

Faculty List

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MA in Political Science Graduate Minor in Security Studies



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Master of Arts

The M.A. Program provides general course work in each of the major fields of political science. Students may choose either the thesis option, under which they complete 30 credits of course work plus 6 thesis credits (POLS 599), or the non-thesis option, with 30 credits of course work plus 6 hours of special research credit (POLS 598) or 6 hours of approved internship credit (POLS 510). Both the thesis and non-thesis options require a final oral examination the non-thesis option requires a written examination; as well. The program provides a broad-based foundation in political science while allowing students to pursue specific areas of interest.

Requirements:

All students are required to complete a research methods class from the table below:

POLS 502	Research Methods in Government	3 credits
POLS 503	Qualitative Research Methods	3 credits

In addition, students must take 3 of the following 5 courses (9 credits):

POLS 530 Seminar in Public Policy

POLS 550 Seminar in American Politics

POLS 560 Seminar in International

Relations Theory

POLS 570 Seminar in Comparative Politics

POLS 580 Seminar in Political Theory

The remaining credits required for the degree are selected subject to advisor approval to satisfy particular academic interests or career goals. Flexibility in planning a program of study is permitted to meet the educational needs of a diverse student population. No more than 9 credits taken outside the department will be counted toward the degree.

We also offer a Graduate Minor in Security Studies in which students take 9 credits from selected classes dealing with topics ranging from human security to international law and national security policy.

Qualified junior and senior undergraduates may also take up to 12 graduate credits and double count them towards their BA and Masters degree under the Masters Accelerated Program (MAP).

Graduates of our MA Political Science program have found rewarding jobs and careers in a variety of fields. Some have completed their Ph.D. at prestigious programs and become university professors, while others work for non-governmental organizations, government agencies or community colleges.



Scholarship Opportunities

The department offers a variety of scholarships for students. Please visit our website for a complete list and details.

Roque M. Lujan Scholarship for the Study of Government and Public Administration

This scholarship is awarded annually in recognition of superior academic performance and demonstrated commitment to public service.

Nick Franklin Endowed Scholarship in Public Policy

This scholarship requires consistent progress towards academic excellence and applicant must exhibit a commitment to public service.

Student Organizations

The department has several student organizations. These groups will provide you with opportunities to grow personally and professionally.

Government Graduate Student Organization (GGSO)

GGSO was organized to support government department faculty and graduate students. The group meets monthly and holds several social events.

Pi Sigma Alpha

The National Political Science Honor Society, Eta Eta Chapter, gives students the opportunity to explore current events, national elections, international relations, and political philosophy.

Pi Alpha Alpha

The Global Honor Society for Public Affairs and Administration provides three major membership benefits: acknowledges academic achievement, provides job-searching and networking benefits, and indicates the opportunity to serve others through public service.