POLITICAL SCIENCE (M.A.)

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Description

The M.A. Program in Political Science is suitable for enterprising students seeking careers from teaching to research, electoral politics, and government work. Additionally, many students choose to pursue a Ph.D. after graduating.

Requirements

Degree Requirements

M.A. with Thesis Option

Master’s degree students must complete a minimum of 30 credits for the degree: eight courses and a 6-credit master’s thesis (POLT 899 Master’s Thesis). Of the eight courses, two are required seminars: Pro Seminar (POLT 900 Political Science Pro-Seminar) and Introduction to Statistical Analysis (POLT 905 Introduction to Statistical Analysis or PPOL 908), and are to be taken during the student’s first year. Students are also required to take electives totaling 9 credits.

Nine credits must be completed at the 800 or 900 level from political science courses or courses offered in related disciplines. Students are encouraged to work with the MA program director to identify relevant courses of interest across the College of Liberal Arts graduate offerings. The MA program director must provide course approval for elective courses offered outside the department. Successful completion and defense of a 6-credit master’s thesis is required.

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¹ To be taken during the student’s first year
² This must include two courses in the student’s major subfield (Comparative Politics, International Politics, and American Politics/Public Administration).

M.A. Non-Thesis Option

Master’s degree students must complete ten courses totaling a minimum of 30 credits for the degree. Students must also pass a comprehensive exam. Of the ten courses, two are required: Pro Seminar (POLT 900 Political Science Pro-Seminar) and Introduction to Statistical Analysis (POLT 905 Introduction to Statistical Analysis or PPOL 908), and are to be taken during the student’s first year. Students are also required to take electives totaling 9 credits. This must include two courses in the student’s major subfield (Comparative Politics, International Politics, and American Politics/Public Administration). One course in a minor subfield is also required for this degree option.

Fifteen credits must be completed at the 800 or 900 level from political science courses or a related discipline. Students are encouraged to work with the MA program director to identify relevant courses of interest across the College of Liberal Arts graduate offerings. The MA program director must provide course approval for elective courses offered outside the department.

The comprehensive examination must be successfully completed in the student’s final year of study.