BACHELOR OF ARTS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE AND MASTER OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES IN POLITICAL MANAGEMENT

The Department of Political Science and the Graduate School of Political Management (GSPM) offer the dual B.A./M.P.S. degree program for undergraduate students in political science who are interested in careers in the field of political management. The Department of Political Science and GSPM share a common commitment to nurturing students who are interested in pursuing professional careers in politics. GSPM graduate-level courses offer a clear and logical extension of many political science undergraduate courses.

The program allows students to take a specified number of graduate credits as part of their undergraduate degree, thereby allowing both degrees to be earned more quickly and at a lower cost. Application to the dual degree program may be made by a declared political science major in the semester that he or she completes 60 credits. The 60 credits do not include any transfer credits. A political science major may apply later than the end of sophomore year; however, doing so may limit the potential benefits of the program to the student.

Interested political science undergraduates should consult with the departmental advisor for more information about program requirements and regulations and for application procedures.

REQUIREMENTS

Admissions requirements:
At least 60 credits of undergraduate course work at GW
A minimum grade point average of 3.3 earned and completed at GW

The following documents are required:
Completion of the application form (https://gspm.gwu.edu/sites/gspm.gwu.edu/files/downloads/PSC-LEGA%20Dual %20Degree%20Application.pdf) submitted in the semester before graduating with a Bachelor of Arts in the field of political science. Applications are due:

- Fall - June 15
- Spring - November 15
- Summer - April 15

Personal statement: In an essay of roughly 250-500 words, explain why you are interested in pursuing the 5-year option and why you should be considered for admission. Among the issues to be addressed are:

- What are the kinds of intellectual issues in political science that you find intriguing?
- Why are you interested in graduate studies in the field?

- What special skills and knowledge can you contribute to the graduate program?

Three letters of recommendation (at least two must be from Political Science faculty): Letters of recommendation may be submitted through the online application to the M.P.S. program and used as application materials for both the undergraduate dual degree program and the political management master's program.

All materials, other than those included in the online Graduate School of Political Management application, are to be submitted directly to the undergraduate advisor (swiley@gwu.edu). Application materials to the undergraduate dual degree program can be used in the application for the M.P.S. in Political Management (http://gspm.gwu.edu/node/120). The admission decision at the undergraduate level is not a guarantee of admission into the M.P.S program, nor does it require the applicant to complete the M.P.S. at the Graduate School of Political Management upon graduation from the Columbian College of Arts and Sciences.

Contact the undergraduate advisor (swiley@gwu.edu) for more information.

Program of study

Three of the following core courses:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Course Code</th>
<th>Course Title</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>PMGT 6401</td>
<td>Fundamentals of Political Management</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PMGT 6402</td>
<td>Applied Political Communications</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PMGT 6403</td>
<td>Political Data and Analytics</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PMGT 6404</td>
<td>Principled Political Leadership</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>