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AREAS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

AREA I- Philippine Politics

AREA II- Political Theory

AREA III- Comparative Politics

AREA IV- International Relations

AREA V- Political Methodology

DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE
COLLEGE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES AND PHILOSOPHY
UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES
DILIMAN, QUEZON CITY



APPLICATION PERIOD

APRIL 1-15 (1st Semester)
October 1-15 (2nd Semester)

MASTER OF ARTS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

DOCUMENTS REQUIRED

1. Letter of application addressed to the Chair through the Graduate Program Coordinator;
2. Two (2) copies (one original, one photocopy) of the Transcript of Records of all undergraduate and graduate work of the applicant (the TOR may be retrieved by the applicant if the application is rejected);
3. Two (2) copies of filled-out application forms (which may be downloaded from the department website) each with recent a 2" x 2" ID picture;
4. Three (3) letters of recommendation from former professors and/or employers (recommendation form may also be downloaded from the department website);
5. Official receipt obtained from the Cashier's Office after paying Php 100 application fee (if Filipino citizen), Php 200 (if a resident alien), and US \$ 25 (if a foreign citizen);
6. A certificate of English language proficiency with at least a 500 TOEFL score (only for foreign applicants, unless they come from institutions where the medium of instruction is English which should be indicated in a certificate from the institution; and
7. Two (2) copies (one original, one photocopy) of PSA birth certificate.

GRADE REQUIREMENT

1. Graduates of the University of the Philippines with a Bachelor's degree in Political Science must have an average of 2.0 or better in all political science courses. No one with an overall weighted average lower than 2.25 shall be admitted.
2. UP graduates whose major is not Political Science must have a GWA of at least 2.0.
3. Non-UP graduates with a Bachelor's degree in Political Science may be admitted provided they have an average of 1.5 or better in all acceptable political science courses and a GWA of at least 1.5 or its equivalent.

EXAM AND INTERVIEW

The applicant must take a sit-in essay exam and present himself/herself for interview. These are only for the applicants whose GWA passes the department's requirements. Those with lower GWA need not apply as the department has strict admission policies to maintain its reputation as one of the Centers of Excellence in the Social Sciences.

To qualify for the Master's degree, a student must:

1. Complete 24 units of coursework (9 units under one area of specialization [core course required]; 9 units of Area V courses [required] and 6 units of cognate courses);
2. Maintain a Cumulative Weighted Average Grade (CWAG) of "2.0" or better in his/her graduate courses at the end of each academic year;
3. Successfully defend a Master's Thesis; and
4. Submit at least 5 bound and certified copies of the approved Master's Thesis.
5. Complete the program within five years from the date of admission to the program, inclusive of leaves of absences.

In meritorious cases, extensions of residence beyond the above regular period of completion may be approved by the Dean. The extension shall be for a period not exceeding one (1) calendar year at a time. In no case shall the extensions exceed more than five (5) years. The student granted an extension shall take additional units of graduate courses in his/her discipline or area during the extension period at a rate of three (3) units every two (2) years of extension or a fraction thereof.