Welcome

The Accelerated Master’s Degree program allows highly motivated students to advance their academic careers by taking graduate course work toward the traditional Master of Arts degree simultaneously with undergraduate course work.

By taking up to 12 credit hours of Political Science graduate course work (500 and 600 level courses) during the senior year, a student need only complete sufficient additional course work to meet the requirements for the MA degree.

Advanced undergraduate students majoring in Political Science may want to consider this option by which they can obtain their Bachelor’s Degree and their Master of Arts degree in five years.

Eligibility Standards

Students who meet the following criteria are eligible to apply to the accelerated program:

1. Signed major in Political Science
2. Enrolled in last semester of junior status
3. Completion of at least 15 Political Science credits, not including internship and CR/NC courses.
4. Completion of PSC 280 Introduction to Empirical Methods of Political Science, with a grade of B+ or higher.

Program Requirements

Three to twelve (3-12) hours of graduate PSC credit (500 and 600 level courses) leading to MA degree in PSC may be taken in the final year of undergraduate work.
Admission Requirements

Students must apply for admission to the College of Graduate Studies during the last semester of their junior undergraduate year. Students must meet the requirements for admission to the Master of Arts in Political Science degree and to the College of Graduate Studies. In addition, students should also have completed university competency requirements.

If admitted, graduate status is conferred in the senior year after the student has completed at least 86 undergraduate credit hours with a cumulative undergraduate grade point average of at least 3.25 or a grade point average of 3.25 in Political Science course work.

Students are encouraged to view the College of Graduate Studies bulletin for details of their admission standards. Additionally, students interested in the program may pick up information and application guidelines from the Political Science Department office, Anspach Hall 247.

Financial Assistance

Each year the Political Science Department awards a limited number of graduate assistantships to MA students. Graduate assistants receive tuition credit and a stipend as compensation. They work 20 hours per week for the department by assisting faculty.

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