The Department of Political Science offers graduate study leading to the degrees of the Doctor of Philosophy and Master of Arts. The Doctor of Philosophy degree is appropriate for those who wish to pursue careers as research scholars in institutions of higher education. The Master of Arts curriculum is appropriate as preparation for more advanced work in political science.

Sub-fields in the Department

Students typically choose a Major from among the following sub-fields: American Politics, Comparative Politics, International Relations, Political Theory, Public Policy/Public Administration. Students also choose a Minor from among the previously listed fields, plus Methods or Race, Ethnic, and Gender Politics.

There are several organized research programs within the department that encourage collaboration and dialogue across these sub-fields.

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