



University of Illinois at Springfield Political Science - MA

Program Description

The Political Science Master's Degree at UIS merges the academic and practical aspects of politics together in a unique curriculum that prepares students to apply their learning to the real world. The program is a good fit for students who want to pursue careers in practical politics at the state level or in agencies involved in international policy making, for those who are preparing to teach, and for those who aspire to an advanced degree in political science or law. The program is specifically structured to meet the needs of students from diverse academic and professional backgrounds, with a curriculum that is centered around several required core courses that provide a strong foundation of essential concepts and skills and a range of options in subject-matter seminars, elective courses, and internships that allow students to tailor their courses of study to their individual aspirations.



Admission Requirements

- A minimum undergraduate cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher on a 4.00 scale
- A bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university
- International applicants must satisfy the UIS English proficiency requirements (found at <http://www.uis.edu/admissions/international/graduate>).
- GRE scores are not required.

Degree Requirements

Students in the Online Political Science master's degree program are able to complete all of their courses 100% online. To earn a Political Science Master's Degree from UIS, a student must successfully complete all 40 hours of required core courses and electives. A minimum of 28 credit hours must be taken at the 500 level and only 8 credit hours may be taken outside of Political Science Department.

Core Courses (12 credit hours)

PSC 501: Introduction to the Graduate Study of Politics (4 credit hours)

PSC 502: Methods of Inquiry (4 credit hours)

PSC 590: Closure Exercise (4 credit hours) Students may choose from: Comprehensive Examination, Participant/Observer Case Study, or Thesis

Electives/Internships (28 credit hours)

To allow students to specialize in a subfield, an area of emphasis of at least 16 hours may be chosen in consultation with an advisor. An area of emphasis is not required. Areas of emphasis include: American National or State Politics, Comparative Politics/International Relations, Political Theory, and Public Law. Not all electives are offered every semester.

Official degree requirements are available in the UIS catalog at www.uis.edu/uiscatalog

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