

# GRADUATE STUDY IN POLITICAL SCIENCE



## Programs

The Department of Political Science at the University of Kansas offers M.A. and Ph.D. programs for students seeking teaching, research, and public service careers involving the study of politics and government. Students may develop their own programs from advanced study involving various combinations of the department's five subfields: political theory, U.S. political institutions and processes, public policy, foreign governments and comparative politics, and international politics.

The 22 members of our faculty cover a wide variety of areas of interest and enjoy national and international reputations for their research. They offer training in a variety of analytical approaches, such as normative theory, rational choice, survey research, and ethnography, to mention only a few. Our faculty members provide mentorship and guidance for our graduate students in both research and teaching. Many in our department have received universitywide teaching awards, including awards for graduate mentoring, and demonstrate to our graduate students high standards and effective teaching in the classroom.

The Department of Political Science is well connected with the established interdisciplinary programs and research centers at KU, including Women's Studies, Environmental Studies, Indigenous Studies, the Policy and Social Research Institute, and the Dole Institute of Politics. In addition, KU is nationally known for its Title VI area programs, such as the centers for Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies; East Asian Studies; and African Studies. With most of our faculty active

in one or more of these interdisciplinary programs, our graduate students are afforded numerous sources of scholarly, financial, and job search related support. Graduate study in political science is supported further by extensive computer resources as well as university membership in the Inter-University Consortium for Political Research.

Recent graduates of our M.A. program have found a variety of types of employment (for example, at the U.S. State Department) and many have successfully continued their academic studies in prestigious doctoral programs. We have also had good success placing our Ph.D. students in recent years at a number of public and private academic institutions (such as California State University—Chico, Northern Illinois, Midwestern State, Northern Alabama, Wichita State, Southeast Missouri State, University of North Carolina—Charlotte, and University of Wisconsin—La Crosse). Ph.D. students have also secured jobs in the public, private, and nonprofit sectors (such as in the Department of Defense, polling organizations, and Pew Charitable Trusts).

The M.A. degree requires 30 hours of graduate-level credit. Thesis and nonthesis options including course work in research methods are available. The doctoral program requires written examinations in two of the three subfields the student has chosen for specialization, course work in research methods, foreign language and/or research skills, a comprehensive oral examination, and a dissertation. Most doctoral candidates obtain classroom experience as teaching assistants.



Political science graduate students meet in small seminars.

## Admission Requirements

An undergraduate degree in political science is desirable, but not required, for admission to the M.A. program. Students with majors in closely related fields or with at least 15 hours of political science will be considered for the M.A.

Admission to the Ph.D. program requires an M.A. in political science. In addition to Graduate School admission requirements, the department requires

- one copy of all official transcripts,
- recent Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores (verbal, quantitative, and analytical),
- a statement of personal goals,
- a nonrefundable application fee,
- three letters of recommendation.

International students must submit Test of English as a Foreign Language scores. A minimum score of 53 on each part of the paper-based test, or 20 on each part of the computer-based test, is required. Minorities and women are encouraged to apply.

## Application Dates

The M.A. and Ph.D. programs allow only fall regular admission. The application deadlines are

- January 10 for applicants who wish to be considered during the normal admission period,
- April 15 for late applicants who wish to be considered only for admission and not for fellowships or graduate teaching assistantships.

## Additional Information

A more detailed description of graduate programs in political science as well as the requirements of the Graduate School can be found in the University of Kansas *Graduate School Catalog*. For application forms and information, contact

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Department of Political Science  
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Web site: [www2.ku.edu/~kups](http://www2.ku.edu/~kups)

Graduate School online application:  
[www.graduate.ku.edu](http://www.graduate.ku.edu)

## Tuition and Fees

Graduate tuition for the 2006-07 academic year is \$227.05 per credit hour for Kansas residents and \$542.50 per credit hour for nonresidents. Required Lawrence campus fees are \$53.33 per credit hour for students enrolled in 5 credit hours or fewer and \$320 per semester for those enrolled in more than 5 hours. Teaching assistants with at least a 50-percent appointment receive a tuition waiver. Tuition and fees are set by the Kansas Board of Regents and are subject to change. See [www.tuition.ku.edu](http://www.tuition.ku.edu) or [www.registrar.ku.edu/fees](http://www.registrar.ku.edu/fees) for current information.



Graduate students and faculty members work in the Department of Political Science's computer lab.





Professor Philip Schrodt teaches courses in international relations and methodology.

### Financial Assistance

The department has a number of graduate teaching assistantships with stipends from \$12,000 to \$13,000 a year. In addition, some research assistantships and graduate fellowships are available. Students seeking financial aid should so indicate on their applications for admission. Funding for study abroad, field research, summer academic workshops, and conference participation is available from the Department of Political Science and the Graduate School at KU.

For eligible students, loans and other forms of financial assistance are administered by KU's Office of Student Financial Aid, [www.financialaid.ku.edu](http://www.financialaid.ku.edu).

### The University of Kansas Office of Student Financial Aid Strong Hall

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### PSGA

The Political Science Graduate Association represents the interests of graduate students in political science. Through PSGA, students can voice concerns that can be influential in guiding the direction of the program. PSGA provides professional, academic, and social resources that enhance the quality of graduate life. All graduate students are welcome to participate; information is available in 504 Blake Hall.

### Faculty

**Christina Bejarano**, acting asst. prof., Ph.D. Univ. of Iowa, expected 2007. Latino politics, minority politics, women and politics, political behavior, Latin America.

**Hannah Britton**, asst. prof., Ph.D., Syracuse, 1999. African politics, transnational movements, women's role in democratization/development.

**Allan Cigler**, Chancellors Club Teaching Professor of Political Science, Ph.D., Indiana, 1973. American politics, interest groups, political parties.

**Dorothy Daley**, asst. prof., Ph.D., Univ. of California (Davis). Environmental policy, hazardous waste, state politics, urban redevelopment.

**Paul D'Anieri**, assoc. prof., Ph.D., Cornell, 1991. International cooperation, post-Soviet foreign policy.

**Alesha Doan**, asst. prof., Ph.D., Texas A&M Univ., 2000. Public policy, morality policy, gender and politics, and research design.

**Ronald A. Francisco**, prof., Ph.D., Illinois (Urbana), 1976. International relations, European comparative political systems, protest and repression.

**Donald Haider-Markel**, assoc. prof., Ph.D., Wisconsin (Milwaukee), 1997. American politics, public policy and public opinion.

**Thomas Heilke**, prof., Ph.D., Duke, 1990. Political theory, religion and politics.

**Erik Herron**, assoc. prof., Ph.D., Michigan State, 2000. Comparative politics, Russian and East Central European politics, comparative electoral systems.

**Paul E. Johnson**, prof., Ph.D., Washington Univ. in St. Louis, 1988. American politics, formal/positive theory, statistics.

**Mark Joslyn**, assoc. prof., Ph.D., Washington Univ. in St. Louis, 1996. American politics, public policy, comparative politics.

**Juliet Kaarbo**, assoc. prof., Ph.D., Ohio State, 1993. International relations, foreign policy decision making, political psychology.

**John Kennedy**, asst. prof., Ph.D., Univ. of California (Davis), 2002. Comparative politics, Chinese politics, rural political development.

**Burdett A. Loomis**, prof., Ph.D., Wisconsin (Madison), 1974. Congressional politics, public policy analysis, political institutions and organized interests.

**Michael Lynch**, acting asst. prof., Ph.D., Washington Univ. (St. Louis), expected 2007. American politics, Congress, quantitative methods.

**Sharon O'Brien**, assoc. prof., Ph.D., Univ. of Oregon, 1978. Federal Indian Law, Tribal Governments, International Law.

**Mariya Y. Omelicheva**, acting asst. prof., Ph.D., Purdue Univ., expected 2007. Eurasian security, international relations, Russian foreign policy.

**Gary Reich**, assoc. prof., Ph.D., North Carolina (Chapel Hill), 1995. Latin America, political economy.

**Philip A. Schrodt**, prof., Ph.D., Indiana Univ., 1976. International relations, methodology, mathematical modeling.



**Paul D. Schumaker**, prof., Ph.D., Wisconsin (Madison), 1973. Political theory, public policy and community politics.

**Elaine Sharp**, prof., Ph.D., North Carolina (Chapel Hill), 1978. Urban politics, human services administration, research methodology.

**Brent Steele**, asst. prof., Ph.D., Iowa, 2005. International security, human rights and international relations, international organizations.

**Catherine E. Weaver**, asst. prof., Ph.D., Wisconsin (Madison), 2003. International relations, politics of world economy, international organizations, Russian politics.

**O. Fiona Yap**, assoc. prof., Ph.D., Rochester, 1997. Comparative politics, political economy, methodology, East Asia.

### Libraries

The KU library system contains more than 4 million items, a figure that includes books, documents, maps, microforms, manuscripts, photographs, sound recordings, and other media. These resources are housed in the main Watson Library building and in branch and departmental libraries including law, science, engineering, mathematics, music and dance, and art and architecture. Each library offers a mix of printed and electronic research



Professor and Chair Elaine Sharp teaches courses in research methods and public policy.

materials, a professionally trained staff, and many services.

KU Libraries offer access to a wide range of electronic and printed resources in many subjects and formats. Electronic databases, journals, books, and other materials are available through the libraries' Web site, [www.lib.ku.edu](http://www.lib.ku.edu), as well as KU's online catalog of library holdings.

Materials not owned by KU can be obtained through interlibrary loan, often as electronic files delivered to the requestor's desktop. Study areas are available in all libraries, and users have access to many computer workstations with Internet access and standard software for word processing, spreadsheets and databases, and multimedia applications. Library instructional programs give students tools to use resources and services effectively, and personalized research assistance is provided in each library.

### Housing

A wide variety of housing is available both on and near the campus. Double or single rooms in residence halls rent

864-8305. Current rates are available at [www.housing.ku.edu/cost](http://www.housing.ku.edu/cost).

### The University

The University of Kansas, [www.ku.edu](http://www.ku.edu), is a major educational and research institution with 29,000 students and 2,200 faculty members. KU includes the main campus in Lawrence; the Medical Center in Kansas City, Kansas; the KU Edwards Campus in Overland Park; a clinical campus of the School of Medicine in Wichita; and educational and research facilities throughout the state. KU has 14 major academic divisions: the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, the Graduate School, and the Schools of Allied Health, Architecture and Urban Planning, Business, Education, Engineering, Fine Arts, Journalism and Mass Communications, Law, Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy, and Social Welfare.

KU has more than 40 special research facilities, in addition to those in individual departments and schools. The National Science Foundation classifies KU as a major university receiving substantial research support. The Carnegie Foundation classifies KU as a research-extensive doctoral institution, a classification given to the top research universities.

The university belongs to the American Association of Universities, a select group of higher education institutions in the United States and Canada. Members are chosen on the basis of national significance in graduate studies and research. In 2005-06, the university awarded 300 doctoral degrees in 60 academic areas.

KU offers visits from distinguished lecturers, scholars, and artists; concerts, recitals, and chamber music; theatre and ballet performances; classical, popular, and experimental films; special exhibitions in the Helen Foresman Spencer Museum of Art and the Natural History Museum; and many informal activities. The Lied Center of Kansas, a 2,020-seat performing arts hall, offers a series of concerts and shows that bring outstanding performers to the KU campus each year. There are sports for spectators and participants with exciting Big 12 athletics, intramurals, and extensive recreational facilities.

KU's main campus occupies 1,000 acres on and around Mount Oread in Lawrence, a community of about 82,000 among the forested hills of eastern Kansas. Lawrence offers shopping areas, malls, restaurants, entertainment, and recreational facilities near campus or on bus routes. Near Lawrence, there are four lake resort areas for boating, fishing, and swimming. Metropolitan Kansas City with its international airport, professional sports, ballet, opera, concerts, night spots, galleries, museums, and festivals is about 45 minutes away by interstate highway.

To view the *Graduate School Catalog* online, see [www.catalogs.ku.edu/graduate](http://www.catalogs.ku.edu/graduate). To inquire about a copy of the *Graduate School Catalog*, call (785) 864-6161 or send e-mail to [gradschool@ku.edu](mailto:gradschool@ku.edu).

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