

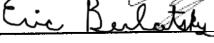
 FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY	NEW/CHANGE PROGRAM REQUEST Graduate Programs		UGPC Approval _____ UFS Approval _____ Banner _____ Catalog _____
	Department Political Science College Arts and Letters		
Program Name MAT in Political Science		<input type="checkbox"/> New Program* <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Change Program*	Effective Date (TERM & YEAR) Fall 2024
<p>Please explain the requested change(s) and offer rationale below or on an attachment.</p> <p>The Department requests to eliminate the MAT degree in Political Science to use the Departmental and University resources more effectively. The Graduate Program of the Department of Political Science oversees MA in Political Science, MS in Data Science and Analytics - Society concentration. It also assists the PhD Program in Comparative Studies. Discontinuation of MAT will allow the Department to focus on existing degrees. The MAT degree in Political Science is in direct competition with our MA degree. It also competes with multiple College of Education degrees, including M. Ed. in Secondary Education, M. Ed. in Instructional Technology, M. Ed. in Educational Psychology, and Ed.S. in Curriculum and Instruction, to name a few.</p> <p>The MAT degree is not well-positioned to compete with these programs. The Political Science part of the degree is delivered more effectively by the MA in Political Science, while the graduate programs in the College of Education provide various substantive degrees, further diminishing the value of MAT in Political Science. The objective data supports this reasoning. In the last six years (since Fall 2017), only two students have actively pursued the MAT degree. Two additional students have been admitted to the MAT degree. However, one has officially petitioned to transfer to the MA degree, while the other applied to both MA and MAT degrees, but actively pursues only the MA degree.</p> <p>The MAT degree involves advising students about the courses over which the Department has limited control. Coordinating the scheduling and substance of the required courses across various Colleges is an additional logistical burden on the Department. Due to the very limited interest among students and less than justified costs to the Department, we petition to eliminate the MAT degree in Political Science.</p>			
*All new programs and changes to existing programs must be accompanied by a catalog entry showing the new or proposed changes.			
Faculty Contact/Email/Phone Renat Shaykhutdinov / rshaykhu@fau.edu / 7-3775		Consult and list departments that may be affected by the change(s) and attach documentation N/A	
Approved by Department Chair  College Curriculum Chair  College Dean  UGPC Chair _____ UGC Chair _____ Graduate College Dean _____ UFS President _____ Provost _____		Date 10/11/2023 10-16-23 10-16-23 _____ _____ _____ _____ _____	

Email this form and attachments to UGPC@fau.edu 10 days before the UGPC meeting.

MASTER'S PROGRAMS

POLITICAL SCIENCE MASTER OF ARTS (M.A.)

(Minimum of 30 credits required)

The Department of Political Science offers the Master of Arts degree, which requires 30 graduate credits. Students may choose from a non-thesis or thesis option to meet the requirements of the degree. The non-thesis option is designed for students who wish to specialize in an area of study by completing two seminars instead of a thesis. Those who prefer the thesis option may do so with the permission of the Director of Graduate Studies. The thesis option is designed to prepare graduates for doctoral or professional programs. All students are admitted as non-thesis students. After the completion of at least 9 but not more than 15 graduate credits, a student may apply for admission to the thesis option. The application is submitted to the graduate director. If the Graduate Committee grants thesis-option status, the student must work with the graduate director to create a thesis committee.

Core - 9 credits

Research Design in Political Science*

POS 6736

Seminar in American National Government

POS 6045

Seminar in Comparative Political Processes

CPO 6007

Non-Thesis Option - 21 credits**

Seminars - 21 credits

Select seven courses at the 6000 level from the Department of Political Science

Thesis Option - 21 credits**

Seminars - 15 credits

Select five courses at the 6000 level from the Department of Political Science

Thesis - 6 credits

* POS 6736 must be completed the first semester of enrollment or the first semester the course is offered after admission to the graduate program.

** With the approval of the graduate director, a student may take a maximum of 6 credits outside the Department of Political Science.

~~POLITICAL SCIENCE~~

~~MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING (M.A.T.)~~

(Minimum of 30 credits required)

~~The M.A.T. is designed to prepare students to be qualified instructors of Political Science in community colleges and secondary schools in which a teaching certificate is required.~~

Admission Requirements

Students must have a minimum 3.0 GPA in the last 60 undergraduate credits. Application includes two letters of recommendation and a statement of personal objectives. Graduate Record Exam (GRE) scores are not required. Undergraduate specialization in Political Science is desirable but not mandatory for admission. Students with a lower level of preparation may be considered for admission with provision for additional remedial coursework.

Degree Requirements

Master of Arts with Thesis (30 credits)

Graduate seminar credits in Political Science	18
Minor/electives outside Political Science	6
Thesis	6

Master of Arts, Non-Thesis (30 credits)

Graduate seminar credits in Political Science	18
Minor/electives outside Political Science	6

Readings in Political Science, POS 6904

6

Master of Arts Internship/Project (30 credits)

Graduate seminar credits in Political Science

18

Minor/electives outside Political Science

6

Graduate Internship

3

Graduate Research Project

3

Master of Arts in Teaching (30 credits)

Graduate seminar credits in Political Science

12

Electives in social studies fields according to
state certification requirements

6

College of Education courses

6

Graduate Research Project

6

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awarded.~~

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