



AUBURN UNIVERSITY
AT MONTGOMERY

COLLEGE OF
 LIBERAL ARTS & SOCIAL SCIENCES
Political Science & Public Administration

MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAM IN POLITICAL SCIENCE (MPS)
PLAN OF STUDY

<u>MPS REQUIRED CORE</u> (6 courses: 18 hours)	Semester Hours	Grade	Term Taken	When to Enroll
POLS 6060 Research Design	3			Year 1 Offered every Fall
POLS 6110 Seminar in American Politics	3			Year 1
POLS 6670 Seminar in International Relations	3			Year 1
POLS 6080 Statistics and Data Analysis	3			Year 1 Requires 6060 Offered every Spring
POLS 6090 Research Seminar -- Proposal	3			Year 2 Offered every Fall
POLS 6090 Research Seminar -- Thesis	3			Year 2 Offered every Spring
<u>MPS ELECTIVES</u> (Any 4 Courses: 12 hours)				<u>ELECTIVES</u> Electives may be taken at any time unless noted
POLS 6130 Seminar in State and Local Politics	3			
POLS 6160 Intergovernmental Relations	3			
POLS 6280 International Political Economy	3			
POLS 6350 Area Studies	3			
POLS 6450 Comparative Government and Politics	3			
POLS 6500 Southern Politics	3			

POLS 6510 Congressional Politics	3			
POLS 6600 Judicial Politics	3			
POLS 6660 Democracy and Democratization	3			
POLS 6750 Seminar in Constitutional Law	3			
POLS 6830 Political Parties	3			
POLS 6972 Special Topics	3			
PUAD 7130 Quantitative Methods	3			
PUAD 7972 Special Topics	3			
Graduate Methods Course Offered by Another Department at AUM	3			Requires prior approval to receive credit

Important information

- Ten courses/thirty credit hours are required to earn the MPS degree.
- The minimum GPA needed to receive the MPS degree is a 3.0.
- POLS 6090 is taken for credit twice.
- Students can defend their thesis only twice.
- Not all courses are offered every year.
- Elective offerings are subject to change.
- MPA courses can be substituted as per approval.
- POLS 6972 is a “special topics” course and the topic may vary across semesters. Students may take more than one course numbered POLS 6972 in fulfillment of degree requirements so long as the topic is different in each time.