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

Students will receive instruction that advances their knowledge of legislative processes and the role that legislators 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.

**Program Description**

The Master of Arts in Political Science – Legislative Studies program requires students to complete eight 3-credit courses from a list that includes:

- Executives and Legislatures
- State and Local Government
- The Texas Legislative Process
- Descriptive and Inferential Statistics
- Public Opinion and Survey Research
- Campaigns and Media Relations
- The Texas Legislative Workshop
- Congress

Students complete the program with 6 hours of internship.

**Career Paths**

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 offices of the state of Texas and elsewhere.

**Admission Requirements**

- Preferred GRE score of 300 (new) 1100 (old)
- Baccalaureate degree from an accredited university
- 3.0 undergraduate grade point average is desirable
- University’s graduate application form
- Three letters of recommendation
- Personal statement outlining background and educational and professional objectives

Visit [www.utdallas.edu/admissions/graduate](http://www.utdallas.edu/admissions/graduate) for application and detailed admission steps.

**Deadlines**

The Political Science program accepts graduate students in the fall and spring. For more information regarding UT Dallas deadlines, visit [www.utdallas.edu/enroll/apply/fees.php](http://www.utdallas.edu/enroll/apply/fees.php).

**Contact**

For questions regarding the application process and specific admissions requirements, contact Cheryl Berry, Graduate Program Administrator, at cheryl.berry@utdallas.edu or 972-883-2932.

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