Master of Arts in Political Science – Legislative Studies

The UT Dallas MA – 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.

Program Description
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.

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 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.

Admission Requirements
- Online Application
- Baccalaureate degree
- 3.0 undergraduate grade point average
- Combined GRE scores of 300
- Three letters of recommendation
- Admission essay

Visit www.utdallas.edu/admissions/graduate for application and detailed admission steps.

Deadline
The Political Science program accepts graduate students in the fall and spring semesters. For official UT Dallas deadlines, visit www.utdallas.edu/enroll/apply/fees.php

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

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