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Political Science Department Profile

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The graduate program in political science incorporates six fields: ▪ American Politics ▪ Comparative Politics ▪ World Politics ▪ Normative Political Theory ▪ Political Methodology ▪ Mass Political Behavior

PROGRAMS OFFERED:

Major Field of Study	Degree	Avg. Fall Student Applicants	Avg. Fall Students Enrolled	Average Yearly # of Degrees	Yearly Average Enrolled	Average Percentage of Women
American Politics	Ph.D.	118	10	5 Ph.D.	55	35
Comparative Politics				3 MA		
World Politics /IR						
Normative Political Theory						
Mass Political Behavior						
Political Methodology						
Political Theory						

Recent MA/Ph.D.'s Placements:

CIDE	San Diego University	University of Missouri
Iowa State University	Slippery Rock University	University of New Hampshire
Institute Barcelona	Texas A&M University	University of Wisconsin, Whitewater
Kent State University	University of Arizona	Universidade de Brasilia
Louisiana State University	University of California, Riverside	Universidad de Los Andes
National Chengchi University	University of Michigan	Vanderbilt University
National University of San Martín	University of Minnesota	Washington University, St. Louis

Admissions Requirements:

1. A personal statement (approximately 500 words) that outlines your intellectual and professional interests in political science, as well as your reasons for changing graduate programs if you are presently enrolled in an MA program at another institution.
2. An official report of your performance on the Graduate Record Examinations (GRE) **sent directly from the Educational Testing Service. COPIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED;**
3. An official report of your performance on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) if you are a non-U.S. citizen **sent directly from the Educational Testing Service. COPIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED;**
4. Official, certified transcripts in the native language accompanied by notarized English translations **sent directly from all universities you have attended** if you are a non-U.S. citizen;
5. All admitted foreign students MUST submit a Supplemental Application Packet, including the Certification of Financial Responsibility.
6. An application fee of \$50 (payable to the University of Pittsburgh).
7. **Three letters of recommendation are intended to provide independent evaluation of each applicant's potential. The department views submission of letters written by applicants as a form of cheating. Any applications containing letters written by applicants will be downgraded or disqualified.**

Average GPA of Entering Students: 3.6

Average GRE's of Entering Students:
Verbal: 161
Quantitative: 158
Analytical: 4

Is the GRE Subject Test Required? No Yes

Can Students Earn a Degree Exclusively Through:

⇒ Part-Time Study? Yes No

⇒ Evening/Weekend Study? Yes No

Are Career-Related Internships/Field Work Available?

Yes No

Number of Faculty Members Actively Involved with Graduate Students through Teaching or Research:

Part-Time: 0 Full-Time: 25

Percentage of Students fully FUNDED BY DEPARTMENT (e.g., Assistantships, Fellowships):

100% Less than 50%
 50-99% None

How many years of support from department:
5 years

Are Departmental Awards Available to Master's Degree Students? Yes No

Special Program Highlights:

In conjunction with the University's area studies centers, our reputation is particularly strong in Comparative Politics – especially Latin American Politics and European Politics. Moreover, ours is one of the only programs in the nation to offer a specialization in Mass Comparative Political Behavior. We also have a strong American Politics program, with unique strength in Executive Politics, Electoral Politics, Judicial Politics and Racial Politics.

Current Research Interests of Department's Faculty:

- ⇒ Mass Political Behavior (American and Comparative)
- ⇒ Legislative Politics (both American and Comparative)
- ⇒ Political Economy (National, International and Comparative)
- ⇒ International Conflict
- ⇒ Executive Politics
- ⇒ Judicial Politics
- ⇒ International Organizations