Description of the Field:
A career in government and public service is a commitment to working for the public. Government and Public Service includes opportunities in local, state, federal and tribal employment. In fact, the Federal Government is the largest employer in the United States. Sample careers: elected officials, policy administrator/advisor, military personnel, aid organizations and government labs employing scientists and engineers. These careers require a broad and diverse set of skills depending on the particular sector.

What Can I Do With This Major:
American Studies, Communication, English, International Studies, Law, Political Science and Government

Industry Overview:
Federal Careers by Major, Government Careers, Military Career Fields

Sample CU Majors:
Explore Law & Justice, Explore Humanities, Cultures, & Languages

Prepare for an Internship/Job Search

CU Clubs/Organizations:
Amnesty International, CU Political Science Club, CU Boulder Democrats, CU College Republicans, CU Engineering Council, CU Student Government, Institute for Ethical and Civic Engagement, Leeds Council, Volunteer Resource Center, Byron White Center for American Constitutional Law

Sample Local Opportunities:
Boulder County, Colorado Democrats, Colorado Federal Labs, Colorado Republican Committee, Denver City Council, Federal Jobs in Colorado, Grassroots Campaigns

Professional Organizations:
American League of Lobbyists, American Public Works Association, American Society for Public Administration, National Conference of State Legislatures, Partnership for Public Service, The American Political Science Association

Start an Internship/Job Search

Search for Internships & Jobs:
Career Buffs, America Jobs, Avue Central, Campus Gov, Civil Service, Colorado Jobs, Committee on Foreign Affairs, Connecting Colorado, Department of State, Federal Internships, Government Jobs, Hill Zoo, Partnership for Public Service, Public Affairs jobs, Public Service Careers, Roll Call Jobs, USA Jobs

International Focus:

Visit Go Global for additional resources.
Login to Careers Buffs to find internship and job postings from employers specifically seeking CU-Boulder students.

Adapt for a Changing World

Insider Advice & Trends:
Identify your area of interest within government and public service. Do you want to work closely with individuals or are you passionate about policy and creating change at a system level? Gain experience to learn more about your areas of passion. Most organizations and politicians have a variety of opportunities to intern, although many are unpaid. Start early and start networking to increase your chance of finding paid opportunities. Consider applying for the PIIE scholarship, applications are typically due each fall. Also, check out the internship program CU in DC, for opportunities to work and study in Washington, D.C.

Sample Employers Recruiting at CU:
Arapahoe County Government
Boulder County Department of Housing and Human Services
Colorado Office of the State Auditor
Environmental Planning Group
Health District of North Larimer County
Journalism Broadcast Group

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