GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS (GVPT)

Graduate Degree Program
College: Behavioral and Social Sciences

Abstract

The Department of Government and Politics offers a Ph.D. degree in political science, intended primarily for those planning academic careers. Students can specialize in American politics, comparative politics, international relations, and political theory. In addition, students can study in depth more specialized fields such as public law, national security, public policy, political psychology, international and inter-ethnic conflict, international political economy, urban politics, post-Soviet and post-communist studies, East-Asian studies, environmental politics, and the politics of advanced industrial societies.

Financial Assistance

In addition to fellowships and teaching assistantships, the Department also has a public service intern program for students interested in State government. There are also a limited and variable number of research positions available.

Fellowships in Support of Diversity and Inclusion (https://gvpt.umd.edu/graduate/fellowships-support-diversity-and-inclusion-behavioral-and-social-sciences/) (optional): *If you're interested in applying for the Fellowships in Support of Diversity and Inclusion in the Behavioral and Social Sciences (2017-18), please be sure to upload your materials under "4. Supplementary Application Two" when submitting your online admissions application.*

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ADMISSIONS

General Requirements

- Statement of Purpose
- Transcript(s)
- TOEFL/IELTS/PTE (international graduate students (https://gradschool.umd.edu/admissions/english-language-proficiency-requirements/))

Program-Specific Requirements

- Letters of Recommendation (3)
- Graduate Management Admissions Test (GMAT) (optional) or Graduate Record Examination (GRE) (optional)
- Supplementary Applications (up to two optional)
- CV/Resume
- Writing Sample (one required, second one optional)

The Department recruits highly qualified students and admits only a limited number of the strongest applicants. The Admissions Committee rarely grants provisional or conditional admission to the graduate program. The Department does not usually admit M.A. applicants. Only students whose ultimate objective is the Ph.D. should apply for direct admission to that program. Admission is granted only for the Fall Semester.

Application Deadlines

Type of Applicant	Fall Deadline
Domestic Applicants	
US Citizens and Permanent Residents	December 1, 2023
International Applicants	
F (student) or J (exchange visitor) visas; A, E, G, H, I and L visas and immigrants	December 1, 2023

RESOURCES AND LINKS:

Program Website: http://www.gvpt.umd.edu
Application Process: gradschool.umd.edu/admissions (https://gradschool.umd.edu/admissions/)

REQUIREMENTS

- Government and Politics, Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) (https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/graduate/programs/government-politics-gvpt/government-politics-phd/)
- Government and Politics, Master of Arts (M.A.) (https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/graduate/programs/government-politics-gvpt/government-politics-ma/)

FACILITIES AND SPECIAL RESOURCES

Graduate students in the department participate in the activities of the Public Service Intern Program, Project ICONS, the Center for International Development and Conflict Management, the Center for the Study of American Politics and Citizenship, the Center for the Study of Post-Communist Societies, The Committee on the Political Economy of the Good Society, and the Harrison Program on the Future Global Agenda.