

POLITICAL SCIENCE

PhD IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

Specialization in:

Global Politics (comparative politics and international relations)

MA IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

MA IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

MA/JD DUAL DEGREE

BA/MA DUAL DEGREE

The Department of Political Science offers graduate degrees that balance the career needs of the academic marketplace and the requirements of a rigorous education. The department offers students a highly personalized graduate education. Faculty work closely with students to ensure the best training in their chosen fields of study. All graduate classes are conducted by our full-time department faculty. All graduate programs provide valuable methodological and research design training.

PhD IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

The PhD program with specialization in global politics is intended for students who wish to prepare for teaching and research careers, or for those who wish to acquire the analytical and research skills necessary for a career in government or the private sector.

MA IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

The Department of Political Science offers graduate students the opportunity to pursue a general MA in political science with courses in comparative politics, international relations, American politics and political theory.

MA IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

The MA in International Affairs provides students with an interdisciplinary, practical understanding of International Affairs, facilitated by their ability to take courses within five different schools and colleges and the opportunity to engage with practitioners. Graduates are well-positioned for policy focused work in government offices, international organizations, non-profits, and the private sector.

MA/JD DUAL DEGREE PROGRAM

In cooperation with Loyola's School of Law, the department offers a dual MA/JD degree that provides students with specialized policy training appropriate for careers in the public sector or for law practices involving governmental agencies or processes. The program makes it possible to earn both MA and JD degrees in a shorter time than if the two degrees were pursued independently.

BA/MA DUAL DEGREE PROGRAM

The BA/MA dual degree program provides a select number of undergraduate political science majors with the opportunity to earn both BA and MA degrees in 5 years of study (1 year less than if the two degrees were pursued separately).

PROGRAM STRUCTURE

The degree offers full-time enrollment

For the PhD program average time to completion: 5 years (full time)

For the MA program average time to completion: 1.5 years (full time)

For the MA/JD program average time to completion: varies (full time)

INTERNSHIPS/RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

A capstone experience is included as part of the curriculum.

This includes comprehensive exams at both the MA and PhD level.

ACADEMIC & STUDENT LIFE

Student organizations are associated with the program.

Political Science Graduate Student Association

EXPECTATIONS AFTER GRADUATION

PhD graduates typically gain employment in a teaching focused college or university. MA students often gain employment in local, state, or federal government agencies, non-governmental organizations both national and international, or political campaigns.

- Recent graduates are now employed at organizations like Universidad Católica de Temuco (Chile), Illinois State University, Foreign Policy Research Institute, and Central Michigan University.
- To learn more about career services, visit LUC.edu/career.

PROGRAM DISTINCTIONS

Our MA students benefit from small classes where students get a great deal of personal attention and from the fact that PhD students raise the level of the classroom experience. Our classes have anywhere from 6 to 12 students in each class. Additionally, our classes are in the evening, allowing for working students to earn an MA.

FACULTY

Political science faculty members are both passionate about their teaching and dedicated to their research. Areas of faculty interest include American politics, comparative politics, international relations, and political theory. We also have expertise in various regions of the world: Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America, and the Middle East.

PREREQUISITES

Students are required to have earned a BA in political science or related field.

FINANCIAL AID

Admitted PhD students receive funding from the University that includes a stipend, all tuition, and medical benefits. MA students should begin the financial aid process by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at fafsa.ed.gov.

The Graduate School has limited funds available for financial assistance. Financial aid from Loyola's Financial Aid Office will not impact your ability to apply for financial aid through the Graduate School. To learn more about these financial aid opportunities, visit LUC.edu/finaid/graduateschool.

LEARN MORE

APPLY

gpem.LUC.edu/apply

For all application requirements and deadlines, please visit LUC.edu/gpem/info.

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