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Degrees Offered

Master of Arts

Special Departmental Requirements

(See also general University Graduate School requirements.)

Admission Requirements

Applications will be considered all year round. Admission requirements include an undergraduate major in political science, or its equivalent, with a GPA of 3.0 or better, the Graduate Record Examination, with average scores on the General Test of 500 with at least one score of 550 or better, a personal state-

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ment and three letters of support.

Foreign Language Requirement

There is no foreign language requirement.

Grades

Students must maintain a 3.0 (B) grade point average, and receive minimum course grades of 2.8 (B-).

Master of Arts Degree

Course Requirements

A minimum of 33 credit hours made up of the core courses (12 credit hours). All students must complete the following:

POLS Y570 Introduction to the Study of Politics (3 cr.)*

POLS Y580 Research Methods in Political Science (3 cr.)*

POLS Y620 State Politics (3 cr.)

POLS Y622 Urban Politics (3 cr.)

Electives (9-12 hours). Approved electives may be taken from any department. Approved Political Science courses currently include the following:

POLS Y624 Indiana Politics (3 cr.)

POLS Y630 State Executive Politics (3 cr.)

POLS Y640 State Parties and Interest Groups (3 cr.)

POLS Y642 Comparative Federalism (3 cr.)

POLS Y661 American Politics (3 cr.)*

POLS Y680 Readings in Political Science (1-6 cr.)

An internship (3-6 hours) with a state, local, or government institution, or with a body having operational ties with such an institution. Students must enroll in POLS Y881*, Internship in Political Science. A thesis (6 hours) exploring some aspect of state, local or urban politics. Students must enroll in POLS Y880, M.A. Thesis. Students are strongly advised to allow at least one year for the preparation, completion and defense of a thesis.

(An asterisk* after a course denotes final approval is pending.)

Final Examination

There is no final examination.

Courses

500 Level

Y570 Introduction to the Study of Politics (3 cr.)* Problems of graduate study and professional scholarship; central organizing concepts and the use of theory in political science and related disciplines; specialized areas of research and scholarship in political science; conditions of scientific inquiry and methodological problems in the study of political phenomena; central importance of theory in explanation.

Y580 Research Methods in Political Science (1-3 cr.)*

600 Level

Y620 State Politics (3 cr.) An examination of the institutions and processes by which state governments carry out their responsibilities. Includes the study of executives, legislatures, parties, and elections at the state level.

Y622 Urban Politics (3 cr.) An examination of—and the problems faced and challenges faced by—the governments of cities and metropolitan areas. Includes study of leadership, citizen participation, intergovernmental relations, and urban policy.

Y624 Indiana Politics (3 cr.) This seminar reviews contemporary scholarship on the development, context, structure, and operation of Indiana Government and politics. It places Indiana politics into both a historical and comparative perspective to see how Indiana politics have changed over time and how they compare to politics in other states.

Y630 State Executive Politics (3 cr.) A course that examines the role of governors in state politics. Includes the study of leadership and the relationship between the executive and other elements of government at the subnational level.

Y640 State Parties and Interest Groups (3 cr.) An examination of political parties and interest groups, their roles in government, and their structure and organization.

Y642 Comparative Federalism (3 cr.) A course that places federalism in its comparative context. Assessing theories and models of federalism in North American, Europe, Asia, and other parts of the world.

Y661 American Politics (3 cr.)* Illustrative topics: the presidency, legislative process, political behavior, political parties and representation, political socialization, comparative state politics, urban politics, bureaucratic politics.

Y680 Readings in Political Science (1-6 cr.) This course allows a student and faculty member to craft a course of study to suit the student's particular academic needs.

800 Level

Y880 M.A. Thesis (1-6 cr.)

Y881 Internship in Political Science (1-6 cr.)* A course in which students complete an internship for credit with a government

(or related) institution. It will be arranged between the student and the instructor (requirements will vary depending on student/instructor agreement).

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