

MASTER OF ARTS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

WITH A PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION/ PUBLIC POLICY CONCENTRATION

ONLINE



A flexible, affordable online degree that develops students' skills at analyzing and evaluating key concepts related to public administration, nonprofit organizations, and public policy. Prepares students for employment in public affairs at all levels of government and in the private sector. Working closely with faculty mentors, students develop and analyze their own research projects.

TARGET AUDIENCE:

Those seeking to expand career options in government agencies, community organizations, law enforcement, protection services, and policy-centered organizations.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

- Official transcripts for a Bachelor's degree from an accredited college
- A minimum 2.75 cumulative g.p.a. in the last 60 hours of undergraduate studies.
- Two letters of recommendations.
- Professional goals statement.
- The GRE is not required.
- The application process is all online. See: <https://www.eiu.edu/myeiu/>.
- \$30 application fee. A fee waiver application is located here: <http://www.eiu.edu/poliscigrad/Free%20Application%20Grant%20Application%20PLS.pdf>. Consideration is given to applicants underrepresented in graduate study, as well as first generation graduate students, and students who can add to the diversity of the graduate school cohort through their life experiences.

COST:

Fees Include:

- Application Fee: \$30 (as above)
- Tuition: \$289 per credit hour
- Continuing Education Fee: \$44* per credit hour - *subject to change
- Textbook Rental Fee: \$9.75 per credit hour

REGISTRATION PROCEDURE:

Via email or phone with Graduate Coordinator.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR:

Fall, Spring, and Summer Semesters. Students may enter during any term.

DELIVERY MODE:

Online. (PLS 5053/Research Methods) offers two face-to-face Saturday workshops, but students who cannot attend will be provided alternatives.

LOCATION(S) OF COURSES:

Online. PLS 5053 workshops will be at EIU Charleston.

TEXTBOOK PURCHASE:

Textbooks are rented and will be mailed to students (see Cost). Many readings available online.

TRANSFER HOURS POLICY:

Up to 11 hours of graduate course work with a B grade or higher may be considered on a case-by-case basis.

TOTAL HOURS NEEDED:

32 credit hours

FINANCIAL AID INFO:

Via <http://www.eiu.edu/finaid/> or (217) 581-3713

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REQUIRED COURSES:

Core Courses (13-16 hours):

- PLS 5001 Research in Poli Sci (1)
PLS 5053 Research Methods (3)
PLS 5543 Proseminar in Public Admin (3)
PLS 5843 Proseminar in Public Policy Research & Analysis (3)
PLS 5950 Thesis (6)
OR
PLS 5940 Capstone Project (3)

Two Public Admin/Public Policy Courses (6):

- PLS 4793 Civic & Nonprofit Leadership (3)
PLS 4823 International Policy Issues (3)*
PLS 4873 HRM in Public & Nonprofit Orgs (3)
PLS 4893 Budgeting in Govt & Nonprofit Orgs (3)
PLS 5153 Cities and Urban Policies (3)*
PLS 5163 State Govt & Policy (3)*

Two Political Science Courses (6):

- PLS 4853 The Supreme Court (3)
PLS 5173 Congress & the Presidency (3)
PLS 4823 International Policy Issues (3)*
PLS 5153 Cities & Urban Policies (3)*
PLS 5163 State Govt & Policy (3)*
PLS 5373 Proseminar in American Politics (3)

* Courses count in either category, but do not double-count.

Additional Requirements (4-7 hours): Students take an additional 4-7 hours of graduate level courses from any of the courses listed above, or Independent Study (PLS 5990), Internship (PLS 5980), and Study Abroad (PLS 5997). Thesis students need 4 hours, and are limited to 3 hours of Independent Study, Internship, and Study Abroad. Capstone Project students need 7 hours, and are limited to 6 hours of Independent Study, Internship, and Study Abroad.

Students may not count more than 9 credit hours at the 4000-level towards their study plans.