

POLITICAL SCIENCE, M.A.

The Department of Political Science offers graduate study leading to the doctor of philosophy in political science. The department admits students only for the Ph.D. program, but a master's degree may be obtained en route to the Ph.D.

The Ph.D. is earned through a combination of coursework and dissertation. The program is designed to provide students with both a general training in political science and the opportunity to specialize in their areas of interest.

The subfields of political science found in our department are American politics (<https://polisci.wisc.edu/american-politics/>), comparative politics (<https://polisci.wisc.edu/comparative-politics/>), political theory and philosophy (<https://polisci.wisc.edu/political-theory/>), international relations (<https://polisci.wisc.edu/international-relations/>), and political methodology (<https://polisci.wisc.edu/political-methodology/>). The department has a national and international reputation for the high quality of its faculty and the diversity of their approaches and interests. It has long been recognized for an acceptance of varied approaches to the study of politics and for its collegiality. The Political Science Department shares faculty with the Robert M. La Follette School of Public Affairs (<http://www.lafollette.wisc.edu/>), the Law School (<http://www.law.wisc.edu/>), and the Department of Gender and Women's Studies (<http://womenstudies.wisc.edu/>). The presence of programs and centers such as the African Studies Program (<http://africa.wisc.edu/>), the Center for European Studies (<https://europe.wisc.edu/>), the Center for Jewish Studies (<http://jewishstudies.wisc.edu/>), the Center for Russia, East Europe, and Central Asia (CREECA) (<http://www.creeca.wisc.edu/>), Integrated Liberal Studies (<http://ils.wisc.edu/>), the International Studies major (B.A (<https://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/letters-science/institute-regional-international-studies/international-studies-ba/>), and B.S. (<https://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/letters-science/institute-regional-international-studies/international-studies-bs/>))), Latin American, Caribbean and Iberian Studies (<http://www.lacis.wisc.edu/>), and others is also beneficial to our graduate students, providing opportunities for the advancement of interdisciplinary approaches in student research.