



## The Master of Arts in **Political Science**

### **Make a difference in society and government.**

Earning a Master of Arts in Political Science at the University of Missouri–St. Louis will offer you valuable insights into issues that matter and help you better understand how political, governmental and policy-making institutions and processes work. But a master's degree in political science from UMSL also gives you an extensive background in researching, writing, debating and developing analytical skills. You'll graduate ready to take on roles and responsibilities that can help you become the leader you were meant to be in business, non-profits or government.

### **Master of Arts in Political Science**

The MA in Political Science at UMSL gives students a broad understanding of political science and a firm grounding in scientific-based inquiry into a variety of political issues. Students learn how institutional design and economic and cultural factors shape the distribution of power, as well as patterns of cooperation and conflict in society within international, national and regional settings. And students learn how to communicate those scholarly insights to policymakers and the general public.

The Political Science Department at UMSL is public-facing, meaning that while we are deeply involved in the latest scholarly research, our curriculum is distinguished by providing practical solutions to public problems and communicating with a wide range of diverse audiences. We work closely with the Community Innovation and Action Center, an applied research center, where some of our graduate students work as research assistants. Also, all of our graduate seminars are offered at night or online, making UMSL especially well-suited for working professionals.

### **2+3 BA/MA Dual Degree Program**

The MA in Political Science is also offered in the 2+3 program format. This unique 2+3 dual degree program provides a pathway for students to earn both a bachelor's and a master's degree in political science with fewer total credit hours than would be required to complete each degree independently. Once all requirements have been met, students will be awarded both a BA and an MA, and are able to enter the job market with a competitive edge.

## Transforming Lives

The Master of Arts in Political Science at UMSL is earned through our College of Arts and Sciences, the academic core of the University of Missouri–St. Louis. Through academic programs offered on- and off-campus, traditional and nontraditional students gain knowledge, skills and intellectual leadership for a variety of career paths, advanced study and research in many academic disciplines.

Graduates are known for their professionalism on the job and their strong sense of civic responsibility. Students in our program engage in creative and critical thinking, learn to analyze evidence, to appreciate patterns of complexity and to reflect on important issues that impact our daily lives. Students gain skill sets to prepare for a changing workplace that requires flexible, dynamic and well-educated employees.

## Serious education. Serious value.

The Master of Arts in Political Science is designed to provide specialized knowledge, skills and training in a flexible format, with classes available in-person, online and in hybrid formats. You'll learn from highly qualified educators and researchers who hold terminal degrees from some of the world's most prestigious academic institutions.

The University of Missouri–St. Louis provides the knowledge, resources, tools, skills and support students need to be successful in our programs. Our comprehensive student support services include workshops, tutoring and career services to help you be successful in the classroom and beyond. We're also committed to increasing access to higher education, which is why UMSL is consistently ranked number one in affordability in the St. Louis region.

## Career Opportunities

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The University of Missouri–St. Louis is the largest public research university located in Missouri's most populous and economically important region. UMSL provides high-quality, affordable education to one of the most diverse student bodies in the state. No university is better connected to the surrounding region than UMSL. More than 75% of our graduates stay in St. Louis. The region needs a well-equipped workforce with strong communication skills, and UMSL is prepared to help you meet those needs. Choose the University of Missouri–St. Louis for political science.



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