PHD PROGRAM

The Ph.D. program in Politics imparts knowledge about:
- the fundamentals of five major subfields of political science, including qualitative research methods
- the major theoretical and analytical approaches of a primary and secondary area of specialization in a political science subfield
- the variety of methodologies applied in professional political science research

The Ph.D. program in Politics enables students to develop the following core skills:
- mastery of a primary and secondary area of specialization in a political science subfield sufficient to effectively teach introductory, advanced, and graduate courses and seminars at the college and university level
- proficiency sufficient to effectively teach an introductory undergraduate course in each of five major subfields of political science
- the ability to independently design, propose, plan, execute, write up, and defend a substantial piece of original scholarship in political science
- the ability to contribute to the development of knowledge in political science through research, publication, presentation at conferences, and other forms of participation in the professional academic community in the field
- core research, analysis, and writing capabilities as well as oral presentation skills essential for any career path involving governmental and nongovernmental public service, policy analysis and advocacy, and related work in the public, private, and educational sectors

The Ph.D. program in Politics emphasizes the following learning outcomes:
- proficiency in each of five major subfields of political science
- expertise in a primary and secondary area of specialization in a political science subfield
- preparation to design and teach courses at the college and university level
- reading knowledge of a foreign language sufficient to conduct advanced research, or basic literacy in statistics and quantitative analysis as it is applied in the study of politics
- the ability to design and plan a major political science research project
- completion of a substantial piece of original scholarship that contributes to the development of knowledge in the field
- the ability to produce research for a wider scholarly community
- qualifications necessary to secure employment in professional political science, or in an area related to the student’s doctoral education
MA PROGRAM

The M.A. program in Politics imparts knowledge about:
- the fundamentals of at least two major subfields of political science
- the scholarly literature and existing research on a specialized problem in a political science subfield
- the variety of methodologies applied in professional political science research

The M.A. program in Politics enables students to develop the following core skills:
- the ability to independently design, plan, execute, and write up an original scholarly investigation in political science
- familiarity with the scholarly conventions and professional standards of the field of political science
- educational preparation and professionalization necessary to undertake Ph.D. work in a political science doctoral program
- core research, analysis, and writing capabilities as well as oral presentation skills essential for any career path involving governmental and nongovernmental public service, policy analysis and advocacy, and related work in the public, private, and educational sectors

The M.A. program in Politics emphasizes the following learning outcomes:
- a minimum level of competence in at least two major subfields of political science
- in-depth knowledge of a specialized area of a political science subfield
- the ability to design and plan an original research paper in political science
- knowledge and professionalization necessary to gain admission into a Ph.D. program in political science or a related field
- qualifications necessary to find professional employment in an area related to the student’s M.A. education