

Political Scientists

SOC: 19-3094 • Career Profile Report

■ Key Facts

\$139,380 Median Salary	6,500 Employment	-3.0% Growth Rate
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■ Requirements & Salary Range

Education: Master's degree

■ Automation Risk Assessment

Low Risk - 8.0% probability of being automated in the next 10-20 years.
This job is relatively safe from automation due to its creative, social, or complex problem-solving requirements.

■ Work-Life Balance

7.5/10 - Good work-life balance

■ Personality Fit (RIASEC)

Higher scores indicate better personality fit for this career type.

Realistic	6.2/10	Investigative	9.4/10
Artistic	5.6/10	Social	6.4/10
Enterprising	4.8/10	Conventional	6.4/10

■ Top Skills Required

Adaptability, Communication skills, Creativity, Critical-thinking skills, Decision-making skills, Detail oriented, Interpersonal skills

✓ Strengths

- High Demand
- Flexible Work
- Continuous Learning

■ Challenges

- Burnout Risk
- Rapid Technological Change

■ What They Do

Political Scientists typically perform the following tasks: • Teach political science. • Maintain current knowledge of government policy decisions. • Develop and test theories, using information from interviews, newspapers, periodicals, case law, historical papers, polls, or statistical sources. • Disseminate research results through academic publications, written reports, or public presentations. • Advise political science students. • Collect, analyze, and interpret data, such as election results and public opinion surveys, reporting on findings, recommendations, and conclusions. • Interpret and analyze policies, public issues, legislation, or the operations of governments, businesses, and organizations. • Identify issues for research and analysis. • Serve on committees. • Forecast political, economic, and social trends. • Consult with and advise government officials, civic bodies, research agencies, the media, political parties, and others concerned with political issues. • Evaluate programs and policies, and make related recommendations to institutions and organizations. • Provide media commentary or criticism related to public policy and political issues and events. • Write drafts of legislative proposals, and prepare speeches, correspondence, and policy papers for governmental use.

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