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The Department of Political Science offers a graduate program leading to the Master of Arts in Political Science. Students may take the thesis or non-thesis routes to the M.A. degree.

Mission Statement

The Department of Political Science prepares students for careers in teaching, scholarship, research and public service, as well as for critical citizenship. Designed to train political scientists, the department's graduate program facilitates advanced study and inquiry of the approaches, philosophical underpinnings, methodologies and practical implications of political science.

The graduate program's offerings are divided into general areas of research methods, American and African-American politics, comparative politics emphasizing Africa, international relations and political philosophy. The department is particularly strong in the field of African-American politics.

Program Objectives

The broad objectives of the Master of Arts program are:

- ◆ To prepare students to successfully pursue graduate work at the doctoral level;
- ◆ To develop students' research capacities and skills, which make possible critical analysis of policy and politics;
- ◆ To prepare students for and enhance their marketability in the worlds of work-public, private and non-profit sectors;
- ◆ To assist primary and secondary schools in teaching the processes and values of critical citizenship.

Admission Requirements

Prospective students must satisfy the requirements for admission to the Division of Graduate Studies. The Department of Political Science requires the submission of a statement of purpose.

Requirement for Degree Candidacy

The comprehensive examination and completion of the required political science courses are required for a student to be admitted to candidacy for the M.A. in Political Science. The comprehensive examination consists of written essay questions in three fields of political science. It should be taken and passed by the end of the second year.

Retention Requirement

A minimum grade point average of 3.00 (on a 4.00 scale) on graduate work earned in the degree program is required.

Degree Requirements

The Department offers two routes to the M.A. in Political Science: the thesis route and non-thesis route. Ideally suited for students who will eventually pursue a doctorate, the thesis route requires a minimum of thirty semester hours of coursework and six credits of thesis culminating in the writing and defense of a thesis. The non-thesis route requires the completion of a minimum of thirty-six semester hours of coursework and the submission of a significant research paper.

All students must successfully complete the following and maintain an overall 3.00 GPA (on a 4.00 scale) in order to earn the M.A. degree in Political Science.

1. Complete 15 hours of required courses, (see below).
2. Take and pass the Graduate English Competency Examination.
3. Take and pass the Graduate Area Comprehensive Examination in three fields.

Students pursuing the thesis option must also complete the following requirements.

1. Complete at least fifteen (15) hours of electives in consultation with the major advisor.
2. Write and defend orally a masters' thesis.

Students pursuing the non-thesis option must also complete the following requirements.

1. Complete at least twenty-one (21) hours of electives in consultation with the major advisor.
2. Write and submit a significant research paper.

Core Courses

Course	Title	Semester Hours
PS 506	Methods and Approaches to Political Science	3
PS 507	Political Inquiry and Research	3
PS 509	African Political Systems	3
PS 513	History of Political Philosophy, <i>or</i>	
PS 514	History of Political Philosophy	3
PS 532	Blacks and the American Political System	3

DESCRIPTION OF COURSES

PS 506 Methods and Approaches to Political Science. (3 Hours) A review of traditional, behavioral and post behavioral approaches to political science, methods of research and explanation. A required course.

PS 507 Political Inquiry and Research. (3 Hours) An inquiry into concepts and methods of social science in general and of political science in particular; the philosophy of science; presuppositions, aims and history of procedures and methods, research techniques, sources, bibliography and the presentation and publication of investigative results. A required course.

PS 508 Politics of African Independence Movements. (3 Hours) Examination of the motivations, methods, philosophies and politics of the African independence movements including the influences of Pan-Africanism, the role of political parties, the challenges of nation-building, and the impact of external actors (i.e. colonial powers, United Nations, Organization of African Union, US and USSR).

PS 509 African Political Systems. (3 Hours) This course includes traditional African political systems and their developments; the impact of colonialism on the systems, African nationalism, and the politics of independent Africa.

PS 510 Third World Ideologies. (3 Hours) Analysis of the ideologies generated among the political theorists of the new nations of the post-colonial period with attention devoted to ideologies of revolution, national independence, national development, international alignment, with an evaluation of the validity of third world ideas in international political theory.

PS 511 Asian Political Theory. (3 Hours) An examination of the foundation and development of non-European political thought with special attention to Asian political ideas and the impact of these ideas on contemporary politics of liberation.

PS 512 Black Political Theory. (3 Hours) A study of Black political theory that has developed since the end of the civil rights period with an evaluation of new concepts in Black political theory and the links between these concepts and the historical problems considered in Afro-American political theory.

PS 513 History of Political Philosophy. (3 Hours) An examination of the foundation of political philosophy with emphasis on the ancient philosophers through the Middle Ages, such as given in the works of Plato, Aristotle, Polybius, Cicero, Epictetus, Marsillio of Padua and Machiavelli.

PS 514 History of Political Philosophy. (3 Hours) An examination of political philosophy with emphasis on concepts of secular and temporal authority, tyrannical government, social contract, revolution, and the principal of utilitarian political philosophy. Attention will be given the works of Martin Luther, John Calvin, Stephen Julius Brutus, Bodin, Hobbes, Locke, Montesquieu, Rousseau, Burke, and Bentham.

PS 515 Modern Political Philosophy (3 Hours) A history of political philosophy with attention given to the dilemma of democracy with emphasis on liberty and equality, liberalism-old and new, revolutionary communism, democratic socialism, and the welfare state, and psycho-analysis based theory with attention given the works of Tocqueville, Mill, Hegel, Mussolini, Spencer, Keynes, Marx, Engels, Lenin, Attlee, Lord Lindsay, Gaitskill, Myrdal, Freud and Einstein.

PS 516 The Administrative State (3 Hours) Political effects of taxes, public debt, and public expenditures on resources allocation, employment, and income distribution, fiscal and monetary policy; economic stabilization.

PS 517 Seminar in State Politics. (3 Hours) Investigation of organization, function, political dynamics and policy outputs of state governmental systems focusing on the specific features of Mississippi governmental structure and political institutions.

PS 519 Problems of State Administration. (3 Hours) Administrative operations in state government; emphasis on planning and research, purchasing and contracting, personnel and financial administration reporting and public relations.

PS 520 Civil Rights Laws and Affirmative Action. (3 Hours) An extensive study of the Civil Rights Law of 1964 (as amended), the Voting Rights of 1965 (as amended), the Civil Rights Act of 1969 (as amended) as well as affirmative action procedures designed to bring about equal opportunity.

PS 521 Black Perspectives in Public Administration. (3 Hours) Public Policy problems, perceptions and experiences of Blacks are examined along with the policy process. Broader questions concerning systematic change, structural transformation and historically built-in dilemmas are examined. Clarification of the relationship between bureaucracy and the Black client is explored.

PS 522 Urban Management and Urban Services. (3 Hours) Prerequisite; PS 371. This course examines and analyzes the methods by which local public services are designed, delivered and evaluated.

PS 525 Urban Politics. (3 Hours) Prerequisite; PS 450. Focus on community power and decision-making, political leadership; the relationship of citizens to their government; the urban bureaucracy, citizen participation, and delivery of services.

PS 530 Seminar on the American Presidency and Civil Rights. (3 Hours) An in-depth analysis of the role of the American presidency in dealing with civil rights problems, particularly discrimination against Blacks in the United States.

PS 531 The Judicial Process and Policy Making. (3 Hours) Basic concepts of jurisprudence, study of the American legal system, an analysis of federal, state and local judicial processes and decision-making, actors, and their roles in the judicial process with materials and research in public law.

PS 532 Blacks and the American Political System. (3 Hours) An assessment of the position of Blacks in the political system of the United States, both historical and contemporary, with special attention to alternative political strategies for the present political epoch. Special emphasis will be placed on urban political systems. A required course.

PS 533 Constitutional Law and Politics. (3 Hours) The role of courts in American society with respect to such questions as legitimacy, conflict resolution, and representation, also a study of courts as political institutions, as reflected in revolution of doctrine with respect to federalism, powers and limitations on

government, and advancement of individual and group interests and rights.

PS 534 Comparative Public Law and Policy. (3 Hours) Anthropological, philosophical, historical, and behavioral approaches to the study of public law and conflict resolution.

PS 535 Constitutional Law and Separation of Powers. (3 Hours) An analysis of leading Supreme Court decisions dealing with the use of and curbs upon federal powers to enact economic and social legislation with special attention to urban issues. Resolution of conflicts engendered by the federal system and separation of powers also will be studied.

PS 537 Urbanization, Social Change and Political Power. (3 Hours) This course will explicitly examine the political effect of urbanization and its attendant social changes as reflected in the political culture of different parts of the United States and the world.

PS 538 Community Political Processes. (3 Hours) This course is an analysis of political consequences of the underlying socio-economic forces operating in urban areas.

PS 539 Urban Political Structures. (3 Hours) This course examines the rise of Black politics in urban areas, relations between whites and Blacks in the urban city, as well as the concept of community, and particularly, the changing political process.

PS 540 Black Political Parties. (3 Hours) The rise and development of separate Black political entities will be examined both historically and in the present, and attention will be focused on types of Black parties and the rationale for their organization and development.

PS 541 Black Politics and Public Policy. (3 Hours) An analysis of inter-relationships between Black politics and the nature, operations, mechanisms and consequences of governmental policy-making in the United States, identification and analysis of problems of policy formation, mobilization, application, influencing, controlling, and exercising power in government and determining public policy outcomes. (F, Sum.)

PS 542 Politics of the Developing States. (3 Hours) An examination of the political processes in the developing countries and a study of the general problems arising in the transition from traditional societies to modern industrial states in an effort to describe the typical patterns of political change.

PS 543 Government and Politics of Latin America. (3 Hours) An examination of Latin American political institutions and political forces with special emphasis on the role of the military, the church and the legacy of European and United States exploitation.

PS 544 Government and Politics of Southeast Asia. (3 Hours) A survey of politics in the countries of Southeast Asia, to include the process of nation-building and modernization and a study of authority in traditional society, colonial rule and the impact of the west, the rise of nationalism and the struggle for independence, the contemporary political systems, politics, and processes with particular attention to the elites and their ideologies and the institutions of government.

PS 545 Chinese Foreign Policy. (3 Hours) An analysis of Chinese capabilities, intentions and strategies in world affairs, the institutions of foreign policy making and implementation in achieving Chinese goals.

PS 546 Comparative Political Movements. (3 Hours) An analysis of political forces, successful or not, that have sought to gain control over the established order, with special attention to political movements in the Third World and to those of Black people in the United States.

PS 547 Western Political Systems. (3 Hours) Prerequisite; PS 336. The politics of Western Europe, Great Britain, France and Germany, data and analysis of changing class structures, institutional (especially parliamentary) breakdown, recurrent mobilization of workers and students, repression and manipulation as governmental responses to crises, growing bureaucratization, authoritarian leadership in France and Germany. Emancipating efforts and subculture are presented on a comparative basis.

PS 550 Seminar In Southern Politics. (3 Hours) Southern politics in both state and nation, and in the international arena, a systematic and comprehensive approach with focus on African Americans in the region.

PS 556 The Political Economy of African States. (3 Hours) This course is designed to introduce students to the nature of the political economy of many African States. The examination of the infrastructure, the socio-economic base and the socio-political ramification of African States in the world economy.

PS 564 State and Local Politics. (3 Hours) A comparative appraisal of state and local politics, organization and processes including problems of intergovernmental relations.

PS 565 International Relations. (3 Hours) The nation-state system and conceptions of the national interest in modern world politics, forms and distribution of power and the adjustment of international conflict.

PS 566 Seminar-Modern African Governments and Politics. (3 Hours) This course is an in-depth study of selected African governments and their politics, including their social and economic problems.

PS 567 Colloquium-African Political Thought and Ideology. (3 Hours) Examination of social and political thought of African peoples and their manifestations in politics including the development of Pan-Africanism and African communalism (i.e. Ujaama), ideological underpinnings of the liberation movements and the role of African intellectuals and writers.

PS 570 Third World Nations and International Politics. (3 Hours) The role, policies, actions and techniques of third world nations in the international arena are thoroughly analyzed for trends and continuities.

PS 574 International Organization. (3 Hours) A study of the international system, with emphasis on the institutional forms of international order and the functions and processes of global and regional organizations.

PS 575 International Law. (3 Hours) The nature and functions of international law in interstate relations,

with special emphasis on cases, documents and other original material.

PS 581 Metropolitan Areas and Community Power Analysis. (3 Hours) An examination of the national and urban power structures in the United States, community power structures, studies, models of urban political process. Elitism and pluralism and the implications for the Black community, the politics of metropolitan reorganization and its impact on Black politics, the metropolitan areas in the American federal system, and suburban-central city conflicts.

PS 585 Seminar in Urban Problems. An analysis of major urban problems, strategies and approaches proposed for their resolution, historical perspective and political implications. Reformist efforts of government and private efforts will be examined with special emphasis on Post-New Deal developments and the impact on the Black community.

PS 589 Seminar In American Political Process. (3 Hours) The factors, institutions and actors in the American political arena are analyzed, as well as the structures and political organizations from the view of all groups within the pluralistic society.

PS 596 Independent Study. (3 Hours) The student is allowed to select research which will be beneficial to his/her program. The topic must be approved by the adviser and the instructor selected by the student for the research.

PS 597 Internship (3 Hours) Prerequisite: Core Courses. Individual work experience in government agencies.

PS 598 Thesis (3 Hours) The candidate for the Master of Arts degree presents a Thesis embodying the results of his research. The candidate chooses his problem but approval by his adviser is required.

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Program Objectives and Mission

The Department of Psychology offers a Ph.D. degree in Clinical Psychology. The mission of the doctoral program is:

1. To produce highly skilled, license eligible graduates who can function as both scientists and clinicians.
2. To increase the awareness, knowledge, and skills of students, faculty, and professionals in the area of multicultural psychology.
3. To support the progress of graduate students from diverse racial and ethnic backgrounds as well as immersing traditional graduate students in multicultural experiences within the community.
4. To provide field experiences designed to meet the diverse psychological, health, and service needs of ethnic minority populations.

Individuals aspiring to obtain a Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology should be aware that the faculty, supervisors, and administrators have a professional, ethical, and potentially legal obligation to ensure that the students who complete this program are competent to manage future relationships (e.g., client, collegial, consulting, professional, public, scholarly, supervisory, teaching) in an ethical, effective, and appropriate manner. Because of this commitment, and with the parameters of the administrative authority, the Program Faculty, training staff, supervisors, and administrators strive only to admit, advance, graduate, or recommend student-trainees with demonstrable problems (e.g., cognitive, emotional, psychological, interpersonal, technical, and ethical) that may interfere with professional competence to other programs, the profession, employers, or the public-at-large.

Participants in this program will be guided by a curriculum anchored in the cumulative body of psychological knowledge with a firm basis in statistics, research design, and experimental methodology. The program develops in the student, the knowledge and