

What can I do with a...

Major in Political Science?

<i>I CAN GO IN TO...</i>	<i>AND POSSIBLY WORK FOR...</i>	<i>DOING THIS CAN HELP ME GET THERE...</i>	<i>SAMPLE COMPANIES</i>	<i>SAMPLE TITLES</i>
CAREER AREA	POTENTIAL EMPLOYERS & INDUSTRIES	CAREER PREPARATION STRATEGIES	SAMPLE LIST FOR THIS MAJOR	SAMPLE LIST FOR THIS MAJOR
LOCAL AND STATE GOVERNMENT				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public Policy Urban Planning City or Town Management Legislative, Executive, and Judicial Services Program Administration General Services Community Affairs Social Services Law Enforcement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Counties Cities Municipalities Townships School districts Departments of state government Legislative agencies Court systems School districts 	<p>Sharpen your skills</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conduct research, e.g. education. Homelessness, etc. that could be useful to your community. Get involved in civic organizations and events. Familiar with government application process. <p>Gain experience</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Intern in a government agency. Participate in local or national election campaigns. <p>Network Develop a network of contacts through referrals and informational interviews.</p> <p>Pursue a minor Click or tap here to enter text.</p> <p>Pursue graduate school Public administration (MPA) or public policy (MPP).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fort Worth Gasket & Supply Texas CASA Texas Public Policy Foundation 	<p>Job titles</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Government Contract Management PUBLIC POLICY FELLOW Policy Analyst, Life: Powered <p>Internship titles Click or tap here to enter text.</p>

CAREER AREA	POTENTIAL EMPLOYERS/INDUSTRIES	CAREER PREPARATION STRATEGIES	SAMPLE LIST FOR THIS MAJOR	SAMPLE LIST FOR THIS MAJOR
BUSINESS				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sales • Human Resources • Management • Public Relations • Market Research • Customer Service • Marketing • Advertising • Product Design • Real Estate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Product and service organizations • Retail stores • Hotels • Restaurants • Manufacturers • Insurance companies • Print and electronic media • Consulting firms • Other business corporations • Financial institutions • Real estate companies • Property management firms 	<p>Sharpen your skills</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analytical, verbal, writing, and leadership skills. • Interpersonal and computer skills. Learn software packages such as databases, spreadsheets and presentations. • Corporate social responsibilities. <p>Gain experience Click or tap here to enter text.</p> <p>Network Click or tap here to enter text.</p> <p>Pursue a minor Minor/double major in business</p> <p>Pursue a graduate degree Click or tap here to enter text.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PR by the Book • Davis Integration Group LLC • Habitat Hunters • Optimus Business Plans LLC 	<p>Job titles</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Licensed Real Estate • Business Plan Writer <p>Internship titles</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Relations Intern

CAREER AREA	POTENTIAL EMPLOYERS/INDUSTRIES	CAREER PREPARATION STRATEGIES	SAMPLE LIST FOR THIS MAJOR	SAMPLE LIST FOR THIS MAJOR
NONPROFIT				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Administration • Management • Public Relations • Fund Raising/Development • Policy Analysis • Research • Grant Writing • Direct Service • Advocacy • Volunteer Coordination 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foundations • Charitable organizations • Trade or professional associations • Special interest groups • Labor unions • Libraries • Museums • Historic sites/historical societies • Research organizations and think tanks • Educational institutions • AmeriCorps, Peace Corps, VISTA 	<p>Sharpen your skills</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication, research, and grant writing skills. • Knowledge of public health, environment, and urban issues. • It is critical that you are knowledgeable and committed to the work you're going to do. <p>Gain experience Volunteer or intern with a nonprofit organization.</p> <p>Network Click or tap here to enter text.</p> <p>Pursue a minor Business, psychology, or social work.</p> <p>Pursue a graduate degree Click or tap here to enter text.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Texas CASA • Dress for Success Austin • Better Business Bureau Serving the Heart of Texas • Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services • OneStar Foundation 	<p>Job titles</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business Development Representative • Single Parent Family and Transitional Living Coordinator • OneStar: Annette Strauss Strategic Growth VISTA <p>Internship titles</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Client Services Intern

CAREER AREA	POTENTIAL EMPLOYERS/INDUSTRIES	CAREER PREPARATION STRATEGIES	SAMPLE LIST FOR THIS MAJOR	SAMPLE LIST FOR THIS MAJOR
<p>MEDIA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Editing • Reporting • Circulation • Sales • Publishing • Electronic Media • Public Relations • News Programming • Production 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newspapers: national, local, or trade • Magazines • Large corporations • Political parties • Political action committees • Professional publications/associations • Labor unions • Academic journals • Broadcast media companies including television, radio, and the movie industry • Major networks • Television stations • Radio networks • Independent radio syndications • Video production companies • Government agencies 	<p>Sharpen your skills</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Desktop publishing photography. • Social media. • HTML and other computer programs. • Verbal and written communication skills, communication courses, and writing intensive coursework. • Create a portfolio of published writing samples. • Public relations, interpersonal, and communication skills. <p>Gain experience</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intern with a newspaper, magazine, radio station, or television station. • Join the college newspaper, yearbook, or other publication staff. • Become a student member of professional associations. <p>Network Political party/group, build networks, coalitions and alliances with associations.</p> <p>Pursue a minor Click or tap here to enter text.</p> <p>Pursue a graduate degree Click or tap here to enter text.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Community News • Cumulus Media • Wick Marketing • The Dalhart Texan • NewsWest 9 • KAUZ-TV • Spectrum Networks 	<p>Job titles</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Media Sales Representative • News Anchor Reporter • Board Operator - WBAP/KLIF-AM • Reporter/Layout • News Producer • News Content Specialist <p>Internship titles</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Account Service, Creative & Social Media Internship • Spectrum News Austin Internship

CAREER AREA	POTENTIAL EMPLOYERS/INDUSTRIES	CAREER PREPARATION STRATEGIES	SAMPLE LIST FOR THIS MAJOR	SAMPLE LIST FOR THIS MAJOR
<p>EDUCATION</p> <p>Elementary Middle Secondary Administration Higher Education:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teaching • Research • Administration • Student Affairs • Information/Library Services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • K-12 schools, public and private • Boards of education • Four-year colleges and universities • Two-year and community colleges • Technical schools • Medical and professional schools 	<p>Sharpen your skills Click or tap here to enter text.</p> <p>Gain experience</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teaching certificate for subject area and/or grade level. • Seek experiences with youth through summer jobs at camps or other community organizations. • Peer Mentors, Resident Assistants, or Orientation Leaders. <p>Network Click or tap here to enter text.</p> <p>Pursue a minor Teacher preparation program</p> <p>Pursue a graduate degree</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doctoral degree is required to teach and research at four-year institutions. • A master's or Ph.D. • Master's degree in student personnel, student development, counseling, or library/information sciences. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Great Oaks Charter Schools • 4-H CAPITAL • Kerrville Independent School District 	<p>Job titles</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tutor Corps - Urban Education Fellowship • 4-H CAPITAL Education Instructor • Special Education Inclusion Teacher- TIVY HIGH SCHOOL <p>Internship titles Click or tap here to enter text.</p>

CAREER AREA	POTENTIAL EMPLOYERS/INDUSTRIES	CAREER PREPARATION STRATEGIES	SAMPLE LIST FOR THIS MAJOR	SAMPLE LIST FOR THIS MAJOR
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public Policy Research Intelligence Foreign Service Law Enforcement General Services Legislative, Executive, or Judicial Services Program Administration 	<p>There are over 170 federal departments and agencies. See http://gogovernment.org/</p>	<p>Sharpen your skills</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Computers, statistics, and data analysis. Foreign language competency and travel experience for international positions. <p>Gain experience</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seek leadership roles in model United Nations, student government and cross-cultural organizations. Internship in a federal agency or department. Participate in national campaigns. <p>Network</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Informational interviews with government employees. Build a strong personal network. <p>Pursue a minor Click or tap here to enter text.</p> <p>Pursue a graduate degree Click or tap here to enter text.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Texas Public Finance Authority Travis County Texas Legislative Council Commander Navy Region Southeast Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) 	<p>Job titles</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Corrections Cadet Legal Receptionist Civil Rights Housing Section Investigator Legal Assistant <p>Internship titles</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accounting Technician Intern Commander Navy Region Southeast Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) Internship

CAREER AREA	POTENTIAL EMPLOYERS/INDUSTRIES	CAREER PREPARATION STRATEGIES	SAMPLE LIST FOR THIS MAJOR	SAMPLE LIST FOR THIS MAJOR
LAW				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prosecution • Defense • Contractual • Corporate • Nonprofit or Public Interest • Government • Mediation • Law Assistance • Lobbying • Other Specialties 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Law firms • Federal, state, and local government • Private practice • Corporations • Special Interest groups • Universities and colleges • Legal aid societies • Nonprofit and public interest organizations, e.g. ACLU, NAACP Legal Defense Fund, Legal Services Corporation • Legal clinics • Other private legal services 	<p>Sharpen your skills Research skills and attention to detail.</p> <p>Gain experience</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participate in debate teams to hone communication skills. • Part-time job or summer work in a law firm. • Shadow an attorney. <p>Network Prelaw organizations</p> <p>Pursue a minor Choose courses or a minor to specialize in a particular area of law, e.g. a minor in business for a career in corporate law. Obtain specialized certification for paralegal positions.</p> <p>Pursue a graduate degree Law school and earn a law degree (JD). Prepare for the LSAT (Law School Admission Test).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maria T. LoRusso, P.C. • Law Offices of John Vong, PLLC • Arlington Police Department • Houston Police Department • Dallas Police Department • Irving, Texas Police Department • Texas RioGrande Legal Aid, Inc. (TRLA) • Texas Legislative Council 	<p>Job titles</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Law Clerk/Associate • Paralegal • Police Officer • Paralegal - Legal Advocacy for Veterans Project • Legal Assistant <p>Internship titles</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Police Internship

CAREER AREA	POTENTIAL EMPLOYERS/INDUSTRIES	CAREER PREPARATION STRATEGIES	SAMPLE LIST FOR THIS MAJOR	SAMPLE LIST FOR THIS MAJOR
POLITICS				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elected or Appointed Leadership Campaign Management Staff Administration Special Interest Advocacy Political Advising Lobbying Public Policy Public Relations Community Organizing Government Relations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Legislative, executive, or judicial officials National, state, or local government Political action committees Political parties Campaigns: national, state, or local Industrial, educational, and public interest groups Lobbying organizations Large business firms Polling and consulting forms Advocacy organizations 	<p>Sharpen your skills</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Statistics, economics, public policy. Public relations, interpersonal, and communication skills. <p>Gain experience</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Volunteer for national, state, or local campaigns. Begin a political career as a volunteer. Many elected public officials begin careers in other fields (law, medicine, business) before campaigning for office. Internships with government agencies, lobbying firms, or legislatures. Leadership roles in campus organizations. Student government or community service projects. <p>Network Political party/group. Build networks, coalitions and alliances with associations.</p> <p>Pursue a minor Click or tap here to enter text.</p> <p>Pursue a graduate degree Click or tap here to enter text.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Todd Litton for Congress Adrienne Bell for Congress 2018 Barrage, LLC Texas Association of Charitable Clinics Workers Defense Project Congressional Leadership Fund Murphy Nasica Texas Campaign for the Environment 	<p>Job titles</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Campaign Field Organizer Houston Campaign Manager (Lead Organizer) Seeking Field Representatives/Organizers for Various National Republican Projects & Campaigns Environmental Activist <p>Internship titles</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Campaign Fellowship Congressional Leadership Fund - Campaign Internships Political Campaign Internship with the Congressional Leadership Fund Community Organizer Internship

CAREER AREA	POTENTIAL EMPLOYERS/INDUSTRIES	CAREER PREPARATION STRATEGIES	SAMPLE LIST FOR THIS MAJOR	SAMPLE LIST FOR THIS MAJOR
INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Governance • Policy Making and Analysis • Public Sector Reform • Poverty-Reduction Strategy • Ethics and Anti-corruption • Human Rights • Public Law • Organization and Management Development • Resource Development • Public-Private Partnerships • Media/Communication Policy and Practice 	<p>Intergovernmental agencies, e.g. World Bank, United Nations, etc.</p> <p>National Governments</p> <p>Non-governmental organizations (NGOs)</p> <p>Non-profit agencies</p> <p>Religious organizations</p> <p>Foundations</p> <p>Policy and research organizations</p> <p>Private businesses</p> <p>Contracting and consulting firms</p> <p>Research institutes</p> <p>Defense contractors</p> <p>Federal government including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Department of State • Department of Agriculture • Department of Commerce • Department of Defense • National Security Council 	<p>Sharpen your skills</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research the history and culture of interest areas. • Become proficient in at least one foreign language. • Learn about international travel regulations and take steps towards obtaining work or study visas for various locations. <p>Gain experience</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working abroad. • Mission trips. <p>Network</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make and maintain contacts in foreign countries. • Get involved with the international student population. <p>Pursue a minor</p> <p>Double major or minor in business or psychology</p> <p>Pursue a graduate degree</p> <p>International affairs, foreign policy, or other specialty, areas. Consider entering the Peace Corps.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mzuzah Charitable Inc. • Habitat for Humanity International • Benchmark International 	<p>Job titles</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International Emerging Market Trip Volunteer • Habitat AmeriCorps Position • Transaction Director <p>Internship titles</p> <p>Click or tap here to enter text.</p>

Selected information on this majors to careers information sheet was adapted from What Can I Do With This Major? produced by the University of Tennessee Center for Career Development.