



Masters Degrees in Political Science at The University of Southern Mississippi

The Department of Political Science, International Development and International Affairs offers two degree programs, a Master of Arts and a Master of Science. The chief difference between the two is that a thesis is required for the Master of Arts, while the Master of Science requires more hours. The program a student pursues will depend on his or her career goals and personal aspirations. A third program, a joint Master of Arts in Political Science and Master of Library and Information Science (offered by Southern Miss's highly regarded School of Library and Information Science), is also available. The department offers graduate assistantships on a competitive basis. Assistantships carry a \$7,000 stipend for the academic year, a full tuition waiver and enrollment in a health insurance policy.



Admission Requirements:

1. *Minimum 2.75 GPA on last two years of undergraduate coursework*
2. *Acceptable scores on the GRE (be sure to specify that scores should be sent to The University of Southern Mississippi. There is no need to take the subject test in PS)*
3. *Three letters of recommendation from present or former faculty*
4. *We welcome applications from students with B.A.s in any field. Applicants with no political science background are asked to complete nine hours of undergraduate political science work.*

Application form: available on the Graduate Studies Web site (from www.usm.edu, click on "Academics" and then "Graduate Studies"). Letter of recommendation forms are also available on the same Web site. Letters should be sent directly to the department at:

**118 College Drive #5108
Hattiesburg, MS 39406-0001**

Interested in a Graduate Assistantship?

To be considered, be sure to apply early (by March 15 if considering entering in the Fall). Please send a copy of your resume and a brief letter of interest to the department.

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