



POLITICAL SCIENCE
COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY

Graduate

PROGRAMS

The Department of Political Science at CSU offers graduate programs for a Master of Arts (M.A.) and Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)

Programs Overview

- Master of Arts in Political Science
 - M.A. Specializations:
 - Power, Justice, and Democracy
 - Environmental Politics and Policy
 - Political Analysis
- Doctorate degree in Political Science
- Accelerated Masters Degree (AMP)
 - Earn your B.A. + M.A.
- Master of Public Policy and Administration (online program)

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World of Opportunities

All graduate programs are individually designed to fit the student's educational background and career objectives. Graduates with the M.A. are recruited by a wide variety of local, state, federal, and non-governmental agencies as well as the private sector. Recipients of the Ph.D. are employed in research organizations, universities and public service positions.



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Master of Arts

Our M.A. program equips students with the skills and education necessary to succeed in business, international organizations, government agencies, and nonprofits, among others. In our master's program, you will become a skilled professional who can lead teams and develop policies that improve people's lives.

M.A. Specializations

- Power, Justice, and Democracy
- Environmental Politics and Policy
- Political Analysis

Requirements

- Minimum undergraduate GPA of 3.0
- GRE score
- Writing sample submitted in English. Demonstration of English proficiency required if applying from a country where English is not the primary language
- Resume/CV
- Statement of purpose
- 3 letters of recommendation

Application Deadlines

Applications for admission and financial aid for the fall semester must be completed by February 15.

Deadline for application for Spring admission is August 1 for international students and October 15 for U.S. students.

Questions? Contact Graduate Coordinator, Professor Matthew Hitt, Matthew.Hitt@colostate.edu





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Doctorate

Our Ph.D. program offers a unique combination of specialized instruction in environmental politics and policy from our experienced faculty. Graduates from the program will gain extensive knowledge about the environmental specialization as well as broad knowledge in two subfields of political science:

- American Politics
- Comparative Politics
- International Relations
- Public Policy and Administration
- Political Theory



Requirements

- Minimum undergraduate GPA of 3.5
- Must also have a particular interest in environmental politics and policy
- GRE score
- Writing sample submitted in English. Demonstration of English proficiency required if applying from a country where English is not the primary language
- Resume/CV
- Statement of purpose
- 3 letters of recommendation

Career Opportunities

Our Ph.D. program prepares doctoral students for academic positions in political science, interdisciplinary environmental studies programs, and a variety of public and private sector careers related to environmental politics.

Admission and Funding Decisions

- Applicants must submit completed application by **February 15** to be considered for funding.
- The department makes funding decisions immediately after the February 15 deadline. There is no separate process for applying for departmental funding.
- Applicants are automatically considered for Graduate Teaching Assistantships (GTAs).



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Accelerated

MASTER'S PROGRAM

Earn your B.A. + M.A.

The Accelerated Master's Program provides a pathway for qualified political science undergraduate students (major and minor) to complete a Master of Arts (M.A.) in one year, completing both a B.A. and M.A. in just five years. Students of other majors who have completed 12 or more 300/400-level political science credits, with a grade of B or higher, are also eligible to apply.

Admission Process

Apply to Conditional Admission

1. Find an advisor
2. Attend an information session
3. Meet with Graduate Coordinator to review the requirements and expectations to ensure that the student can complete the sequential program
4. Completed 90 credits, including twelve (12) 300/400-level POLS credits
5. Cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher
6. POLS GPA of 3.0 or higher
7. Grades of B or higher in all upper division POLS courses
8. DOWNLOAD the checklist

Applications for conditional acceptance into the sequential degree program must be submitted to the Graduate Coordinator of the Department of Political Science by May 31 of the year before the final B.A. year.

- Complete B.A. coursework, as well as an additional 9 credits of 500-level regular graduate coursework that qualify towards the M.A., by the time student enrolls in the M.A. program.
- Apply for Graduate School admission to the M.A. program. Check the specific AMP box when completing the application if you are applying for accelerated masters.

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PUBLIC POLICY AND
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Master of Public Policy and Administration (MPPA) Online Program

***The world needs innovative,
visionary leaders with a passion
for serving the public good***



International organizations, government agencies, and nonprofits are actively seeking skilled professionals to lead teams and develop policies that improve people's lives. The Master of Public Policy and Administration (MPPA) online program prepares students for public sector or nonprofit leadership through an interdisciplinary curriculum that integrates research-based academic theory with real-world experience.

Program at a Glance

Delivery: Online

Length: Two years (four semesters + internship)

Start Terms: Fall, Spring, and Summer

Credits: 39

GRE Required? No

Degree Awarded: Master of Public Policy and Administration (MPPA)

Priority Application Deadlines

Fall: February 20

Spring: October 15

Summer: April 1

Final Deadlines

Domestic Students

Fall: July 15

Spring: December 1

Summer: April 20

International Students

Fall: July 15

Spring: December 1

Summer: April 20

