

School of Economic, Political and Policy Sciences

Master of Arts in Political Science



Curriculum

The University of Texas at Dallas Political Science Masters Program offers advanced instruction in the social science literature and theories about politics, citizenship, governance and data analysis.

Career Options

Political Science degrees prepare students for public service and government and non-profit organizations and agencies, as well as positions in academe, business or legislative politics. 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. This includes:

- 15 semester credit hours of required core
- 15 semester credit hours of prescribed electives

Students may choose from three tracks within the degree program:

Political Science

Students in this track will gain a competency in one of the fields of Comparative Politics, International Relations, Political Institutions and American Politics, or Law and Courts; in addition to gaining valuable analysis, evaluation and research design skills.

Constitutional Law Studies

Students in this track will gain detailed knowledge of role of the judicial system in the evolution of public policy in the United States, and will learn analysis, application of theories, evaluation and research design relevant to the study of law and courts as well as other phenomena more broadly.

Legislative Studies

Students in this track 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.

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.

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