

School of Economic, Political and Policy Sciences

Doctor of Philosophy in Political Science



Curriculum

The Doctor of Philosophy in Political Science provides a rigorous, disciplinary program with strong multidisciplinary links. The program consists of innovative, state-of-the-science graduate education in political methodology and the fields of comparative politics and international relations; law and courts; and political institutions and American politics.



In the first two years of the program, students acquire research skills and tools, work on research projects, and acquaint themselves with professional norms in the discipline. Later, they have opportunities to develop their instructional and presentation skills and to conduct research answering important questions in the field.

Career Options

Graduates of the program seek positions such as: professor, researcher, and manager in government and private sector.

Degree Program

Students must complete 75 post-baccalaureate graduate semester credit hours of coursework, pass their core and field exams, and write and defend a doctoral dissertation that makes an original contribution of knowledge. In addition to completing the core coursework, students must take four classes in a major field and two in a minor field from among the following:

- Comparative Politics
- International Relations
- Political Institutions and American Politics
- Law and Courts

For complete admission and degree requirements, view the Graduate Catalog at catalog.utdallas.edu.

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