

MASTERS OF ARTS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

Mission Statement

The mission of the Department of Government is to educate students in the areas of government, politics, and international affairs, and by this means to foster more knowledgeable, informed, and active citizenship, as well as more enlightened future political leadership, in the in communities to which they belong.

Student Learning Outcomes

UWF Political Science graduates should be able to do the following:

Content

- Articulate and compare theories of political power and institutions.
- Explain appropriate methods for evaluating evidence to address a problem or puzzle related to politics.
- Discuss the relevance of political scholarship to the practice of governance and political participation.

Critical Thinking

- Evaluate competing hypotheses or claims.
- Synthesize theory, evidence, and applications to produce an intelligible conclusion or solution to the original question

Communication

- Write coherent, intelligible, systematic, and potentially persuasive papers.
- Present and defend written work orally.

Integrity/Values

- Write using legitimate scholarship and appropriate citation in keeping with standards of academic integrity.
- Engage in a free exchange of ideas in a respectful and professional manner.

Assessment of Student Learning Outcomes

We assess the Academic Learning Plan SLOs through a comprehensive exam process or thesis option that is the final requirement ahead of graduation. Both the comprehensive exam and thesis entail an oral and written component. A committee of three full-time departmental faculty members evaluate both the written and oral answers.

Job Prospects

Students with an MA in Political Science have strong skills in critical thinking, writing and analysis that lend themselves well to careers in policy analysis, politics and governmental administration, governmental civil service or contracting, intelligence service –civilian or military, military officer development, law and legal research, media, careers in education at all levels, and business analysis.

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