

Government

*Master of Arts
Doctor of Philosophy*

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Facilities for Graduate Work

With more than 60 full-time or jointly appointed members, the Department of Government is one of the largest political science faculties in the country. The department houses important research centers, including the Innovations for Peace and Development Lab, the Politics of Race and Ethnicity Lab, the Public Policy Institute, and the Policy Agendas Project, and its faculty are affiliated with a variety of global research initiatives, like the Comparative Constitutions Project and the AidData Research Consortium. The department's research resources include excellent computer facilities and an extensive collection of machine-readable social science data.

Students in the department also take advantage of many of the University's research facilities and programs, including the Teresa Lozano Long Institute of Latin American Studies and Centers for East Asian Studies; Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies; and Middle Eastern Studies. Many other units provide institutional support for political scientists, including the Brazil Center, the Edward A. Clark Center for Australian and New Zealand Studies, the Center for European Studies, the John L. Warfield Center for African and African American Studies, and the South Asia Institute.

The University has one of the largest academic libraries in the United States, with many collections of value for research in government and politics; these include the Benson Latin American Collection, the Grattan collection on Australia, the Woodrow Wilson collection, the Tobenkin collection on the Russian Revolution, the Jaffe collection on political radicalism, and a variety of special materials on southern and western Americana, Southwestern history and politics, India, East Asia, the Middle East, Africa, and the British Commonwealth. The library system also includes the Dolph Briscoe Center for American History, the Harry Ransom Center, and the Tarlton Law Library. The campus is the site of the Lyndon Baines Johnson Library and Museum, an invaluable resource for the study of twentieth-century politics.

Areas of Study

All candidates for graduate degrees are expected to develop a broad competence in the discipline as a whole as well as expertise in specific areas. The program offers specialized instruction in the following fields: American politics, comparative politics, international relations, methodology, political theory, public law, and public policy.

Graduate Studies Committee

The following faculty members served on the Graduate Studies Committee (GSC) in the spring 2024 semester.

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