POLITICAL SCIENCE (M.A.)

Admission Requirements

Admission to this program is contingent upon admission to the Graduate School (http://bulletins.wayne.edu/graduate/general-information/admission). A strong undergraduate performance is a prerequisite and substantial undergraduate preparation in the social sciences is recommended. Applicants must take the Graduate Record Examination and have the results submitted to the university.

The Master of Arts with a Major in Political Science is offered under the following options:

**Plan A**: Thirty-three or thirty-four credits including an eight-credit thesis.

**Plan B**: Thirty-three or thirty-four credits including a three-credit essay.

Depending on the student’s program, thirty-three or thirty-four credits, including a minimum of twenty-four credits in political science, are required. All students must satisfy a general Departmental requirement aimed at the development of basic analytic and methodological skills by successfully completing PS 5630 (statistics) and PS 7660 (research methodology). These courses should be taken early in the student’s program of study. Students select a major area of study from among the following six fields: American government and politics, comparative politics, political theory, public policy, urban politics, and world politics.

A written, comprehensive examination in the major field is required. If the thesis option is elected, an oral examination on the thesis is also required.

A student’s program is finalized in a Plan of Work that must be filed by the time the student has earned twelve credits. The student should consult the Department’s Director of Graduate Studies for guidance in the development of his/her Plan of Work and for the specific requirements of the major concentration.

No credit will be granted without authorization of the Department’s Graduate Committee for courses in Political Science taken at Wayne State University prior to formal admission to the M.A. program.

**Academic Scholarship**: All course work must be completed in accordance with the regulations of the Graduate School (http://bulletins.wayne.edu/graduate/general-information/academic-regulations) and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (http://bulletins.wayne.edu/graduate/college-liberal-arts-sciences/academic-regulations).

**AGRADE — Accelerated Graduate Enrollment**

The Department of Political Science permits undergraduate majors with superior academic records to petition for accelerated graduate enrollment under the ‘AGRADE’ program of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. This program allows qualified seniors to apply credits earned in specifically approved courses to both a bachelor’s and a master’s degree. Acceptance in the program is governed by the rules and procedures set forth by the College. Students in the program must also satisfy the Department’s normal admission requirements for the master’s degree, including the Graduate Record Examination if required, in order to be admitted to the Graduate School. For further details, students should contact the Department’s Director of Graduate Studies.