



## INDIANA UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LIBERAL ARTS AT IUPUI

# MASTER OF ARTS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

*Offering insight into politics at the local, state, national and international level*

### GENERAL INFORMATION

The Master of Arts in Political Science at IUPUI provides students with the opportunity to study the forces and institutions that shape and drive politics and government at the local, state, national and international level.

Students enrolled in the M.A. program will be able to study executives, legislatures, judiciaries, state and urban government, parties and interest groups, and will be able to make comparisons in government across different countries, and study international relations. Students benefit from working with faculty with a strong national and international reputation in all these topics.

The program is designed to prepare students for professional development through a mix of academic training and the teaching of valuable research and study skills. Classes are small, offer plenty of faculty-student interaction, and the program is designed to meet the needs of students working full-time.

### CAREERS

Employment options for our graduates include working in government, non-governmental organizations, think-tanks, private corporations, political party organizations, political campaigns, and professional lobbying organizations. Some graduates complete further study at PhD granting institutions or earn law degrees.

### PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

The M.A. degree consists of 33 hours of course work, made up of the following:

#### Core Courses

(12 credit hours/4 courses)

Courses offered regularly and required of all students enrolled in the master's program.

- POLS Y570 Intro to the Study of Politics
- POLS Y580 Research Methods in Pol Sci
- POLS Y657 Comparative Politics *or*
- POLS Y669 International Relations
- POLS Y661 American Politics

#### Electives

(9-12 credit hours/3-4 courses)

Select elective courses from a wide variety of topics in Political Science, Sociology and Public and Environmental Management. Courses currently approved include the following:

- POLS Y575 Political Data Analysis
- POLS Y620 State Politics
- POLS Y640 State Parties and Interest Groups
- POLS Y642 Comparative Federalism
- POLS Y680 Readings in Political Science
- SOC S612 Political Sociology
- SPEA V622 Seminar in Urban Economic Development
- SPEA P540 Community and Neighborhood Development Planning
- SPEA V571 State and Local Environmental Management

#### Internship

(3-6 credit hours/1-2 courses)

Students also have the option of completing an internship with a state, local or urban government institution, or with an organization having operational ties with such an institution. Students enroll in POLS Y881-Internship in Political Science.

#### Thesis

(6 credit hours/2 courses)

A thesis exploring some aspect of local, national or international politics.

- POLS Y880 M.A. Thesis

### ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Minimum admissions requirements are a B.A. from an accredited institution, a GPA of at least 3.0 and minimum scores on the revised GRE General Test of 145 in each of the verbal and quantitative elements, and 4.5 in the analytical writing element.

Students must also have a research skill, consisting either of reading knowledge of a foreign language (to be indicated by completion of a second-year undergraduate equivalent course, or by testing out in an approved examination) or proficiency in quantitative research skills (to be indicated by completion of

an advanced research methods graduate course in political science or another approved discipline.

Applications for admission to the program (without financial support) will be reviewed throughout the year, but students are encouraged to apply by May 1 for Fall admission and November 1 for Spring admission.

Applications (including GRE scores) for IUPUI Fellowships must be submitted by February 1. Priority for other forms of financial aid (internships, research assistantships, teaching assistantships) will be given to those applying by May 1.

Applicants should submit the following:

- A completed application for the IU Graduate School
- Official transcripts from all previous relevant college/university work
- GRE scores
- Three letters of recommendation

A link to the application and additional information can be found at:  
[liberalarts.iupui.edu/political\\_science](http://liberalarts.iupui.edu/political_science)

Transcripts should be sent in hard copy—or scanned and sent as e-mail attachments—to the contact address below.

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## GRADUATE FACULTY

**Ramla Bandele**, Associate Professor and  
Director of Internships  
(PhD, Northwestern University)  
Black politics, urban politics, public policy

**William Blomquist**, Professor  
(PhD, Indiana University)  
Indiana government and politics, public policy

**Tijen Demirel-Pegg**, Assistant Professor  
(Ph.D. Indiana University)  
International relations, Middle Eastern politics

**Aaron Dusso**, Assistant Professor  
(PhD, George Washington University)  
US politics, Congress, parties and interest  
groups, research methods

**Erin Engels**, Clinical Assistant Professor  
(JD Indiana University)  
Introduction to Politics, US politics, Introduction  
to Law, paralegal studies

**Margaret Ferguson**, Professor  
(PhD, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill)  
State politics, governors, and legislatures

**Amanda Friesen**, Assistant Professor  
(Ph.D University of Nebraska-Lincoln)  
US politics, women and politics, religion and  
politics

**John McCormick**, Professor and Director  
of Graduate Studies  
(PhD, Indiana University)  
Comparative politics, comparative federalism,  
public policy

**Scott Pegg**, Professor and Department Chair  
(PhD, University of British Columbia)  
International relations, globalization

**Jasper Sumner**, Senior Lecturer  
(MA University of Oklahoma)  
Marxist theory, political theory, communitarianism

**Shana Stump**, Clinical Assistant Professor  
(JD Indiana University)  
Introduction to Law, Legal Research and Writing  
and Litigation

**Scott Wallace**, Lecturer  
(Ph.D candidate, University of Illinois)  
Introduction to politics, international relations