MA in Political Science

Admission Requirements
Applicants are considered on a competitive basis. In addition to the Graduate College minimum requirements, applicants must meet the following program requirements:

• **Baccalaureate Field** No restrictions.
• **Grade Point Average** At least 3.00/4.00 for the final 60 semester (90 quarter) hours of undergraduate study.
• **Tests Required** None.
• **Minimum English Competency Test Score**
  - TOEFL iBT 80, with subscores of Reading 19, Listening 17, Speaking 20, and Writing 21, OR,
  - IELTS Academic 6.5, with 6.0 in each of the four subscores, OR,
  - PTE-Academic 54, with subscores of Reading 51, Listening 47, Speaking 53, and Writing 56.
• **Letters of Recommendation** Three required, preferably from faculty members in political science or cognate disciplines who are familiar with the applicant’s training and ability.
• **Personal Statement** Required. The statement should address the applicant’s academic goals.
• **Deadlines** Application deadlines for this program are listed on the Graduate College website.

Degree Requirements
In addition to the Graduate College minimum requirements, students must meet the following program requirements:

• **Minimum Semester Hours Required** 34.
• **Coursework** Required coursework totals 18 semester hours. Required courses will not be waived. A grade of B or better is required in all required courses.

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Select one of the following:

| POLS 504 | Seminar in Political Theory                |       |
| POLS 551 | Seminar in Urban Politics                  |       |
| POLS 560 | Seminar in American Politics               |       |
| POLS 570 | Seminar in Comparative Politics            |       |
| POLS 571 | Seminar in International Relations         |       |

**Electives**
At least 16 additional hours at the 500 level. No more than two courses (8 hours) may be taken outside the department.

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a In POLS 593 students complete a major research paper under the supervision of two faculty members.