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.


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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)

Application Deadlines
Type of Applicant  Fall Deadline
Domestic Applicants
US Citizens and Permanent Residents  December 1, 2022
International Applicants
F (student) or J (exchange visitor) visas; A, E, G, H, I and L visas and immigrants  December 1, 2022

RESEARCH 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.