

# POLITICAL SCIENCE - M.A.

College of Arts and Sciences  
Department of Political Science  
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## Fully Offered

- Kent Campus

## Admission Terms

- Fall

## Examples of Possible Careers\*

### Political science teachers, postsecondary

- 4.9% about as fast as the average
- 19,800 number of jobs
- \$85,760 potential earnings

### Political scientists

- 6.1% faster than the average
- 7,000 number of jobs
- \$125,350 potential earnings

### Social sciences teachers, postsecondary, all other

- -0.3% little or no change
- 19,300 number of jobs
- \$69,340 potential earnings

### Social science research assistants

- 5.8% faster than the average
- 40,100 number of jobs
- \$49,210 potential earnings

### Social and community service managers

- 17.0% much faster than the average
- 175,500 number of jobs
- \$69,600 potential earnings

### Social scientists and related workers, all other

- 0.8% little or no change
- 38,800 number of jobs
- \$87,260 potential earnings

### Legislators

- 6.2% faster than the average
- 53,700 number of jobs
- \$33,200 potential earnings

#### \*Note

Source of occupation titles and labor data is from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics'

Occupational Outlook Handbook. Data comprises projected percent change in employment over the next 10 years; nation-wide employment numbers; and the yearly median wage at which half of the workers in the occupation earned more than that amount and half earned less.

## Description

The Master of Arts degree in Political Science focuses broadly on the dynamics surrounding representation, equity, conflict, human rights, development and conflict resolution. Students delve into the scholarship on these dynamics (among others) in an interdisciplinary and theoretically sophisticated way, thinking about how the political process and government policy-making affect the lives of citizens, and how citizens influence those processes.

The Political Science major comprises the following concentrations:

- American Politics and Policy
- Conflict Analysis and Management
- Transnational and Comparative Politics

## Admission Requirements

- Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university for unconditional admission
- Minimum 3.000 undergraduate GPA on a 4.000 point scale for unconditional admission
- Official transcript(s)
- GRE scores
- Goal statement
- Writing sample
- Three letters of recommendation
- English language proficiency - all international students must provide proof of English language proficiency (unless they meet specific exceptions) by earning one of the following:
  - Minimum 550 TOEFL PBT score (paper-based version)
  - Minimum 79 TOEFL IBT score (Internet-based version)
  - Minimum 77 MELAB score
  - Minimum 6.5 IELTS score
  - Minimum 58 PTE score
  - Minimum 110 Duolingo English Test score

For more information about graduate admissions, please visit the Graduate Studies admission website. For more information on international admission, visit the Office of Global Education's admission website.

## Program Learning Outcomes

Graduates of this program will be able to:

1. Understand the theoretical underpinnings of political science and be able to address real world issues and problems.
2. Attain research and methodological skills that will further their research and make them attractive to future employers.

3. Effectively communicate research findings and implications to a range of audiences including scholars, practitioners and citizens.

## Program Requirements

### Major Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>Major Requirements</b>		
POL 60002	SCOPE AND EPISTEMOLOGY	3
POL 60003	QUANTITATIVE METHODS I	3
POL 60010	QUALITATIVE RESEARCH METHODS	3
Non-Thesis or Thesis Option, choose from the following: <sup>1</sup>		9
<i>Non-Thesis option</i>		
POL 60099	CAPSTONE SEMINAR	
Electives (6 credit hours)		
<i>Thesis Option</i>		
POL 61199	THESIS I	
Elective (3 credit hours)		
<b>Concentrations</b>		
Choose from the following:		12
American Politics and Policy		
Conflict Analysis and Management		
Transnational and Comparative Politics		
<b>Minimum Total Credit Hours:</b>		<b>30</b>

<sup>1</sup> Students intending to pursue a Ph.D. are advised to choose the Thesis option

### American Politics and Policy Concentration Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>Concentration Requirements</b>		
POL 60101	STATUS OF THE FIELD: AMERICAN POLITICS AND POLICY	3
Concentration Electives, choose from the following:		9
POL 60102	AMERICAN POLICY PROCESS	
POL 60103	CONGRESS, THE PRESIDENCY AND THE COURTS	
POL 60105	FEDERALISM AND STATE POLICYMAKING	
POL 60106	URBAN POLICY AND POLITICS	
POL 60108	AMERICAN POLITICAL BEHAVIOR	
POL 60191	SEMINAR IN AMERICAN POLITICS AND POLICY	
Advisor-Approved Electives		
<b>Minimum Total Credit Hours:</b>		<b>12</b>

### Conflict Analysis and Management Concentration Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>Concentration Requirements</b>		
POL 60901	PROSEMINAR IN CONFLICT ANALYSIS AND MANAGEMENT	3
Concentration Electives, choose from the following:		9
POL 60507	CONFLICT TRANSFORMATION AND RECONCILIATION	

POL 60902	POWER, CONFLICT AND THE POLITICS OF GENDER	
POL 60903	IDENTITY DRIVEN CONFLICTS	
POL 60904	SOCIAL MOVEMENTS AND NONVIOLENT CONFLICTS	
POL 60906	POLITICAL VIOLENCE	
POL 60907	TERRORISM AND HUMAN RIGHTS	
POL 60991	SEMINAR IN CONFLICT ANALYSIS AND MANAGEMENT	
Advisor-Approved Electives		
<b>Minimum Total Credit Hours:</b>		<b>12</b>

### Transnational and Comparative Politics Concentration Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>Concentration Requirements</b>		
POL 60501	STATUS OF THE FIELD: TRANSNATIONAL AND COMPARATIVE POLITICS AND POLICY	3
Concentration Electives, choose from the following:		9
POL 60502	GLOBAL GOVERNANCE	
POL 60503	FOREIGN POLICY ANALYSIS	
POL 60510	POLITICS OF DEVELOPMENT	
POL 60511	INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL ECONOMY	
POL 60591	SEMINAR IN TRANSNATIONAL AND COMPARATIVE POLITICS AND POLICY	
Advisor-Approval Electives		
<b>Minimum Total Credit Hours:</b>		<b>12</b>

### Graduation Requirements

- Minimum 30 credit hours required for graduation