

# POLITICAL SCIENCE

## 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

## What does CWU have to offer?

- 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
- The opportunity to present scholarly research at CWU's **SOURCE** event
- Numerous Study Abroad Opportunities
- Interdisciplinary programs in Public Policy, American Indian Studies

### 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](http://www.apsanet.org/content_6602.cfm)

## Featured Ph.D. Holder:

### Muneer Al-Maskery

M.A. in Economics

Ph.D. in Political Science

University of Missouri - St. Louis

Dr. Al-Maskery is the founder of the first private college in the Sultanate of Oman and serves in its Center for Research and Consultancy, researching issues related to the country's economy and development

\* From *Making a Difference: A Selection of Graduate Degree Holders and Their Contributions to the Public Good*. Council of Graduate Schools, 2008.

### 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

\*Source: US News, <http://tinyurl.com/usnranks>

