

Program: Political Science **Dept:** Political Science
Major: Political Science **College:** Liberal Arts
Degree: Master of Arts (M.A.) **Major Code:** 5620

Political Science, M.A.

The master’s degree in Political Science 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 sub-fields.

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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 \(p.18\)](#).
**Students falling below these standards may qualify for conditional admission. See [Admission to Graduate Studies \(p.17\)](#).*

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
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)

From the following list:

Course Prefix	Course No.	Course Title
POL	5223	Presidency & Executive Branch
POL	5253	The Congress
POL	5263	Judicial Process
POL	5603	Theories of International Relations
POL	5703	Theories of Comparative Politics
POL	5910	Seminar in Political Science

General Electives.....12 Hours

TOTAL HOURS REQUIRED 36 HOURS