



MASTER OF ARTS IN SOCIAL SCIENCES

Political Science Concentration

The Master of Arts in Social Sciences with a concentration in political science is designed to meet the needs of metropolitan area teachers, junior and middle level social service, personnel administrators and beginning graduate students who plan a career in law, or will seek the doctorate in one of the social science disciplines. The program focuses on the rigorous and comprehensive study of politics, building upon various fundamental skills integral to a career as a political scientist. Thesis options and non-thesis options are available.

CARRIERE OPPORTUNITIES

As a versatile social science degree, political science leads to a variety of career paths. Some graduates take entry-level political jobs, while others pursue jobs in business, law, or education. Political science jobs also involve working in government relations, the media, or marketing. While earning a degree in political science, students need to consider their career goals and prepare for the job market.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Admission to the Graduate School at Southern University with minimum GPA of 2.7
- Admission to the Political Science department
- Completion of a minimum of 15 hours of undergraduate courses in political science: American Government, Constitutional Law and 9 hours of electives
- Deficiencies must be eliminated by taking the necessary undergraduate courses.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Thesis option- Students selecting the thesis option must complete a total of thirty (30) hours-fifteen (15) hours of political science courses. All students must pass an oral examination on the thesis. **Non-thesis option-** Students selecting the non-thesis option must complete a total of 36 credit hours of graduate level courses. Students must also pass a six (6) hour written comprehensive examination (Political Science, 4 hours; History and Sociology 1 hour each), based on their plan of study/course work.

GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIPS

The Department offers graduate assistantships for eligible students who show outstanding potential. These working assistantships are competitively awarded typically for an academic year and are based on availability of funds.

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THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

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<http://www.subr.edu/page/1567>

