**Master of Arts in Political Science - Legislative Studies**

**Curriculum**
The Master of Arts in Political Science – Legislative Studies degree offers instruction for students interested in positions as legislative staff, political consultants or other careers in professional politics.

Students will receive instruction that moves beyond the standard coursework in American and Texas government and politics by advancing their knowledge of legislative processes and the role that legislatures play at the local, state and national levels of government. They will learn to analyze, evaluate and design research relevant to the practice of politics. In addition, they will learn the skills necessary for the analysis of data that is increasingly called for in the practice of politics.

**Career Options**
Graduates will have the communication, research and project management skills that are necessary for undertaking policy or political analysis in legislative and/or public affairs at multiple levels of government, from local to national. Throughout students learn empirical approaches to understanding data, approaches that are in high demand among employers.

**Degree Program**
Students must complete 30 credit hours to earn a Master of Arts in Political Science – Legislative Studies. This includes:

- 9 semester credit hours of required core
- 9 semester credit hours of prescribed electives
- 6 semester credit hours of electives
- 6 semester credit hours of internship

All students must achieve at least a 3.0 grade point average in all coursework to graduate.

For complete admission and degree requirements, view the Graduate Catalog at [catalog.utdallas.edu](http://catalog.utdallas.edu).

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