

POLITICAL SCIENCE, MA

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Applications are accepted on a rolling basis.

Students may also work toward certificates in Applied Politics in conjunction with their graduate studies in Political Science.

Political Science - Intelligence and National Security Studies Track

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Complete 30 credits of graduate work as follows

Code	Title	Hours
Track Required Courses		
POLIT 600	Scope & Theories of Political Science	3
POLIT 548	Intelligence Analysis	3
POLIT 612	Seminar in US National Security Policy	3
Electives		
Select 21 credits of the following:		21
GEOG 505	Geographic Information Systems	
POLIT 500	Political Extremism & Violence	
POLIT 510	International Security Policy	
POLIT 513	Global Public Health Threats	
POLIT 514	Wealth and Power Among Nations	
POLIT 517	Environmental Security and Climate Politics	
POLIT 518	Weapons of Mass Destruction	
POLIT 519	Homeland Security Policy and Process	
POLIT 545	Al Qaeda and ISIS	
POLIT 546	National Security Intelligence	
POLIT 547	Counterterrorism	
POLIT 563	Human Rights in World Politics	
POLIT 610	Seminar in International Politics	

GEOG 507	Advanced Geographic Information Systems
GEOG 547	Remote Sensing
GEOG 545	GIS Database Design
STAT 562	Applied Regression and ANOVA
COMM 575	Political Communication
COMM 540	Strategic Social Media
COMM 623	Applied Communication Theory
POLIT 611	Seminar in War and Insurgency
POLIT 620	Seminar in Comparative Politics
POLIT 622	Seminar in Alternatives to Violence at Home and Abroad
POLIT 695	Internship in Government & Politics
POLIT 603	Advanced Analytic Writing and Briefing
Total Hours	30

Additionally, the following non-credit Milestones need to be completed by the end of the program:

Capstone Intelligence Assessment

Capstone Intelligence Assessment Defense

Political Science

30 credits total graduate-level courses required for the MA

Required courses (6 credits):

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POLIT 600	Scope & Theories of Political Science	3
POLIT 610	Seminar in International Politics	3
Total Hours		6

Additional Elective Graduate Credits (24 credits, 500 or 600-level)

Code	Title	Hours
POLIT 540	Survey Research Methods	3
POLIT 545	Al Qaeda and ISIS	3
POLIT 547	Counterterrorism	3
POLIT 548	Intelligence Analysis	3
POLIT 563	Human Rights in World Politics	3
POLIT 601	Research Methods in Political Science	3
POLIT 611	Seminar in War and Insurgency	3
POLIT 612	Seminar in US National Security Policy	3
POLIT 620	Seminar in Comparative Politics	3
POLIT 630	Seminar in National Politics	3
POLIT 695	Internship in Government & Politics	3-6
POLIT 561	The Supreme Court & Constitutional Law	3
POLIT 562	The Supreme Court & Civil Liberties	3

Non-course track requirements:

- Complete an Essay of Distinction
- Pass a written comprehensive Comprehensive Exam