POLITICAL SCIENCE

Degree: Master of Arts
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The M.A. program is designed for students interested in international relations, comparative politics, American government, and public policy. Additionally, the program is affiliated with a consortium formed by the U.S. Navy and several civilian graduate schools. Students may be allowed to transfer a maximum of 15 semester hours from one member of the consortium to another.

The program consists of 33 semester hours plus successful completion of a comprehensive examination.

All new students should be advised initially by the department chairperson. After their first semester, students should select their advisor from the program faculty.

In addition to general University requirements, students seeking the M.A. in Political Science must meet the requirements listed below.

Course descriptions are listed alphabetically by prefix in the back of this Catalog.

**Core Requirements (21 sh)**

- CPO 6006 Seminar in Comparative Politics ....................... 3
- INR 6007 Seminar in International Relations ..................... 3
- PAD 6275 Political Economy of Public Administration ....... 3
- POS 6006 The Study of Politics ....................................... 3
- POS 6045 American Politics ......................................... 3
- POS 6704 Political Science Research Methods ................. 3
- POT 5602 Masters of Political Thought ........................... 3

**Electives (6-12 sh)**

Thesis students take 6 sh of electives while non-thesis students take 12 sh of electives. With the approval of their advisors, students may take 6 semester hours in disciplines outside Political Science. They may enroll in an undergraduate course for graduate credit to learn the fundamentals of a discipline, or in a directed readings course to explore in greater depth an area of interest in political science.

**Thesis Option (0-6 sh)**

Students may choose to complete a Thesis (POS 6971 - 6 sh) in lieu of completing 6 sh of electives.