

Political Science



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Areas of Study:

Advanced Research Methodology
American Politics
Comparative Politics
International Relations
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Race, Ethnic, and Gender Politics

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Information on PhD Program in Political Science

- Nationally and internationally recognized PhD program in political science. Our department is ranked number 13 in the world according to the 2021 Global ShanghaiRanking: <https://www.shanghairanking.com/rankings/gras/2021/RS0504>. We are ranked number 28 according to the 2021 rankings of US News and World Report: https://www.usnews.com/best-graduate-schools/top-humanities-schools/political-science-rankings/21775470034_variation.
- Our faculty frequently coauthor with graduate students. This has resulted in peer-reviewed publications in our field's top journals, including the *American Political Science Review*, *American Journal of Political Science*, and *Journal of Politics*.
- We provide full funding to all PhD students admitted into our program. Most students we admit work for 20 hours per week as a teaching assistant or research assistant in years 1-4 and receive a stipend for this work. In their fifth year, students teach their own classes as an instructor of record. We cover tuition and fees for all of our students. We guarantee funding for five years.
- We are a five-year PhD program. This includes three years of coursework and two years of dissertation writing.
- Our typical cohort size is 6-12 students.
- We feature small PhD seminars, typically ranging between 5-10 students.
- Our students learn state of the art quantitative research methods (including statistical research methods and game theory) and gain substantive knowledge in their fields of study.
- We provide funding to all of our graduate students to present their research at at least one professional conference per year.
- Recent PhD graduates have accepted tenure-track positions at: American University, Georgia State University, Indiana University, Mississippi State University, Kansas University, University College Dublin, University of Colorado, University of Georgia, University of Iowa and University of Missouri.
- The Department of Political Science at Texas A&M University is committed to fostering an environment that is open, respectful, and welcoming to all, regardless of race, national origin, religion, gender identity, ability, age, socioeconomic background, and sexual orientation. We are committed to creating a positive climate for all students, faculty, staff, and guests.



GRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAM

The Doctor of Philosophy program in Political Science is one of the world's leading graduate programs. The training is designed to prepare students for careers in research and teaching in the United States and abroad. To this end, we provide an exemplary methodological and substantive education and encourage close mentoring and student-faculty research collaboration. Our students learn to produce high quality, original research, are provided resources to present at international conferences, and most publish before completing their fifth year. As a result, we have a fantastic record of job placement.

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Academic Environment

The Department of Political Science is an exhilarating academic environment, home to internationally renown, award winning scholars with interests spanning all major subfields of the discipline. Our three speaker series – “Political Behavior and Political Institutions,” “Policy, Political Economy, and Violence,” and “Research Methods,” bring in visiting scholars from around the world to share cutting edge research with our students and faculty.

The department is home to *Political Science Research & Methods* — a leading international political science journal — and *Presidential Studies Quarterly*.

Political Science also houses the European Union Center, which regularly hosts conferences in the department as well as seminars led by prominent scholars and world leaders.

Application Requirements

- Texas A&M University graduate application
- Department of Political Science application
- Official transcripts
- Three letters of recommendation
- Statement of academic purpose
- Interest Sample of written academic work

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"Texas A&M is a great place to get a PhD. In addition to world-class faculty and methods training, the political science program provides incredible resources like conference support, research bursaries, and regular opportunities to network with faculty from other institutions through speaker series and hosted events. As a university, Texas A&M provides scholarship and funding opportunities that make pursuing a doctoral degree possible. I am incredibly grateful for the support and mentorship I received as a student here."

Samantha Zuhlke

2021 Ph.D. in Political Science
Assistant Professor at the University of Iowa

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