

Program: Political Science **Dept:** Political Science
Major: Political Science - International Affairs **College:** Liberal Arts
Degree: Master of Arts (M.A.) **Major Code:** 5621

Political Science – International Affairs, M.A.

The master’s degree in Political Science – International Affairs is designed to enable students to achieve competence in political science – teaching, research, government-related work, and related activities – through a program of study in which they acquire appropriate analytical skills, a general knowledge of the discipline, and more specific knowledge of selected subfields.

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Admission Requirements

Submit the following items to:

Jackson College of Graduate Studies
 100 N. University Drive, NUC 404
 Edmond, OK 73034

- Online application for admission (www.uco.edu/graduate/).
- Official copies of undergraduate and graduate transcripts from each institution attended with all degrees posted. All transcripts must be from accredited institutions.
- A student may be admitted by one of the three following methods.
 - A minimum 2.75 GPA overall or 3.00 GPA in the last 60 hours attempted.
 - Achieve GRE scores of 150 Verbal and 140 Math, and 4.0 or higher in writing.
 - Possess a master’s degree or higher from a regionally accredited university/college with an overall GPA of 3.00.
- Complete eighteen (18) undergraduate hours in Political Science and other prerequisites (if any), as determined by the graduate program advisor.
- Students with a native language other than English must submit evidence of English language proficiency. See [Admission to Graduate Studies - English Language Proficiency \(pp. 17-18\)](#).

**Students falling below these standards may qualify for conditional admission. See [Admission to Graduate Studies \(p.17\)](#).*

Accelerated Degree Pathway (ADP) Requirements

Qualifying current UCO undergraduate students seeking an Accelerated Degree Pathway (ADP) must abide by the policies and procedures outlined within the Graduate Catalog. Accelerated pathways are only available in approved bachelor’s and master’s degree programs (see [Accelerated Degree Pathways on p.196](#)).

- The undergraduate student must be pursuing an undergraduate UCO major that is designated and approved as part of the official UCO Accelerated Degree Pathway offerings
- The undergraduate student must be classified as “senior” standing or be completing the last semester of their junior year (soon to be entering into their senior undergraduate year).
- The undergraduate student must have a minimum overall undergraduate grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or higher and 3.0 or higher in major specific coursework; the undergraduate GPA will be verified by the student’s undergraduate academic advisor and by a representative of the Jackson College of Graduate Studies.

Other Requirements

- Plan of Study. Each student must develop a Plan of Study with

his/her graduate program advisor and file it with the Jackson College of Graduate Studies (JCGS) by the end of his/her first semester of graduate work. The plan must be signed and dated by the student and the graduate program advisor before it can be considered official.

- Academic Standards. Meet the following coursework standards:
 - Overall GPA of 3.00 or higher.
 - No more than six (6) hours of “C”.
 - No more than six (6) hours of advisor-approved of independent study courses; and,
 - No more than three (3) hours of advisor approved internship credit.
- Competency Examination. Achieve a minimum score of “pass” on the M.A. Comprehensive Examination in one of the following subject areas: American Politics, International Relations, Comparative Politics, Public Administration, or Public Law. With the approval of the graduate program advisor, a student may retake this examination one time. A second failure will result in dismissal from the program.
- Completion of 36 hours: 24 hours of Required Courses plus Guided Electives, and 12 hours of General Electives.
- Thesis/Capstone Paper. Complete a Capstone Paper or Thesis. Thesis option requires a successful public defense, submission of two paper copies and one electronic copy to the library through Proquest, and the thesis’ original title page, original signature page, and abstract page to the JCGS.
- Final Requirements. Apply for graduation through the JCGS by advertised deadline.

Graduation Requirements

Required Courses..... 15 or 18 Hours

*(15 hours - Capstone option; 18 hours - Thesis option)

| Course Prefix | Course No. | Course Title |
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| POL | 5023 | Scope of the Discipline |
| POL | 5033 | Research Methods |
| POL | 5153 | American Politics |
| POL | 5813 | Political Philosophy |
| POL | 5990 | Thesis (6 hours), OR |
| POL | 5983 | Capstone Paper (3 hours) |

Guided Electives..... 6 or 9 Hours

*(9 hours - Capstone option; 6 hours - Thesis option)

| Course Prefix | Course No. | Course Title |
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| POL | 5603 | Theories of International Relations |
| POL | 5703 | Theories of Comparative Politics |

General Electives.....12 Hours

TOTAL HOURS REQUIRED 36 HOURS

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Accelerated Degree Pathway: B.A. to M.A.

Students in the Political Science - Political Science or Political Science - Public Service B.A. programs who are accepted into the Accelerated Degree Pathway for the M.A. in Political Science - International Affairs may enroll in three Political Science graduate-level courses as seniors under the Graduate College's Accelerated Degree Pathway (ADP) program. Students may choose any cross-listed (4000/5000) course or 5000-level course with permission of the Graduate Advisor for Political Science. Admission to the program requires a 3.0 undergraduate GPA and application to and approval of the Graduate Advisor for Political Science.