



**AUBURN UNIVERSITY  
AT MONTGOMERY**

**COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS & SOCIAL SCIENCES**  
**Department of Political Science and Public Administration**

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

**In-Person and Online**

**Plan of Study – 30 Hours/10 Course Degree**

<b>MPS CORE: Three courses (9 hours)</b>	<b>Course Descriptions</b>
POLS 6060 Research Design	Develops skills and knowledge for conducting and evaluating policy-relevant research. Various research designs and data collection techniques are discussed.
POLS 6080 (or INFO 5880) Statistics and Data Analysis	Introduces students to fundamental concepts in statistical description and inference.
POLS 6090 Research Seminar	Students conduct independent research on a topic of interest and relevance approved and overseen by the instructor.
<b>MPS ELECTIVES: (Any Seven Courses: 21 hours)</b>	<b>Course Descriptions</b>
POLS 6010 Foundations of Public Administration	Examines the constitutional, institutional, political and social environment in which public administration occurs and introduces students to the important theories, concepts, functions and issues in the discipline of public administration.
POLS 6130 Seminar in State and Local Government	A systematic examination of function, problems, and issues within the political and constitutional framework of selected areas of state and local government.
POLS 6200 U.S Foreign Policy	An examination of American diplomatic experience and foreign relations from the Revolution to the present.
POLS 6280 International Political Economy	Explores the relationship between states and markets in the international economy and surveys leading explanations for the evolution and content of the international economic system.
POLS 6450 Comparative Government and Politics	An examination of the institutions, political processes, functions and problems of major contemporary political systems from a comparative perspective.
POLS 6510 Congressional Politics	Focuses on the role and functions of the Congress and presidency in the U.S. political system.
POLS 6660 Democracy and Democratization	Explores the roots, development, and major components of the democratic idea, the variety of the modern democratic practice, as well as the spread of democracy in the modern world and its effects on international politics.
POLS 6680 International Conflict: War and Peace	Covers the sources of international conflict, the nature of war, and military doctrine.
POLS 6972 Special Topics	An in-depth examination of specific topics. Course may be repeated as topics change.
Graduate Courses offered by Economics by approval	May include ECON 6080 Economics of Decision in a Global Environment, ECON 6500 Microeconomics Analysis, ECON 6510 Macroeconomic Analysis, ECON 6520 Foundations of Empirical Research, and ECON 6620 Macroeconomic Indicators and Data