

POLITICAL SCIENCE, MA

*The MA in Political Science is not available for external admission. Only students admitted to the PhD program in Political Science may pursue the MA in Political Science.

Political science has a rich history at Tulane, which is where the American Political Science Association was founded in 1903. Today, our MA program prepares students to ask innovative questions, conduct independent research, and become effective teachers. In training students, we emphasize the importance of mastering methodology and research design and using those tools to analyze how political phenomena develop around the world. Our faculty has broad expertise – the department consists of scholars who study domestic and international politics, in relation to the United States and the countries of Latin America, Africa, Europe, and Asia.

The substantive concerns that motivate the research of our faculty and students consist of the politics of inclusion and exclusion; the consequences of inequality; obstacles to sustainable development; international trade, cooperation, and conflict; the protection of human rights; and the foundations of durable authoritarianism. Those thematic research foci intersect in multiple ways and jointly contribute to informing our understanding of some of the most pressing global concerns of our times. The department is methodologically diverse and inclusive of different approaches to the study of politics.

Requirements

The MA requirements include 30 credits of coursework (taken over two years), which are to be distributed as follows:

Course ID	Title	Credits
Five Courses in Scope and Methods/Research Skills		15
POLS 7111	Scope & Methods for Poli Sci	
POLS 7112	Quantitative Methods I	
POLS 7113	Quantitative Methods II	
POLS 7114	Qualitative Methods	
POLS 7116	Dissertation Prospectus Seminar	
One Course in American Politics or Theory		3
Field Seminars		6
POLS 7752	Special Topics	
POLS 7910	Research	
Two Electives in the Department		6
Mandatory Political Science Seminar Attendance (One Year)		0
Thesis Research		
POLS 9980	Masters Research	0
Total Credit Hours		30

Contact

For more information, contact the School of Liberal Arts (<https://liberalarts.tulane.edu/political-science/contact-us/>).