

Political Science - Public Affairs, MA

The Master of Arts in Public Affairs (public policy) requires 36 semester hours of approved graduate work from the following courses. Select a minimum of 12 semester hours at the 600-level.

Foundation Courses ¹		12
PSC 600	THE AMERICAN POLITY	
PSC 601	THE PUBLIC POLICY PROCESS	
PSC 610	PUBLIC MANAGEMENT PROFESSIONS	
PSC 635	PROGRAM EVALUATION AND METHODS	
Political Science Electives		21
Select 21 semester-hours from the following:		
PSC 520	FEDERALISM & INTERGOV RELATION	
PSC 540	REGIONAL STUDIES	
PSC 551	LAW, COURTS & PUBLIC POLICY	
PSC 562	DECISION-MAKING FORGN & SEC PLY	
PSC 564	AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY	
PSC 566	NATIONAL SECURITY STRGY & PLY	
PSC 570	ISSUES IN SECURITY POLICY	
PSC 580	SPECIAL TOPICS IN POLITICAL SC	
PSC 611	PUBLIC PERSONNEL ADMINIS	
PSC 612	BUDGETARY PROCESS	
PSC 615	SPEC TOPICS IN PUBLIC AFFAIRS	
PSC 630	PUBL VALUES/PUBL POLICY	
PSC 695	INTERNSHIP IN GOVERNMENT	
PSC 698	DIRECTED READINGS & RESEARCH	
PSC 699	MASTER'S THESIS	
Capstone Course ²		3
PSC 690	CAPSTONE	
Other Options ³		
Total Semester Hours		36

¹ Although these courses are required, they are not strictly prerequisites for other courses in the program. However, it is advised that students complete them as early in their program as practical.

² The Capstone course is required and should be taken during the last year of the program.

³ Students may take or transfer a maximum of nine hours of coursework from outside of the department, including from other universities. Students must consult with the department chair to determine the appropriate coursework from other disciplines.

The International Security Policy (ISP) Certificate Program provides students with a shorter graduate program experience. The ISP certificate is awarded upon the completion of 12-15 semester hours of graduate courses from the following schedule:

Prerequisites for the Certificate:

- If a student does not have at least three courses in Political Science as an undergraduate (including American Government), prior to taking the required coursework he or she must take PSC 600.

Required Courses

PSC 540	REGIONAL STUDIES	3
PSC 562	DECISION-MAKING FORGN & SEC PLY	3
PSC 566	NATIONAL SECURITY STRGY & PLY	3
or PSC 564	AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY	

Electives (Choose one):

PSC 564	AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY	3
PSC 566	NATIONAL SECURITY STRGY & PLY	3

PSC 570	ISSUES IN SECURITY POLICY	3
PSC 601	THE PUBLIC POLICY PROCESS	3