

APPLIED POLITICS, MAP

The Master of Applied Politics is one of just a few programs in the United States focusing on practical politics and experiential learning. It is designed for students interested in working in election campaigns, digital strategy and messaging, fundraising, managing organizations, government relations, civic engagement, and other political activities. Our modern curriculum produces graduates with real, tangible skills, who will be ready to make their mark in their chosen field immediately. All courses are delivered either live online (with an in-person component for those located in Northeast Ohio) or asynchronously online, thus allowing students to take classes and complete the program from anywhere in the world.

Admission Requirements

Admission is open to students who have completed a four-year undergraduate degree and who fulfill the admission requirements of the Graduate School. Two letters of recommendation (at least one from a faculty member) and a personal statement outlining the expected fit between the student's skills and objectives and the department's programs and resources are required. No specific field of undergraduate major is required for admission. The Graduate Record Examination (GRE) is not required. The program is designed to accommodate students taking course work full or part-time. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis.

Degree Requirements

Students must complete a minimum of 30 credits of graduate work composed of core and elective courses, at least one internship, and a capstone presentation.

Code	Title	Hours
Required Core Courses - 24 credits		
POLIT 555	Civic Engagement and Political Behavior	3
POLIT 556	Deliberation and Political Disagreement	3
POLIT 570	Fundamentals of Political Strategy	3
POLIT 571	Fundamentals of Electoral Messaging	3
POLIT 572	Campaign Finance, Fundraising, and Budgeting	3
POLIT 578	Fundamentals of the Digital Campaign	3
POLIT 600	Scope & Theories of Political Science	3
POLIT 695	Internship in Government & Politics	3-6

Code	Title	Hours
Elective Courses - Minimum of six credits selected from the following:		
POLIT 500	Political Extremism & Violence	3
POLIT 522	Understanding Racial & Gender Conflicts	3
POLIT 523	Women, Gender, and Politics	3
POLIT 502	Politics and the Media	3
POLIT 527	Campaign Battleground	3
POLIT 528	Ohio Politics	3
POLIT 540	Survey Research Methods	3
POLIT 541	The Policy Process	3
POLIT 542	Methods of Policy Analysis	3
POLIT 563	Human Rights in World Politics	3
POLIT 573	Voter Contact & Elections	3

POLIT 580	Policy Problems in Political Science	3
POLIT 590	Workshop in Political Science	1-3
POLIT 592	Selected Topics in Political Science	3
POLIT 574	Political Opinion, Behavior & Electoral Politics	3
POLIT 575	American Interest Groups	3
POLIT 576	American Political Parties	3
POLIT 577	Government Relations and Lobbying	3
POLIT 601	Research Methods in Political Science	3
POLIT 630	Seminar in National Politics	3
POLIT 655	Campaign and Election Law	3
POLIT 672	Seminar: Political Influence & Organizations	3
POLIT 690	Special Topics in Political Science	1-3
POLIT 697	Independent Research & Readings	1-4
POLIT 699	Master's Thesis	2-6
POLIT 695	Internship in Government & Politics (If students complete more than 3 credits of this course in fulfillment of their core requirements, the additional credit may be applied toward this elective category.)	3-6

MAP Capstone Project

All students are required to construct a PowerPoint (or other visual presentation) and defend a capstone project which demonstrates knowledge and skills earned while in the MAP program. The capstone presentation can be completed using distance learning/remote technology if the student cannot be present on the UA campus.