

American University

School of Public Affairs

Department of Government

Applied Politics

Master of Arts, Political Science

Degree Requirements:

- 33 credit hours of approved graduate courses
- Minimum GPA of 3.0 for good academic standing and graduation
- Written comprehensive examination in the major field (fall or spring semester)
- Courses are 3-credits each unless otherwise stated.

Research Methods (6 credits)

- _____ GOVT-650 Political Analysis (fall semester; Prerequisite for GOVT-653)
- _____ GOVT-653 Intro to Quantitative Methods in Political Science (spring semester)

Required (3 credits)

- _____ GOVT-620 Applied Politics and American Public Policy (REQUIRED)

Institutes (3-4 credit hours) Complete 3-4 credit hours from the following:

(CMI & PAAI meet during winter break & May summer session)

- _____ GOVT-520 Campaign Management Institute (4)
- _____ GOVT-523 Public Affairs and Advocacy Institute (4)
- _____ GOVT-684 Women and Political Leadership (3)

Topics (2 credit hours) Complete 2 credit hours from the following:

- _____ GOVT-521 Campaign Management Institute (1) (approved topics)
- _____ GOVT 524 Public Affairs and Advocacy Institute (1) (approved topics)
- _____ GOVT-685 Women and Politics Institute (1) (approved topics)

Additional (18-19 credit hours)

Complete 18-19 credit hours from the following, or other comparative politics courses:

- _____ GOVT-520 Campaign Management Institute (4) (if not taken to fulfill requirement above)
- _____ GOVT-521 Topics in Campaign Management (1)
- _____ GOVT-523 Public Affairs and Advocacy Institute (4) (if not taken to fulfill requirement above)
- _____ GOVT-524 Topics in Public Affairs and Advocacy (1)
- _____ GOVT-641 The Politics of Mass Communication (3)
- _____ GOVT-643 Applied Political Writing (3)
- _____ GOVT-644 Political Speechwriting (3)
- _____ GOVT-645 Political Parties, Interest Groups, and Lobbying (3)
- _____ GOVT-651 The Legislative Process (3)
- _____ GOVT-652 The Presidency and the Executive Branch (3)
- _____ GOVT-656 Voting Behavior, Elections, and Campaigns (3)
- _____ GOVT-674 Constitutional Law and Politics (3)
- _____ GOVT-685 Topics in Women and Politics (1-4) (if not taken to fulfill requirement above)