

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN POLITICAL SCIENCE (M.S.)

Purpose

The Master of Science in Political Science program seeks to equip graduates with a solid understanding of the philosophical and biblical influences impacting politics and government. Students are challenged to see how domestic and international governance structures and political processes influence one another, and how historical and contemporary ideas impact both. In all of this, students are challenged to operate as Christian statesmen and women to impact their generation and generations to come.

Program Specific Admission Requirements

In addition to the general admission requirements, specific requirements for admission to the Master of Science in Political Science (M.S.) are as follows:

1. Earned baccalaureate degree or its equivalent from an institution accredited by an agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education (e.g., SACSCOC, TRACS, ABHE, etc.).
2. An undergraduate cumulative GPA of 3.00 or above (on a 4.00 scale).
3. TOEFL Scores for students who speak English as a second language (score of 600 paper –based test; 250 computer-based test, 80 internet-based test)

Students who do not meet the minimum GPA requirement may be admitted on Academic Caution status. Applicants who hold a cumulative undergraduate GPA of 2.00 to 2.99 on a 4.00 scale may be eligible for admission on Academic Caution.

Transfer of Credit

Students may transfer up to 18 hours of graduate-level credit from an accredited institution. In order to transfer credit, students must have earned the minimum grade of B-, and courses must have been completed within 10 years of the start date of the student's program at Liberty University. Credits from a prior degree on the same academic level earned through Liberty University are considered transfer credits.

Program Learning Outcomes

The student will be able to:

- Evaluate current research and knowledge of the political science discipline.
- Apply a Christian worldview to aspects of the political science context.
- Evaluate the impact of various political stakeholders in the political science context.

Program of Study

Delivery Format: Online Only

- Political Science (M.S.) - General

Career Opportunities

- Regulatory Affairs Manager
- Compliance Manager
- Lobbyist
- Political Scientist