



### ***Twin Cities Campus***

## **Political Science M.A.**

*Political Science Department*

### **College of Liberal Arts**

Link to a [list of faculty](#) for this program.

#### **Contact Information:**

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- Program Type: Master's
- Requirements for this program are current for Fall 2018
- Length of program in credits: 33
- This program does not require summer semesters for timely completion.
- Degree: Master of Arts

Along with the program-specific requirements listed below, please read the [General Information](#) section of the catalog website for requirements that apply to all major fields.

Note: The political science program only admits students into the PhD program. However, students admitted to the PhD program may earn a master's degree (Plan B) while pursuing their doctorate.

The political science curriculum is divided into five subfields: formal models and methodology, political theory, American politics, international relations, and comparative politics.

## **Program Delivery**

This program is available:

- via classroom (the majority of instruction is face-to-face)

## **Prerequisites for Admission**

International applicants must submit score(s) from one of the following tests:

- TOEFL
  - Internet Based - Total Score: 79
  - Internet Based - Writing Score: 21
  - Internet Based - Reading Score: 19
  - Paper Based - Total Score: 550
- IELTS
  - Total Score: 6.5
- MELAB
  - Final score: 80

Key to [test abbreviations](#) (TOEFL, IELTS, MELAB).

For an online application or for more information about graduate education admissions, see the [General Information](#) section of the catalog website.

## **Program Requirements**

**Plan B:** Plan B requires 27 major credits and 6 credits outside the major. The final exam is written and oral.

This program may be completed with a minor.

Use of 4xxx courses towards program requirements is not permitted.

Three research papers, usually written in connection with coursework, are required.

### **Emphases**



Choose two core courses from the emphases listed below.

Take 6 or more credit(s) from the following:

**Political Theory**

- POL 8201 - Understanding Political Theory (3.0 cr)

**American Politics**

- POL 8301 - American Politics (3.0 cr)

**International Relations**

- POL 8401 - International Relations (3.0 cr)

**Comparative Politics**

- POL 8601 - Introduction to Comparative Politics (3.0 cr)

**Political Models and Methodology**

- POL 8120 - Core Course in Political Methodology: Modeling Political Processes (3.0 cr)

**Electives**

Select two emphases from the above list, and take 9 elective credits to fulfill requirements for each. The additional elective credits can be chosen from any emphasis.

**Emphasis 1**

Take 9 or more credit(s) from the following:

- POL 8xxx

**Emphasis 2**

Take 9 or more credit(s) from the following:

- POL 8xxx

**Floating Elective**

Take 3 or more credit(s) from the following:

- POL 8xxx

**Outside Coursework**

Take at least 6 credits outside the major.