

# Political Science- Master of Arts

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## Admission Requirements Combined Bachelor/Master's Program

Undergraduate students may apply to the combined BA/MA Program where they can earn a MA Degree while completing their BA Degree. To apply for the combined degree program, students must have completed 64 hours toward the BA with a 3.25 GPA and must have completed 17 hours of political science course work (with a 3.50 GPA), including at least 9 hours at the 300 level or above. Please contact the department's Director of Graduate Studies for more information.

## Master of Arts

You may enter this program only in the fall term; apply by **April 1**. Admission requirements include:

1. at least 18 semester hours of undergraduate work in political science or at least 12 semester hours in political science and 12 in other social sciences, including a survey course in the American political system or introduction to political science;
2. at least a 3.00 (4.00 scale) grade point average (GPA) in the above undergraduate course work;
3. three letters of recommendation;
4. Graduate Record Examination (GRE is optional) general test scores;
5. a letter or statement describing career objective and fields of interest in political science.
6. a writing sample.

## Program Requirements

The Master of Arts in Political Science at Miami University is a terminal degree for students intending to pursue careers in politics at all levels of government and in nongovernmental organizations. The MA program is designed to equip students with the analytical skills and substantive knowledge necessary for engaging in applied politics, public affairs, and public policy study. Students in the MA program are exposed to the discipline of political science, specifically focusing on how political science theories underpin the systematic study of the behavior of political actors and processes in the American context and globally. Special emphasis is placed on developing the student's understanding of the frameworks for active participation in governance, issue advocacy, law and legal affairs, and public policy research, while developing the research, analytical and writing skills essential for public leaders.

31 graduate hours required, including:

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>Core Courses</b>		
POL 601	Foundations of Political Analysis	3

POL 603	Introduction to Quantitative Methods	2
POL 604	Public Policy Research	2
POL 606	Final Project for Master's Degree	3

### Human Subjects Research Certification

### Concentration

Select a minimum of 9 hours of political science graduate course work from one of the following groups:

#### American Political System/Political Theory

POL 511	American Political Thought	
POL 519	Civil Society and Modern Politics	
POL 559	Capstone Seminar on the American Political System	

#### Comparative Political Systems/International Relations

POL 523	European Union: Politics and Policies	
POL 530	Seminar on Comparative Political Systems	
POL 540	Havighurst Colloquium	
POL 571	Then International System	
POL 589	Conflict Management in a Divided World	
POL 630	Seminar: Comparative Political Systems	

#### Public Administration and Policy Analysis

POL 560	Seminar on Public Administration and Policy Analysis	
POL 566	Public Policy Analysis	
POL 567	Public Budgeting	
POL 568	Public Personnel Administration	
POL 640	Internship	

### Electives

Select 12 hours of political science graduate course work, 9 hours of which must be outside the concentration <sup>1</sup>

### Total Credit Hours 31

<sup>1</sup> This may include up to 6 hours of graduate course work from outside the department with the approval of the graduate studies committee. Internship experience while in the program may count for up to 6 hours with the approval of the graduate studies committee.