



University of Missouri–St. Louis
The Graduate School

Master of Arts (MA) in Political Science

Degree Program

The MA in Political Science is a general post-baccalaureate degree that gives students a broad understanding of political science through intensive study of several fields within the discipline. The MA in Political Science is useful for students who are already in or planning on a career in politics, public policy or secondary education. It is useful for students who are considering doctoral education. It is particularly valuable for students who are simply interested in learning more about subjects in political science that interest them.

A minimum of 27 credit hours of coursework, of which 12 credit hours must be in core courses, is required. Students may choose from one of six specializations. In addition, one of the following exit projects is required: a six-hour thesis, a six-hour internship, or six hours of additional course work and an approved paper, for a total program plan of 33 credit hours.

Emphasis Areas

American Politics, Comparative Politics, International Politics, Political Process and Behavior, Public Administration and Public Policy, Urban and Regional Politics.

Program Website <http://www.umsl.edu/~polisci/>

Application Requirements

1. *Application:*

<http://www.umsl.edu/divisions/graduate/future/how-to-apply.html>

2. *Official Transcripts From All Universities Attended:*

Successful applicants must have completed a baccalaureate degree with a background in social science before beginning the master's program.

3. *Entrance Examinations:*

a. Acceptable score on the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) General Test

<http://www.gre.org/ttindex.html>.

b. International students are required to document English proficiency by providing scores from an internationally accepted standardized examination before a decision is made on admission.

4. *Grade Point Average:*

Minimum of 3.0 overall and in major on 4.0 scale. Students whose total undergraduate GPA and major GPA are between 2.75 and 2.99 may be admitted on a restricted basis.

5. *Two Letters of Recommendation:*

Letters of recommendation from persons qualified to evaluate the applicant's recent academic work are required.

Application Deadlines (domestic students)

Fall Admission: July 1 Winter/Spring Admission: December 1 Summer Admission: May 1

Applications are processed as they are submitted. However, applications that are not received by the posted date may delay admission until the following semester.

Application fee

\$35 (\$40 for international students)

Graduate Program Director

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