

POLITICAL SCIENCE

Graduate Program Head	Lee Ann Banaszak
Program Code	PLSC
Campus(es)	University Park (Ph.D., M.A.)
Degrees Conferred	Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) Master of Arts (M.A.) Dual-Title Ph.D. in Political Science and African American and Diaspora Studies Dual-Title Ph.D. in Political Science and African Studies Dual-Title Ph.D. in Political Science and Asian Studies Dual-Title Ph.D. in Political Science and Social Data Analytics Dual-Title Ph.D. and M.A. in Political Science and Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies
The Graduate Faculty	View (https:// secure.gradsch.psu.edu/gpms/? searchType=fac&prog=PLSC)

The purpose of the graduate program in Political Science is to train professional political scientists who intend to pursue careers in research, teaching, and public service. The department offers programs leading to the M.A. and Ph.D. degrees. The programs are designed to enable students to acquire both methodological sophistication and substantive knowledge in a variety of fields.

The graduate program in Political Science encourages the study of a variety of substantive concerns, methodological approaches, and research skills. Among the department's special areas of strength are United States politics and political behavior (legislative politics, public opinion and voting, parties and interest groups, and judicial process); political and social theory; international relations and peace science; the politics of western and eastern Europe, Latin America, and South Asia; international conflict; international political economy; democratization; social movements; political culture; and gender and politics.

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