POLITICAL SCIENCE | MASTER OF LIBERAL STUDIES (POLITICAL SCIENCE)

About the Program

Politics is about getting the family car on Saturday night--which as you know was as much about how to influence your parents to let you have the car as it was having money to put gas in the tank. Politics is about whether you get a break on your taxes as much as it is about whether you can smoke marijuana legally. Politics is about immigration policy, climate change, and whether you can drink a beer legally at 18 (you cannot at this time). Politics is about your healthcare insurance, the cost of your tuition, and when you get your last unemployment check.

Politics is about activities that serve your interests and the interests of others. It may occur at the local, state, national, and international levels. It might be pursued in the private sector as well as the public. Generally speaking, politics is a story that never ends, never fails to entertain, and always has losers and winners.

The Master of Liberal Studies degree with a concentration in Political Science can help you understand these activities and stories at an advanced level. What decisions does the government make that affect your life? What would happen if the parties involved had more skills and resources to pursue their interests through politics? What if the decisions were made differently? Who wins and who loses? The goal of the MLS Political Science concentration is to help you gain the skills, knowledge, and perspective to better understand the implications and answers to all these questions and many more. Join us to understand how politics impacts your world and how you can impact the world of politics.

Program Overview

Code	Title	Hours
MLS Core Courses		
IDS 801	Introduction to Graduate Liberal Studies	1
IDS 802	Ways of Knowing in Comparative Perspective	3
IDS 803	Origins and Implications of the Knowledge Society	3
IDS 804	Information Literacy	3
Concentration		
Select six of the following:		18
POLS 611G	Policy Analysis	
POLS 612G	The Administrative Process	
POLS 616G	Public Personnel Management	
POLS 620G	Constitutional Law	
POLS 621G	American Civil Liberties	
POLS 631G	American Foreign Policy	
POLS 664G	Political Behavior	
POLS 672G	Readings in Political Science	
POLS 675G	Seminar in Political Science	
Culminating Experience		
Select one course from the following:		3
IDS 820	Projects in Liberal or Professional Studies	
Course approved by MLS Coordinator		
Masters Degree Comprehensive Examination/Assessment		
Masters Degree Comprehensive Examination/Assessment (Concentration)		
Total Hours		**31**

Graduate School Graduation Requirements

All Graduate degrees [1] require:

- Maintain a C or higher in all coursework.
- Maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher. (Refer to program)
- A minimum of 30-75 hours of Graduate course work. (Refer to program)
- Comprehensive Examination or equivalent assessment is required. (Master of Liberal Studies requires a Comprehensive Examination **and** Concentration Exam)
- Degree completion within 8 years.

[1] Refer to degree program for any additional requirements.

Note for MLS and MPS degree concentrations:

Master of Liberal Studies (MLS) programs are administratively housed within the College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences but are listed in the catalog within the academic unit related to the relevant concentration area for ease in navigation.

Master of Professional Studies (MPS) programs are administratively housed within the College of Health and Behavioral Sciences but are listed in the catalog within the academic unit related to the relevant concentration area for ease in navigation.