

# POLITICAL SCIENCE

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 College: Arts and Sciences

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 or a thesis.

All new students should be advised initially by the department chairperson. After their first semester, students should select their advisor from the program faculty who will chair the examinations committee or direct the thesis.

## ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

General university requirements for admission to graduate programs are described in the Graduate Admissions section. Graduate departments are currently developing departmental admission guidelines to govern admission to their specific disciplines. Refer to individual departments for more details regarding acceptable graduate admissions test, minimum score requirements, etc.

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## POLITICAL SCIENCE SPECIALIZATION

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### *Political Science Core (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.

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## PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION SPECIALIZATION

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### *Political Science Core (21 sh)*

Same as Political Science Specialization

### *Public Administration Specialization (12 sh)*

PAD 6053	The Public Administration Professional .....	3
PAD 6227	Public Budgeting .....	3
PAD elective with the permission of the chair .....		3
Chair approved PAD elective or other elective .....		3

### *Advisor Approved Comprehensive Examination (0 sh)*

The program is capped with a comprehensive examination, both written and oral. The purpose of the examination is to help the student synthesize knowledge from different courses into a coherent whole. The examination will be administered by a three member committee of department faculty, one of whom will chair or supervise the student's efforts in preparing for the examination.

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## SECURITY AND DIPLOMACY SPECIALIZATION

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### *Political Science Core (21 sh)*

Same as Political Science Specialization

### *Security and Diplomacy Specialization (12 sh)*

INR 4403	International Law .....	3
INR 5330	National Security Policy.....	3

*Choose two:*

INR 3102	American Foreign Policy .....	3
INR 5138	Homeland Security.....	3
INR 5365	Intelligence.....	3

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