POLITICAL SCIENCE - PH.D.

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Description
The Ph.D. degree in Political Science prepares students for research and teaching careers in higher education and for research-based careers in fields that are focused on political, economic and social issues. The degree program is broadly focused on the dynamics surrounding representation, equity, conflict, human rights, development and conflict resolution. Students develop their own research questions in an interdisciplinary and theoretically sophisticated way. Students work with faculty mentors throughout their degree program and often develop and present their own research at regional or national conferences.

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.
Program Requirements

Major Requirements

POL 70002  SCOPE AND EPISODEMIOLOGY  3
POL 70003  QUANTITATIVE METHODS I  3
POL 70004  QUANTITATIVE METHODS II  3
POL 71094  COLLEGE TEACHING IN POLITICAL SCIENCE  1
POL 81199  DISSERTATION 1  30

Research Tool  2

Additional Approved Electives for Post-Bachelor's Students  0-26

Advanced Research Methods, choose from the following:  3

- POL 70010  QUALITATIVE RESEARCH METHODS
- POL 70304  ANALYTIC TECHNIQUES OF POLICY-MAKING
- POL 79091  SEMINAR-QUANTITATIVE METHODS

Concentrations

Choose two from the following:  3

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

Minimum Total Credit Hours for Post-Bachelor's Students  90

Minimum Total Credit Hours:  64

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1  Dissertation is required. Doctoral students must complete additional approved electives, including research, to reach a minimum of 30 credit hours post-master's (or equivalent advanced degree) or a minimum of 60 credit hours post-bachelor's prior to enrolling in POL 81199. Upon completion of course requirements and candidacy exams, doctoral students must register for POL 81199 for two semesters for a total of 30 credit hours, and thereafter POL 81299, until all requirements for the degree have been met.

2  This requirement may be satisfied by demonstrating mastery of a foreign language (0 credit hours) or by successfully completing a graduate-level methodological course (3 credit hours) in any discipline (including qualitative methods, quantitative methods or other methodological skills) pertaining to the student's proposed dissertation research.

3  Students select two concentrations. For the first concentration, students complete one proseminar and three elective courses (12 credit hours). For the second concentration, students complete one proseminar and two elective courses (9 credit hours).

Residency Requirement

Students must spend two consecutive semesters pursuing doctoral studies.

Graduation Requirements

- Passage of two field exams in their two areas of concentration
- Completion of a research tool requirement
- Write and defend both a dissertation prospectus and dissertation

American Politics and Policy Concentration Requirements

[AS-MA-POL-AMPP]

Concentration Requirements

- POL 70101  PROSEMINAR IN AMERICAN POLITICS AND POLICY  3

Concentration Electives  1

- POL 70102  AMERICAN POLICY PROCESS
- POL 70103  CONGRESS, THE PRESIDENCY AND THE COURTS
- POL 70105  FEDERALISM AND STATE POLICYMAKING
- POL 70106  URBAN POLICY AND POLITICS
- POL 70108  AMERICAN POLITICAL BEHAVIOR
- POL 70191  SEMINAR IN AMERICAN POLITICS AND POLICY
- POL 70302  BUREAUCRACY AND THE POLICYMAKING PROCESS

Advisor-Approved Electives

Minimum Total Credit Hours:  9-12

1  If first declared concentration, students complete three elective courses (9 credit hours). If second declared concentration, students complete two elective courses (6 credit hours).

Conflict Analysis and Management Concentration Requirements

[AS-MA-POL-CAMT]

Concentration Requirements

- POL 70901  PROSEMINAR IN CONFLICT ANALYSIS AND MANAGEMENT  3

Concentration Electives  1

- POL 70507  CONFLICT TRANSFORMATION AND RECONCILIATION
- POL 70902  POWER, CONFLICT AND THE POLITICS OF GENDER
- POL 70903  IDENTITY DRIVEN CONFLICTS
- POL 70904  SOCIAL MOVEMENTS AND NONVIOLENT CONFLICTS
- POL 70906  POLITICAL VIOLENCE
- POL 70907  TERRORISM AND HUMAN RIGHTS
- POL 70991  SEMINAR IN CONFLICT ANALYSIS AND MANAGEMENT

Advisor-Approved Electives

Minimum Total Credit Hours:  9-12

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Transnational and Comparative Politics Concentration Requirements

[AS-MA-POL-TNCP]

Concentration Requirements

- POL 70501  PROSEMINAR IN TRANSNATIONAL AND COMPARATIVE POLITICS AND POLICY  3

Concentration Electives  1

- POL 70502  GLOBAL GOVERNANCE
- POL 70503  FOREIGN POLICY ANALYSIS
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