

Political Science Accelerated Masters Program

The Accelerated MA program in the Political Science department allows a student to receive a BA and an MA degree in five years. Early entry into the MA program will enable students to complete graduate hours under their TOPS or other undergraduate scholarship and to graduate from the MA program typically one year early. To participate, students must meet the criteria for acceptance

is in good standing within the department, they will be eligible to attain full acceptance to graduate school immediately following graduation from the BA program.

Admission Requirements

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2. The applicant must have completed 60 hours of credit (including AP credit) overall.
3. Transfer students must complete at least one semester at LSU and also have a 3.5 overall GPA at their prior institution.

Application procedure

1. Students should select a faculty advisor based on their area of interest.
2. <https://itservice.lsu.edu/TDClient/37/gradschool/Requests/ServiceDet?ID=91>
3. Students should submit the _____ (without the required signatures), a statement of purpose, a writing sample, unofficial transcripts, and _____
Students should submit

- a. BA student enrolls in 3 Political Science graduate courses (these can be either pro-seminars or electives) for 9 hours of credit.
 - b. It is expected that during Semester 8, the BA student will be admitted to the LSU Graduate School
4. During Semester 9 (Fall semester, 5th Year)
 - a. MA student enrolls in POLI 7000 (1 credit hour) if not taken during Semester 7.
 - b. MA student enrolls in 2 Political Science graduate courses (pro-seminars or electives)
 - c. MA student enrolls in 3 credit hours for MA thesis
5. During Semester 10 (Spring semester, 5th Year)
 - a. MA student enrolls in 2 Political Science graduate courses (pro-seminars or electives)
 - b. MA student enrolls in 3 credit hours for MA thesis.
 - c. Optional: If the student enrolled in 9 credit hours of graduate course work in Semester 7, they may enroll in 6 credit hours for their MA thesis and only take 1 3-credit hour graduate course this semester.
 - d. MA student defends MA Thesis by end of the semester.

MA Program (Thesis Track)