The program is aimed at students who want to acquire the theoretical framework and methodological tools to analyze and understand issues related to peacebuilding, conflict prevention and security.

The department prides itself on its dedication to mentorship and small class sizes. In addition, we

- encourage the development of research skills,
- work with our students as co-presenters and, publishers,
- provide support for research and conference travel,
- and provide funding to all in-residence students.

Students who enroll in the program will take a core of courses in global politics along with a rigorous two-semester methodology sequence. Electives are drawn from our expert faculty known for their specialties in

- Terrorism and insurgency,
- International Organizations,
- Human rights and transitional justice,
- Social movements,
- Electoral Integrity,
- Diplomacy,

as well as knowledge of key areas of the world such as China and Asia, Russian and Europe, and Latin America.

CURRICULUM

33 HOURS

THEMATIC CORE (9 HOURS)
POLS 5203 International Relations
POLS 5403 Comparative Politics
POLS 5253 Conflict Management & Peacebuilding

METHODOLOGY (6 HOURS)
POLS 5103 Research Design
POLS 5013 Quantitative Methods

ELECTIVES TO FULFILL THE TWO AREAS (12 HOURS)
Must take at least one class in each area:

Conflict & Peace Studies*
POLS 5210 Topics in IR: Civil Wars
POLS 5163 International Organizations
POLS 5673 Understanding & Responding to Terrorism
POLS 5273 Diplomacy
* Other electives permitted with approval of Director of Graduate Studies

Justice and Sustainability*
POLS 5210 Human Rights/Transitional Justice
POLS 5213 Seminar International Political Economy
POLS 5410 Topics Social Movements
POLS 5410 Topics Electoral Integrity
POLS 5810 Women and Politics
* Other electives permitted with approval of Director of Graduate Studies

THESIS OR REPORT (6 HOURS)
POLS 5000 Thesis (6 hours) OR
POLS 5100 Directed Study (3 hours) and
POLS 5020 Formal Report (3 hours)

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- Official Undergraduate Transcripts
- Resume/Curriculum Vitae
- 1-2 page Personal Statement
- Name and email of three academic references
- TOEFL Score for International Applicants
- Application Fee
  $50 U.S. Citizens
  $75 International Apps
- Application Deadline
  Fall: March 1
  Spring: November 1

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