

About the Department of Political Science

The **Department of Political Science** of the University of the Philippines Diliman is proud of more than a century-long tradition of honor and excellence. It is the only one recognized by the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) as a **Center of Excellence** in Political Science in the Philippines.


As home to the largest number of full-time political science faculty in the Philippines with graduate degrees from reputable universities, it contributes to the distinction of the University of the Philippines as the only Philippine higher education institution ranked in the Quacquarelli Symonds' World University Ranking for the subject of Politics.

TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIP PROGRAM

The UP Teaching Assistantship (Teaching Fellows and Teaching Associates) Program is implemented by the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs of the University of the Philippines.

Graduate students under the MA Political Science and PhD Political Science may apply for positions of Teaching Associate (for MA student) or Teaching Fellow (for PhD students). TAs and TFs continue to pursue their studies while assisting classes in the Department.



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MASTER OF ARTS (POLITICAL SCIENCE)

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Master of Arts (Political Science)

Our **Master of Arts (MA) in Political Science** program is aimed at individuals who wish to embark on advanced studies and are thinking of establishing a career in the field of academic research in politics. It is designed for students who already have a basic understanding and/or appreciation for teaching and research in the social sciences. At the end of the program, the MAPS student should be able to:

1. demonstrate advanced knowledge of various theoretical approaches in at least two areas of Political Science;
2. construct and implement theoretically-grounded and practically-relevant research using advanced analytical methods that contributes to existing knowledge;
3. communicate specialized knowledge about political phenomena across different publics and audiences; and
4. commit to professional excellence and ethical conduct in teaching, research, and public service in Political Science.

Doctor of Philosophy (Political Science)

Our **Doctor of Philosophy in Political Science** program is a Philippine Qualifications Framework (PQF) Level 8 qualification aimed at individuals who wish to pursue advanced research and teaching in the field of political science. It is designed for students who already have an intermediate understanding of the discipline. At the end of the program, graduates are would have demonstrated the following program outcomes:

1. demonstrate expert knowledge of existing and state-of-the-art theoretical approaches in at least three areas of Political Science;
2. conceptualize, design, and implement research of theoretical significance and practical relevance using sophisticated methodologies as an original contribution to existing knowledge;
3. articulate and communicate the complexities of political phenomena across multiple publics and audiences; and
4. uphold professional excellence and ethical conduct as a political scientist engaged in teaching, research, and public service.

Admission Requirements

The following are the minimum requirement for admission into the programs:

1. **For the PhD (Political Science) program:** Master's degree (PQF Level 7) in Political Science or a related field from a CHED-recognized institution of higher learning;
For the MA (Political Science) program: a Bachelor's degree in Political Science or a related field from a recognized institution of higher learning.
2. General Weighted Average (GWA) of 2.0 or better for UP graduates or 1.75 or better for non-UP graduates;
3. Non-refundable fee of PhP100 for Filipino citizens, PhP200 for resident aliens, and US\$25 for foreigners.
4. For those whose native language is not English, proof of English proficiency (e.g., a TOEFL score of 80 for the internet-based test or 550 for the paper-based test or IELTS Band 6.5), unless they earned degrees from institutions where English is the medium of instruction.
5. Attendance in an interview.

The scanned copies of the following documents shall be submitted via email.

1. Application via a google form which will be uploaded during application period.
2. Original and complete Transcript of Records
3. Certificate of GWA
4. Original PSA-certified Birth Certificate
5. Three (3) recommendation letters from former professors and/or employers
6. Letter of application addressed to the Department Chair
7. For non-UP graduates: Upon acceptance, a softcopy of the original Honorable Dismissal or Transfer Credentials from the immediately preceding higher education institution

APPLICATION DEADLINES:

June 15 (first semester entry)

December 15 (second semester entry)

Program Requirements

Master of Arts (Political Science)

Courses	Units
Required Courses	
POLSC 210	3
POLSC 211 or Soc Sci 203	3
POLSC 299	3
Area of Specialization*	
Core Course	3
Elective 1	3
Elective 2	3
Cognate Course 1**	3
Cognate Course 2	3
Comprehensive Examinations in Area V and one (1) Area of Specialization	
POLSC 300 (Master's Thesis)	6
TOTAL UNITS	30

Doctor of Philosophy (Political Science)

Courses	Units
Area of Specialization 1	
Core Course	3
Elective 1	3
Elective 2	3
Area of Specialization 2	
Core Course	3
Elective 1	3
Elective 2	3
Area V: Political Methodology (required)	
POLSC 210	3
POLSC 211	3
Soc Sci 203	3
POLSC 299	3
Comprehensive Examinations in Area V and Areas of Specialization	
POLSC 400 (Dissertation)	12
TOTAL UNITS	42

* **Areas of Specialization:** Area 1 (Philippine Politics), Area 2 (Political Theory), Area 3 (Comparative Politics), and Area 4 (International Relations).

** **Cognate courses can be taken in the following disciplines/areas:** Anthropology, Linguistics, Asian Studies, Philippine Studies, Economics, Public Administration, Geography, Sociology, History Islamic Studies, and such other areas that may be designated and allowed by the Graduate Faculty