

Career Information for Public Policy 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.gouvernementjobs.com/careers/oregon
- www.policyalmanac.org
- <http://hillzoo.com>
- Idealist.org
- <https://www.psjd.org>
- <https://pac.org>
- <https://www.rcjobs.com>
- <https://thehill.com>
- <http://www.publicservicecareers.org>

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SKILLS DEVELOPED IN MAJOR

- Policy Analysis
- Research
- Analyze Datasets
- Forecast Political Developments
- Program Evaluation
- Survey
- Leadership
- Data Mining
- Communication Plans

HOT JOBS FOR PUBLIC POLICY MAJORS

- Public Policy Analyst/Public Affairs
- Scientific Research
- Development Services
- Consulting
- Program Administrator
- Education
- Urban/Regional Planner
- Community Outreach Manager
- Transportation Coordinator
- Non-Profit Management
- Political Scientist
- Survey Researcher
- Market Research Analyst
- Environmental Health Director
- Compliance/Policy Director
- Legislative Analyst
- Campaign Director
- Public Relations
- Director of Government Relations
- Diplomat



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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 Public Policy Majors may want to check out:

- **American Society for Public Administration:** <https://www.aspanet.org/>
- **Alliance for Nonprofit Management:** <https://allianceonline.site-ym.com/>
- **International City/County Management Association:** <https://icma.org/>
- **Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management:** <http://www.appam.org/>
- **Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs, and Administration:** <https://www.naspaa.org/>
- **Emerging Local Government Leaders:** <https://elgl.org/>
- **Young Nonprofit Professional Network:** <http://www.ynnpn.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

SAMPLE OF GRADUATE DEGREE OPTIONS

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master of Public Policy (MPP) • Master of Public Administration (MPA) • Master of Public Affairs (MPAff) • Law (J.D.) • Master of Government Service • Economic Policy • Health Policy & Management | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doctor of Public Administration (DPA) • Doctor of Public Policy (DPP) • Doctor of Public Affairs (DPAff) • Public Finance and Budgeting • Homeland Security & Emergency Management • International Global Policy and Administration | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International Relations/ Development • Executive Master of Urban Planning/Policy • Public Affairs • Master of Business Administration (MBA) • Environmental Policy & Management |
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