



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

<b><u>MPS REQUIRED COURSES</u></b> <b>(3 courses: 9 hours)</b>	<b>Semester Hours</b>	<b>Grade</b>	<b>Term Taken</b>	<b>When to Enroll</b>
POLS 6060 Research Design	3			Year 1 Offered in Fall
POLS 6080 Statistics and Data Analysis	3			Year 1 Requires 6060 Offered in Spring
POLS 6090 Research Seminar	3			Year 2 Requires 6060 and 6080 Offered in Fall and Spring
<b><u>MPS ELECTIVES</u></b> <b>(Any 7 Courses: 21 hours)</b>				<b>Electives may be taken at any time</b>
POLS 6010 Introduction to Public Administration	3			
POLS 6110 Seminar in American Politics	3			
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 6540 The American Presidency	3			
POLS 6600 Judicial Politics	3			
POLS 6660 Democracy and Democratization	3			
POLS 6670 Seminar in International Relations	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			

*Important information*

- MPA (PUAD) courses can be taken as electives with approval.
- Graduate methods courses offered by another department at AUM may be taken as an elective with approval.
- POLS 6972 and PUAD 7972 are each a “special topics” course and the topic may vary across semesters. Students may take more than one course numbered POLS 6972 and PUAD 7972 in fulfillment of degree requirements so long as the topic is different each time.
- Not all elective courses are offered every year.
- 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.