

Careers in Political Science, Public Administration, and International Studies

Students who graduate with undergraduate or graduate degrees (MA/MS/MPA/MIS, JD, and Ph.D.) in the areas of Political Science, Public Administration, and International Studies acquire broad skills and knowledge that may lead to successful careers in government, corporations, and non-government organizations. Below is just a sample of the many different jobs that graduates of these degrees have been successful in obtaining in recent years.

1. Federal, State, and Local Government

Foreign Service Officer (diplomat)

Intelligence Analyst or Agent

Administrative Assistant

Urban or Regional Planner

City or County Manager

Budget Analyst or Examiner

Public Policy Analyst

Foreign Affairs Specialist

Human Resources Manager or Assistant

Program Officer

Legislative Director/Assistant (for a Members of Congress)

Prosecuting Attorney or District Attorney

Federal, State, or Local Court Judge

Public Defender (criminal defense attorney appointed to represent an individual accused of a crime by the government)

Teacher (Social Studies, Government)

Urban Policy Planner

Immigration Officer

Military Officer

2. Law Firms, Multinational Corporations, and other Businesses

Attorney (International Law, Criminal Law, Civil Law, Environmental Law, Copyright Law, etc.)

Director of Government Relations/Affairs

Lobbyist

Legal Assistant (Paralegal)

Administrative Assistant

Customer Service Manager or Representative

Insurance Claims Clerk or Sales Agent

International Trade Specialist or Analyst

3. International Non-Government Organizations and Domestic Non-Profit Organizations

Program Director or Manager

Lobbyist

Community Activist

Field Organizer

Fundraiser

4. Think-Tanks

Research Assistant

International or Domestic Policy Analyst

Program Associate

5. Political Campaigns

Political Consultant or Analyst

Campaign Manager or Staff Member

Polling/Survey Analyst

Communications Director

Field Director

6. Media and Public Relations

Journalist (Political Correspondent)

Political Commentator

Author (Writer)

Public Relations Representative or Specialist