

POLITICAL SCIENCE

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Academic Regulations

Preliminary Requirements

All applicants to the M.A. program should hold at least a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution, have a competitive undergraduate grade-point average, and have earned competitive scores on the verbal and quantitative sections of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE). Applicants for whom English is not the native language must demonstrate linguistic proficiency suitable for graduate-level study by achieving a minimum score of 550 on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). Applicants also must submit three letters of recommendation, a writing sample, and a brief essay outlining their substantive interests in political science (for example, American politics and judicial behavior) and the career goals for which a graduate degree will prepare them. Fulfilling the minimum standard is not a guarantee of admission.

Applicants to the Ph.D. program must submit three letters of recommendation, a statement of purpose outlining their substantive interests in political science (for example, comparative politics and developing nations), and a writing sample. They also must hold at least a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution, have a competitive grade-point average, and have earned competitive scores on the verbal and quantitative sections of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE). All students for whom English is not the native language must demonstrate proficiency in English by achieving a minimum score of 550 on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). Fulfilling the minimum admission standards is not a guarantee of admission.

