

Career Information for Political Science Majors

OSU CAREER DEVELOPMENT CENTER RESOURCES

<https://career.oregonstate.edu/>

- Handshake Accounts
- Career Events- Get a Dam Job Series
- Career & Major Exploration
- Assistance with Job and Internship Searches
- Resume and Cover Letter Preparation
- Interview Skills
- Graduate School Information
- Alumni/ Employer Connections
- Resume Reviews with VMock

USEFUL JOB/INTERNSHIP RESOURCES

- O*NET
- Handshake
- Buzzfile
- LinkedIn (OSU Alumni)
- Internships.com
- Glassdoor.com
- Indeed.com
- USAjobs.gov
- www.governmentjobs.com/careers/oregon
- <https://liberalarts.oregonstate.edu/spp/polisci/programs/internships>

SKILLS DEVELOPED IN MAJOR

- Make Projections
- Organizing People/Ideas
- Thinking Logically
- Decision-Making
- Public Speaking
- Critical Listening
- Mediating/Negotiating Conflicts
- Interpreting Data
- Survey Research

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HOT JOBS FOR POLITICAL SCIENCE MAJORS

- Policy Analyst
- Social Media Manager
- Legislative Assistant
- Marketing Research Analyst
- Political Consultant
- Attorney/Paralegal
- Intelligence or Investment Analyst
- Public Relations
- Political Campaign Staff
- College Student Leadership
- Sales Operations
- Non-Profit/Community Outreach Coordinator
- City Manager
- Peace Corps Volunteer Coordinator

SAMPLE OF GRADUATE DEGREE OPTIONS

- Public Relations
- Government
- International Relations
- American Politics
- Comparative Politics
- Applied Politics
- Public Administration (MPA) or (DPA)
- Public Policy (MPP) (PhD)
- Interdisciplinary Studies (MAIS)
- Law (J.D.)
- Political Science
- Master's in Business Administration (MBA)
- Education



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PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Virtually every type of career and industry has Professional Associations that host events and conferences, produce statistics and reports, write best practices and newsletters, announce job openings, and serve as a connector for their many professional members. As a student, you may be able to get a reduced (or free) membership rate and qualify for scholarships.

Here are some Professional Associations that Political Science Majors may want to check out:

- **American Political Science Association:** <https://www.apsanet.org/>
- **International Political Science Association:** <https://www.ipsa.org/>
- **Southern Political Science Association:** <https://spsa.net/>
- **American Society for Public Administration:** <http://www.aspanet.org/>
- **Association for Political Theory:** <https://associationforpoliticaltheory.org/>
- **Academy of Political Science:** <https://www.psqonline.org/>
- **International City/ County Management Association:** <https://icma.org/>
- **International Institute of Administrative Services:** <https://www.iias-iisa.org/>
- **National Academy of Public Administration:** <https://www.napawash.org/>

MAKING PROFESSIONAL CONNECTIONS

Creating and growing connections is crucial when it comes to finding internships and jobs. While you need to bring your experience and knowledge to the table, it is true that most employees secure their jobs through the people they know. Ask your faculty, advisors, and Career Development Career staff to help you find professionals in your fields of interest and start seeking out ways to expand your network.

Below are some tips that will help you start finding and nurturing valuable connections:

- **Conduct Informational Interviews-** Seek out OSU Alumni or other professionals to ask for a half hour meeting. Ask them questions about their jobs, careers, industry experience, etc.
- **LinkedIn-** A complete profile is a must-have for any college student to connect with a professional community and gain industry news and knowledge.
- **Online Presence-** Create a polished, professional online presence through various social media outlets.
- **Attend-** OSU career fairs, career panels, employer events, workshops, and career treks