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, and Mass Political Behavior.

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Recent MA/Ph.D.’s Placements:

- CIDE
- Iowa State University
- Institute Barcelona
- Kent State University
- Louisiana State University
- National Chengchi University
- National University of San Martín
- San Diego University
- Slippery Rock University
- Texas A&M University
- University of Arizona
- University of California, Riverside
- University of Michigan
- University of Minnesota
- University of Missouri
- University of New Hampshire
- University of Wisconsin, Whitewater
- Universidade de Brasília
- Universidade de Los Andes
- Vanderbilt University
- 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.
Admission Deadline: January 8

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? [ X ] No [ ] Yes

Can Students Earn a Degree Exclusively Through:
- Part-Time Study? [ ] Yes [ X ] No
- Evening/Weekend Study? [ ] Yes [ X ] No

Are Career-Related Internships/Field Work Available? [ X ] 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%
- [ X ] 50-99%
- [ ] None

How many years of support from department: 5 years

Are Departmental Awards Available to Master’s Degree Students? [ ] Yes [ X ] 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

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