

**AREAS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE**

**AREA I– Philippine Government and  
Politics**

**AREA II– Political Dynamics**

**AREA III– Comparative Government and  
Politics**

**AREA IV– International Relations**

**AREA V– Political Theory and  
Methodology**



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**Master of Arts  
in  
Political Science**

**APPLICATION  
PERIOD:**

**MARCH 1-15  
SEPTEMBER 1-15**

**(Incomplete  
requirements by the  
end of the  
application period  
will not be accepted.)**

## Admission



### A. 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 accompanied by a 2" x 2" ID picture recently taken;
- 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 NSO- certified birth certificate.

### B. 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.

C. 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.

## GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

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

- 1) Complete a minimum of 24 units of formal graduate courses (18 units in political science and 6 units cognate or the student may opt not to take cognate courses and instead take all 24 units in political science; courses must be in at least 3 areas and Area V is required);
- 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.

