What can you do with a Ph.D. in Political Science?
Professionals enroll in political science doctoral programs to pursue careers as tenured faculty members or as leaders of private research foundations. Doctorate level programs emphasize research and analysis of a student’s chosen specialty. Most programs allow students to focus on a specific study area like American politics and policy, transnational and comparative politics and policy, policy analysis and administration, public administration, and justice politics and policy. Ph.D.s in Political Science find work in academia, the U.S. Government, state and local governments, interest groups and associations, non-profits and within the legal profession.

A few careers available to Political Science Ph.D. holders:
- Professor
- Judge
- Lobbyist
- Consultant
- Legislative Attorney
- District Attorney
- State Legislator
- Agency Specialist
- Campaign Manager

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- The McNair Scholars Program that pairs students in one-on-one faculty research mentorships and provides guidance through the graduate school application process, including GRE preparation!
- Research opportunities that will help build your graduate school and professional resumes
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Helpful Links:
American Political Science Association:
http://www.apsanet.org/
WorldWideLearn’s Guide to College Majors in Political Science
http://tinyurl.com/polisciinfo
Ralph Bunche Summer Institute (designed to encourage students to apply for Ph.D. Programs in Political Science)
http://www.apsanet.org/content_6602.cfm

Featured Ph.D. Holder:
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A few top schools for Political Science graduate programs:
- Harvard University
- Stanford University
- University of Michigan - Ann Arbor
- University of California - San Diego
- Duke University
