



CAREER PATH

Human Services

CAREER CLUSTER

Government & Public Administration

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Public Management and Administration



POLITICAL SCIENTIST

Study the origin, development, and operation of political systems. Research a wide range of subjects, such as the beliefs and institutions of foreign nations, or the politics of small towns or a major metropolis. May analyze the structure and operation of governments, as well as various political entities. May conduct public opinion surveys, analyze election results, or analyze public documents.

Knowledge and Skills Needed

In addition to courses required for high school graduation, essential skills and knowledge needed for a career as a political scientist are reinforced by taking rigorous and relevant courses, as well as participating in work-based experiences and student organization activities.

(See the Sample Personal Plan of Study for suggested coursework, activities, and knowledge and skills to pursue in preparation of an occupation in this Career Cluster.)

Education Requirements

Occupation	Percent of Missouri employees aged 25 to 44 in the occupation whose highest level of educational attainment is:		
	High School or Less	Some College	Bachelor Degree or More
Political scientists	0.0%	10.2%	89.8%
Social scientists and related workers	0.7%	6.8%	92.5%
Life, physical, and social science	5.6%	12.7%	81.7%

Most Common Educational Level: Master's degree

Note: Be sure to learn whether your occupation has a specific requirement for education or licensing.

Apprenticeships are available for more than 240 occupations. Visit www.oa.doleta.gov/bat.cfm

National and State Wage Information

Location	Pay Period	2006		
		Entry*	Median	Experienced**
United States	Hourly	\$26.97	\$43.34	\$55.65
	Yearly	\$56,100	\$90,100	\$115,800
Missouri	Hourly	—	—	—
	Yearly	—	—	—

Based on (*) lower 25% and (**) upper 25% percentile of wages

National and State Employment Trends

Political Scientist	Employment		Percent Change	Job Openings*
	2006	2016		
United States	4,700	4,900	+ 5 %	180
Missouri	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

*The estimate for Job Openings includes both turnover that results from people who leave the occupation (e.g. quit, retire, death) and new jobs that are created.

Educational Opportunities

Note: This list may not be all inclusive. For more information about Missouri schools and programs, visit www.dhe.mo.gov

Avila University

Kansas City, MO
(816) 942-8400
www.avila.edu

Central Methodist University - College of Liberal Arts & Sciences

Fayette, MO
(660) 248-3391
www.centralmethodist.edu

Columbia College

Columbia, MO
(573) 875-8700
www.ccis.edu

Drury University

Springfield, MO
(417) 873-7879
www.drury.edu

Evangel University

Springfield, MO
(417) 865-2811
www.evangel.edu

Lincoln University

Jefferson City, MO
(573) 681-5000
www.lincolnu.edu

Lindenwood University

Saint Charles, MO
(636) 949-2000
www.lindenwood.edu

Maryville University of Saint Louis

Saint Louis, MO
(800) 627-9855
www.maryville.edu

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Missouri Southern State University
Joplin, MO
(417) 625-9300
www.mssu.edu

Missouri State University
Springfield, MO
(417) 836-5000
www.missouristate.edu

Missouri Valley College
Marshall, MO
(660) 831-4000
www.moval.edu

Missouri Western State University
Saint Joseph, MO
(816) 271-4200
www.missouriwestern.edu

Northwest Missouri State University
Maryville, MO
(660) 562-1212
www.nwmissouri.edu

Park University
Parkville, MO
(816) 741-2000
www.park.edu

Rockhurst University
Kansas City, MO
(816) 501-4000
www.rockhurst.edu

Saint Louis University
Saint Louis, MO
(314) 977-2222
www.imagine.slu.edu

Southeast Missouri State University
Cape Girardeau, MO
(573) 651-2000
www.semo.edu

Southwest Baptist University
Bolivar, MO
(800) 526-5859
www.sbuniv.edu

Stephens College
Columbia, MO
(573) 442-2211
www.stephens.edu

Truman State University
Kirksville, MO
(660) 785-4000
www.truman.edu

University of Central Missouri
Warrensburg, MO
(660) 543-4111
www.ucmo.edu

University of Missouri - Columbia
Columbia, MO
(573) 882-2121
www.missouri.edu

**University of Missouri
- Kansas City**
Kansas City, MO
(816) 235-1000
www.umkc.edu

**University of Missouri
- St. Louis**
St. Louis, MO
(314) 516-5000
www.umsl.edu

Washington University
St. Louis, MO
(314) 935-5000
www.wustl.edu



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