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

- 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

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

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Concentrations

Choose from the following:

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

Minimum Total Credit Hours: 30

1 Students intending to pursue a Ph.D. are advised to choose the Thesis option

American Politics and Policy Concentration Requirements

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Minimum Total Credit Hours: 12

Conflict Analysis and Management Concentration Requirements

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### Concentration Requirements

**Code** | **Title** | **Credit Hours**
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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

Minimum Total Credit Hours: 12

### Transnational and Comparative Politics Concentration Requirements

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**Code** | **Title** | **Credit Hours**
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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-Approved Electives

Minimum Total Credit Hours: 12

### Graduation Requirements

- Minimum 30 credit hours required for graduation