



Graduate Programs in Political Science and Environmental Politics and Policy

Department of Political Science
www.colostate.edu/Depts/PoliSci
www.colostate.edu



Graduate Programs in the Department of Political Science at Colorado State

Graduate programs are offered in Political Science leading to the Master of Arts and Doctor of Philosophy Degrees. Because of its focus and quality, the graduate program welcomes and attracts M.A. and Ph.D. candidates from diverse academic backgrounds and careers who



share an interest in the political dimensions of environmental protection, as well as in the more traditional fields of political science.

Our graduate program is unique in its emphasis: In addition to the main areas of Political Science, ours is a political science program that also concentrates on the study of environmental politics and policy.

From an early focus on Western U.S. Natural Resource Policy, our environmental

expertise has grown to cover the breadth of domestic and global environmental politics and policy.

A strong faculty, accomplished as teachers and acclaimed as published research scholars in their respective fields, attracts students from throughout the world.

Programs of study are individually designed to fit the student's educational background and career objectives.

Doctoral Program

The Ph.D. program is designed to produce graduates who combine a specialization in global and domestic environmental politics and policy with a broad knowledge of the traditional subfields of Political Science. The department enjoys an exceptional placement record in academic institutions, both teaching and research, as well as non-academic positions.

Recipients of the Doctoral Degree are employed in research organizations, tenure-track positions in universities, or public service.

Our Doctoral Program is now part of the Western Regional Graduate Program consortium. This is a program of the Western Interstate Commission on Higher Education and includes unique programs of high quality. As a result of membership students from the 14 member states (not including California) can pay in-state tuition while attending our program. For more information please visit <http://www.wiche.edu/SEP/WRGP/index.asp>.

Master of Arts Programs

Students in the Master of Arts Degree Program may pursue studies in the following subfields of Political Science: American Politics, Comparative Politics, International Relations, Political Theory and Methodology, Public Administration and Policy, and Environmental Politics and Policy. Our Master's program gives students the skills analyze, assess, and evaluate political events, policy processes and outcomes.

Graduates with a Master's Degree are recruited by a wide variety of local, state, and federal agencies, as well as domestic and international nongovernmental organizations.

Department of Political Science

www.colostate.edu/Depts/PoliSci



Financial Awards

Graduate assistantships are available on a competitive basis. Assistantships typically include a monthly stipend and tuition waiver.

Admission Procedures

Applicants must submit an application, two official transcripts from all colleges and universities previously attended, GRE scores, and three letters of recommendation. Personal interviews are encouraged. All applicants are required to submit a 300-500-word statement of academic interests and career objectives.

M.A. applicants should have a cumulative grade point average of 3.00 or better and a combined score of 1,050 or better on the verbal and quantitative sections of the GRE aptitude test, and analytical score of 5.0.

Ph.D. applicants are normally expected to have a graduate level GPA of 3.5, verbal and quantitative GRE scores of 1,200, and an analytical score of 5.0.

Applications for admission and financial aid must be completed by February 15. Doctoral students are normally admitted only for the Fall semester. Master's students are admitted for Fall and Spring. Application deadline for Spring admission is August 1 for international students and October 15 for U.S. students. The department reserves the right to consider and admit promising students before or after these deadlines.

The University

Colorado State University is a major center public higher education and research in Colorado enrolling approximately 23,100 regular, on-campus students annually and maintaining a faculty of over 1,000 scholars.

Educational and research activities at Colorado State are supported by the William E. Morgan Library collection of more than 1,900,000 volumes, the University's well-equipped computer center, and a variety of auxiliary offices and support facilities. Nearly 4,000 graduate students enroll annually at Colorado State from all regions of the United States and many foreign countries.



The Locale

The main campus of Colorado State University is located in Fort Collins, a vibrant community with a population of approximately 120,000. Fort Collins is located on the Cache La Poudre River at the foot of the Rocky Mountains at an elevation of 5,000 feet. It is 65 miles north of Denver and 45 miles south of Cheyenne, Wyoming. Outdoor recreation areas such as Rocky Mountain National Park, Red Feather Lakes, Horsetooth Reservoir, and Roosevelt National Forest are all within easy driving distance.



Nondiscrimination Policy

Colorado State University is an equal opportunity/affirmative action institution and complies with all Federal and Colorado State laws, regulations, and executive orders regarding affirmative action requirements in all programs. The Office of Equal opportunity is located in 101 Student Services. In order to assist Colorado State University in meeting its affirmative action responsibilities, ethnic minorities, women and other protected class members are encouraged to apply and to so identify themselves.

Department of Political Science
www.colostate.edu/Depts/PoliSci