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<td>Business</td>
<td>Consulting companies, Financial institutions, Insurance companies, Major retail firms, Manufacturers and wholesalers, Nonprofit organizations</td>
<td>• Consider an MBA for brand management, consulting, and research opportunities. • Gain experience as a financial officer or treasurer of a campus organization. • Obtain experience through part-time jobs and internships.</td>
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<td>Education</td>
<td>Colleges and universities, Libraries, Private learning centers, Public and private schools, School Board Member</td>
<td>• Become an “expert” in a particular subject. • Become skilled in the use of multimedia. • Earn a graduate degree to teach in post-secondary institutions. • Gain volunteer experience in an education setting. • Learn how to develop curriculum and workshops.</td>
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<td>Government &amp; Public Administration</td>
<td>Federal Government, State and Local Government, City or Town Management, Congressional Research, Legislative, Executive, or Program Administration, Public Policy, White House Advisor, Diplomats, Foreign Service, Intelligence-CIA, FBI, NSA, Peace Corps, Volunteer Policy Analyst, Strategic Planning</td>
<td>• Become familiar with specialized government hiring procedures. • Complete an internship with a government agency. • Consider a variety of entry-level positions in all branches of government. • Develop foreign language skills and have foreign travel experiences. • Gain relevant experience in student government or other related organizations.</td>
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<td>International Careers</td>
<td>Department of Defense, International Monetary Fund, International Trade Administration, National Security Council, United Nations, U.S. Embassies, U.S. State Department</td>
<td>• Become involved in international clubs or participate in Model United Nations. • Do an internship with nonprofit enterprises, international relief organizations, or intergovernmental organizations. • Gain foreign language proficiency; Arabic, Chinese, French, Russian, and Spanish are highly marketable. • Participate in a summer or semester abroad program.</td>
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<td>Journalism</td>
<td>Internet Sites, Magazines/Newspapers, National, State, and regional radio networks, News departments of local, public, and commercial radio/TV stations, Political action committees, Political Parties, Syndicated radio services, Wire Services</td>
<td>• Become proficient in desktop publishing and photography. • Choose writing intensive coursework. • Consider obtaining a minor or double major in communications. • Create a portfolio of published writing samples. • Find summer or part-time work with a local newspaper/magazine or radio/TV stations.</td>
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<td>Law</td>
<td>Corporate legal departments, Law firms, Government agencies, Law firms, Public service agencies</td>
<td>• Acquire the ability to write and speak effectively to understand legal institutions, values and to think critically. • Become skillful in debate and public speaking. • Complete special training requirements for paralegal positions.</td>
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<td>Non-Profit Organizations</td>
<td>Foundations, International organizations, Professional associations, Research institutions, Nonprofit organizations, Special interest groups</td>
<td>• Consider supplementing curriculum with relevant course work in anthropology, sociology, or foreign languages.</td>
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<td>Politics, Campaigns &amp; Polling</td>
<td>Campaign Administration/Management, Elected or Appointed Leadership, Political Polling, Public Policy Institutes, Special Interest Advocacy, Elected or appointed public officials i.e., legislators, governors, mayors, judges, Federal Elections Commission, National political party headquarters, Political campaigns, Public interest/advocacy groups</td>
<td>• Be prepared to begin a political career as a volunteer before moving to full-time or paid positions. • Gain experience and make contacts through internships with government agencies or public officials.</td>
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STRATEGIES FOR PLACEMENT IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

○ If majoring in political science but interested in other careers such as psychology, law or business, research the pre-requisites of the area of interest and tailor your program of study to meet curricular and skill needs.

○ Gain excellent verbal and written communication skills which are imperative for most careers related to politics or government.

○ Become familiar with the government application process for opportunities in federal, state, or local government.

○ For careers in politics, be prepared to volunteer extensively before being hired or elected as an employee or official. Begin by working with the campaign or official of choice while in college.

CAMPUS RESOURCES

Alumni Career Website
http://alumnicareers.byu.edu

FHSS Internships
151 SWKT (801) 422-3541
http://fhssadv.byu.edu

Pre-Professional Advisement
3328 WSC (801) 422-3044
https://ppa.byu.edu

University Career Services
2410 WSC (801) 422-6555
http://ucs.byu.edu

INTERNET RESOURCES

○ Careers In Government-
http://www.careeringsgovernment.com

○ Federal, State and Local Government Jobs-
http://www.govtjobs.gov

○ Foreign Policy Association-
http://www.fpa.org

○ International Job Center-
http://www.internationaljobs.org

○ National Association of School of Public Affair and Administration-
http://www.naspaae.org

○ Wetfeet.com guide to Law-
http://www.wetfeet.com/careers-industries/careers/law