="http://stats.bls.gov/oco/ocos019.htm">stats.bls.gov/oco/ocos019.htm</a>
Market & Survey Researcher	<a href="http://stats.bls.gov/oco/ocos055.htm">stats.bls.gov/oco/ocos055.htm</a>
Judge	<a href="http://stats.bls.gov/oco/ocos272.htm">stats.bls.gov/oco/ocos272.htm</a>
Social Scientist	<a href="http://stats.bls.gov/oco/ocos054.htm">stats.bls.gov/oco/ocos054.htm</a>
Journalist	<a href="http://stats.bls.gov/oco/ocos088.htm">stats.bls.gov/oco/ocos088.htm</a>
Legislator	<a href="http://stats.bls.gov/oco/ocos012.htm">stats.bls.gov/oco/ocos012.htm</a>
Legislative Correspondent	<a href="http://stats.bls.gov/oco/ocos088.htm">stats.bls.gov/oco/ocos088.htm</a>

## **PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN THIS FIELD:**

Cato (Think Tank)	<a href="http://www.cato.org">www.cato.org</a>
Congressional Quarterly	<a href="http://www.cq.com">www.cq.com</a>
Heritage Foundation (Think Tank)	<a href="http://www.heritage.org">www.heritage.org</a>
International Monetary Fund	<a href="http://www.imf.org">www.imf.org</a>
John F. Kennedy School of Government	<a href="http://www.ksg.harvard.edu/">www.ksg.harvard.edu/</a>
NGO Locator	<a href="http://www.ngonet.org">www.ngonet.org</a>
Opportunities in Public Affairs	<a href="http://www.opajobs.com">www.opajobs.com</a>
RAND	<a href="http://www.rand.org">www.rand.org</a>
Roll Call (Newspaper of Capitol Hill)	<a href="http://www.rollcall.com">www.rollcall.com</a>
The Hill (Newspaper for and About US Congress)	<a href="http://www.thehill.com">www.thehill.com</a>
US Department of State	<a href="http://www.foreignservicecareers.gov">www.foreignservicecareers.gov</a>
American Political Science Association	<a href="http://www.apsanet.org">www.apsanet.org</a>
Association of Professional Schools of International Affairs	<a href="http://www.apsia.org">www.apsia.org</a>
American Society for Public Administration	<a href="http://www.aspanet.org">www.aspanet.org</a>
International Political Science Association	<a href="http://www.ipsa.ca">www.ipsa.ca</a>
International Studies Association Network	<a href="http://csf.colorado.edu/isa">csf.colorado.edu/isa</a>
National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration	<a href="http://www.naspaa.org">www.naspaa.org</a>
National Institute for Research Advancement	<a href="http://www.nira.go.jp">www.nira.go.jp</a>
Peace Science Society International	<a href="http://pss.la.psu.edu">pss.la.psu.edu</a>

## CAREER RESOURCES IN:

- CAREER SERVICES LIBRARY (CS)
  - DAYTON MEMORIAL LIBRARY (DM)
  - ON THE INTERNET
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### Career and Occupational Information

*Occupational Outlook Handbook* (CS, DM, and <http://www.bls.gov/oco>)

ONET <http://online.onetcenter.org>

*Adams Jobs Almanac* (CS, DM)

*Dictionary of Occupational Titles* (CS, DM)

*Great Careers for... series* (CS)

*Careers for ... series* (CS)

*Careers in ... series* (DM)

*Encyclopedia of Career and Vocational Guidance* (DM)

*Liberal Arts Career News* (CS)

### Professional Organizations

*National Directory of Non-Profit Organizations* (DM)

*Denver Meets* (DM)

*Encyclopedia of Associations* (link on DM online catalog)

Internet Public Library listing at: <http://www.ipl.org/div/aon>

### Employer Directories

*Reference USA* (link on DM online catalog)

*Denver Business Journal Top 25 Book of Lists* (CS, DM)

*Colorado Business Directory* (DM and available via link on DM online catalog)

*Directory of Colorado Manufacturers* (DM)

*Rocky Mountain High Tech. Directory* (DM)

*Almanac of American Employers* (DM)

*Job Banks for US cities* (CS, DM)

*Standard & Poor's Register of Corp. Directory* (link on DM online catalog)

*Thomas Register of American Manufacturers* <http://www.thomasregister.com>

*Directory of Colorado Non-Profits* (DM and <http://www.coloradonoprofits.org>)

### Employment Outlook

*Occupational Outlook Quarterly* (CS, DM)

*Job Rated Almanac* (DM)

*CAM report* (CS)

*Employment Outlook for Colorado* (DM)

### Internships

Internships are placements with employers that give Regis College students with a GPA of 2.5 or better the opportunity to combine coursework with real-life experience while earning academic credit. Internships enhance academic knowledge, personal development and professional preparation. In addition, a successful internship can give students an edge when hiring decisions are made because employers seek applicants with practical experience in their field. Students interested in an internship need to register with the **Academic Internship Program** for help with determining a site placement, learning objectives and academic criteria.

### Graduate School Information

*Real Guide to Grad School* (CS, DM)

*Peterson's Graduate and Professional Programs* (CS, DM and <http://www.petersons.com>)

*Gorman Report* (CS)

*Graduate School Admissions Advisor* (CS)

*Getting what you came for* (CS)

*Educational Rankings Annual* (DM)

*College Blue Book* (DM)

*Directory of Post-Secondary Institutions* (DM)

### Salary Information

*Colorado Occupational Wages* (<http://www.coworkforce.com/lmi/wages/wages.asp>)

*Compensation & Working Conditions* (DM)

*NACE Salary Survey* (CS)

Salary.com - <http://Salary.com>

### Alumni Career Network

One of the best resources for career information is people who work in the field you are considering. Contact information for Regis Alumni who have agreed to talk with students investigating career fields is available on the Alumni Career Network, a program located under "Alumni" at <http://www.ecampusrecruiter.com/regis>

### World Wide Web Sites

Regis Career Services: <http://www.regis.edu/careerservices>

Dayton Memorial Library article and research database: <http://www.regis.edu/libdatabase.asp?sctn=lib&p1=empty>

JobWeb (NACE): <http://www.jobweb.org>

Career Magazine: <http://www.careermag.com>

America's Job Bank: <http://www.ajb.dni.us>