



Personal Characteristics

Your Personal characteristics will aid you in being successful. These abilities may be natural and can be improved by using them.

Above average ability to:

- gather and analyze information
- synthesize facts and ideas into meaningful hypotheses
- use verbal ability to ask questions
- understand complex written material
- pay attention to details
- verify the accuracy of information

Average ability to:

- work with numbers

Ability to:

- make judgments based upon knowledge and experience
- make decisions
- give direction to others
- provide advice and make recommendations
- confront others with information they may not want to hear



Major or Programs of Study

- Architecture and Environmental Design
- Area and Ethnic Studies
- Economics
- Geography
- History
- Law
- Public Administration
- Social Science
- Sociology



Related Career Occupation

- Administrative Hearing Interpreters
- Community Organization Workers
- Customs Inspectors
- Elected Officials
- Freelance Writers
- Journalists
- Judges
- Law Clerks
- Law Enforcement Officers
- Lawyers
- Legislative Aides
- Paralegal/Legal Assistants
- Parole and Probation Officers
- Policy Analysts
- Political Scientists
- Public Administrators
- Security Screeners
- Social Program Planners
- Social Workers
- Urban and Regional Planners

State and National Wages

Current Monthly Wage Data (2011) from [California Labor Market Information \(LMI\)](#)

LMI Occupation	Entry/Low Pay	Average Pay	Top Pay
Political Scientists	\$4,213	\$7,211	\$8,454 & up

Current Monthly Wage Data (2011) from the [Bureau of Labor Statistics](#)
SOC (Standard Occupational Classification) Occupation Titles

SOC Occupation	Entry Pay	Average Pay	Top Pay
Political Scientists	\$3,952	\$8,753	\$12,958 & up

State and National Trends

Current Employment Projections to 2020 from the [Bureau of Labor Statistics](#)
SOC (Standard Occupational Classification) Occupation Titles

SOC Occupation	Estimated Jobs 2010	Expected Jobs 2020	Openings due to Growth	Openings due to Replacements	Expected Job Openings per Year
Political Scientists	5,600	6,000	400	2,400	280

**Some statements of income may reflect on a bachelor's degree or higher education.*

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