POLITICAL SCIENCE - M.A.

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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, from which students select two:

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

FULLY OFFERED AT:
- Kent Campus

Admission Requirements
- Official transcript(s)
- Minimum 3.0 GPA
- GRE scores
- Goal statement
- Three letters of recommendation
- Writing sample

English Language Proficiency Requirements for International Students: All international students must provide proof of English language proficiency (unless they meet specific exceptions) by earning a minimum 550 TOEFL score (79 on the Internet-based version), minimum 77 MELAB score, minimum 6.5 IELTS score or minimum 58 PTE Academic score. For more information on international admission, visit the Office of Global Education’s admission website. Effective spring 2018.

For more information about graduate admissions, please visit the Graduate Studies 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

POL 60002 SCOPE AND EPISTEMOLOGY 3
POL 60003 QUANTITATIVE METHODS I 3
POL 60004 QUANTITATIVE METHODS II 3

Advanced Research Methods, choose from the following: 3

POL 60010 QUALITATIVE RESEARCH METHODS
POL 60304 ANALYTIC TECHNIQUES OF POLICY-MAKING
POL 69091 SEMINAR: QUANTITATIVE METHODS

Non-Thesis or Thesis Option, choose from the following: 0-9

Non-Thesis Option (0-3 credit hours)
Methodology Research Tools Elective 1

Thesis Option (9 credit hours)
POL 61199 THESIS I

Thesis Elective 2

Concentrations

Choose two from the following 3 12-21
American Politics and Policy
Conflict Analysis and Management
Transnational and Comparative Politics

Minimum Total Credit Hours: 33-36

1 The methodology research tools requirement may be satisfied by demonstrating mastery of a foreign language (0 credit hours) or by successfully completing a graduate-level course (3 credit hours) in any discipline (including qualitative methods, quantitative methods or other methodological skills) pertaining to the student’s research interests.

2 Students choosing the thesis option should select additional electives in consultation with their advisor.

3 Students choosing the non-thesis option must take one proseminar and three elective courses in their first declared concentration and one proseminar and two elective courses in their second declared concentration (21 credit hours). Students choosing the thesis option must take one proseminar and one elective course in their first declared concentration and one proseminar and one elective course in their second declared concentration (12 credit hours).

Graduation Requirements

• Minimum 33 credit hours required for graduation for students in the thesis option and students in the non-thesis option who demonstrate mastery of foreign language.

• Minimum 36 credit hours required for graduation for students in the non-thesis option who, instead of a foreign language, complete a graduate-level course in any discipline pertaining to their research interests.

American Politics and Policy Concentration Requirements

[AS-MA-POL-AMPP]

Concentration Requirements

POL 60101 PROSEMINAR IN AMERICAN POLITICS AND POLICY 3

Concentration Electives 1 3-9

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
POL 60302 BUREAUCRACY AND THE POLICYMAKING PROCESS

Advisor-Approved Electives

Minimum Total Credit Hours: 6-12

1 Students choosing the non-thesis option must complete three elective courses (9 credit hours) if first declared concentration, or complete two elective courses (6 credit hours) if second declared concentration. Student choosing the thesis option must complete one elective course (3 credit hours) no matter if first or second declared concentration.

Conflict Analysis and Management Concentration Requirements

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Concentration Requirements

POL 60901 PROSEMINAR IN CONFLICT ANALYSIS AND MANAGEMENT 3

Concentration Electives 1 3-9

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

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Transnational and Comparative Politics Concentration Requirements
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