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

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Recent MA/Ph.D.’s Placements:

- CIDE
- Notre Dame
- University of Missouri
- Colgate University
- South Carolina
- University of New Hampshire
- Iowa State University
- Texas A&M University
- University of Wisconsin, Madison
- Institute Barcelona
- University of Arizona
- Universidade de Brasilia
- Kent State University
- University of California, Riverside
- Universidad de Los Andes
- London School of Economics
- University of Michigan
- Vanderbilt University
- Louisiana State University
- University of Minnesota
- Washington University, St. Louis

Admissions Requirements:
1. A career 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 foreign students MUST submit a Supplemental Application Packet for International applicants, including the Certification of Financial Responsibility. To ensure enough time to process the material, foreign applicants are encouraged to get their completed applications to the Department earlier than the official deadline of January 15;
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: 160
- Quantitative: 155
- Analytical: 4

Is the GRE Subject Test Required? [ X ] No  

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%
- [ ] Less than 50%
- [ ] 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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