

POLITICAL SCIENCE

Graduate Programs

The Department of Political Science offers a Master of Arts degree in political science.

Candidates for the Master of Arts degree in political science complete a foundation of 15 hours of study and devote their remaining hours to specialization in two of the following areas: American politics, comparative politics and international relations, with further specialization within these areas also possible. The plan is designed to prepare professional political scientists for careers in research and teaching, as well as administrative and policy positions in local, state or national government and international affairs.

For more information, go to our website polsci.okstate.edu (<https://polsci.okstate.edu>).

Admission Requirements for Master's Degree Programs

Any student having a bachelor's degree with an overall 3.00 grade-point average (on a 4.00 scale) may be admitted as a student in full standing. Those with less than an overall 3.00 grade-point average are considered for admission on a probationary basis. All graduate students in the MA program would benefit from completion of an undergraduate statistics class. A GRE exam score is required for the MA program.

Degree Requirements for the MA in Political Science

In addition to the general requirements of the Graduate College, requirements for the Master of Arts degree in political science are listed below.

1. A minimum of 33 credit hours in political science or closely related courses. These include:

Code	Title	Hours
Research Methods and Foundations of Political Science		
POLS 5103	Research Design	3
POLS 5013	Quantitative Methods	3
Proseminars		
POLS 5703	ProSeminar in American Politics	3
POLS 5403	ProSeminar in Comparative Politics	3
POLS 5203	ProSeminar in International Relations	3
Electives		
Select at least six hours in two of the following subfields:		12
American Politics		
Comparative Politics		
International Relations		
Select six hour thesis		6

A minimum of 21 hours of political science graduate seminars (seminars numbered 5000 or above) is required. The student must successfully defend the thesis orally before the faculty committee.

2. Minimum 3.00 grade-point average, with only one grade of "C" allowed.