Political Science, M.A.

Overview
The Department of Political Science offers graduate coursework in three areas of emphasis: International Relations and Comparative Politics; American Politics and Public Affairs; and Political Theory. Students and professors in our program form a community of scholars, and students learn from each other in discussion-oriented seminars. These seminars provide opportunities for specialized study through research projects, and teach students quantitative and interpretive skills. This knowledge and these tools can be applied in a variety of professional contexts.

Credit hours required: 36

Careers
• Teaching
• Federal Agencies
• Public Administration
• Non-Profit Organizations
• Doctoral Study
• Research
• Community Development
• Government Agencies
• Foreign Service
• International Organizations

Program of Study
Students are required to take:
PSCI-401 Classics of Political Science .............. 3 cr.
PSCI-402 Research Methods in Political Science. 3 cr.
Five courses in the area of emphasis, including a 400-level seminar or a thesis seminar..............15 cr.
Three courses selected from a second area........... 9 cr.
Two elective courses from any area of emphasis.. 6 cr.

Students have two options to choose from to fulfill the master’s degree program requirements:
1. 30 credit hours of course work, a thesis for 6 credit hours, and an oral examination, or
2. 36 credit hours of course work, a written comprehensive examination, and an oral examination.

Subject to change. See current University catalog for up-to-date information.

Admissions
Applicants must meet the general requirements for admission to the College of Graduate Studies and Research. There are no additional program specific requirements.

GRE: Not required

Attending Northeastern
• Classes are offered during the late afternoon and evening hours to accommodate professionals working full-time.
• Students may attend either part-time or full-time.
• Current in-state graduate tuition is less than $400 per credit hour (tuition & fees).
• Financial support: Financial aid (loans), merit tuition scholarships, and graduate assistantships are often available to help fund your graduate education. Contact us for further details.

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