M.A. in Political Science

Designed to prepare students for careers in government, education or non-government organizations, as well as further academic career work.

Students choose from the following concentrations:

- The **American Government** concentration promotes student understanding of American political institutions and the behavior of public and political actors.

- The **International Relations** concentration promotes student understanding of the institutions and behaviors of foreign countries and transnational actors as well as global politics.

- The **Environmental Politics & Policy Analysis** concentration offers an interdisciplinary curriculum and skills necessary to analyze problems using tools and concepts from political science, public policy and economics.

**Application Essentials**

**Standardized Exam Waiver Eligibility**
Official standardized exam scores (e.g. GRE, GMAT, MAT) are **not required** for admission to the Cratis D. Williams School of Graduate Studies.

**Admission Requirements**
- Complete application to the Cratis D. Williams School of Graduate Studies
- Statement of intent addressing academic and professional goals
- Resume
- 2 letters of recommendation
- An earned baccalaureate degree with a 2.75 GPA or higher from an accredited institution. Alternatively, an earned graduate degree from an accredited institution.

**Accelerated Admission Option**
The M.A. in Political Science (MAPS) program offers an accelerated admission option for undergraduate students currently enrolled at App State with a 3.4 GPA or higher.

Appalachian State University’s Department of Government & Justice Studies offers undergraduate programs in political science and criminal justice, and graduate programs in political science and public administration. Housed in the College of Arts & Sciences, the department has over 600 undergraduate majors and more than 70 graduate students.
Graduate Careers

- Research Institutes
- Political Campaigns
- Non-Government Organizations
- Media & Publishing Groups
- Investment Firms
- Government Organizations
- College Professors

2:1 student/faculty ratio means we're able to provide students with the individual attention they expect and deserve.

33 graduate semester hours required for this degree.

1 only stand-alone master's degree in political science within the UNC System.

Recent Employers

- United States Senate
- United States Global Leadership Coalition
- United States Department of Health & Human Services
- South Atlantic Fishery Management Council
- Pine Gate Renewables
- North Carolina General Assembly
- National Alliance on Mental Illness
- Greater Nashville REALTORS
- Environment America
- Boy Scouts of America
- Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation

Each student, in consultation with the program director, develops a program of study that meets their interests and career aspirations.

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Application Deadlines

- Spring Admission: November 1
- Summer Session 1 Admission: April 1
- Summer Session 2 Admission: April 1
- Fall Admission: July 1 (Priority Deadline: March 15)

Let's Connect!

To access the inquiry form, scan the code with your phone's mobile phone or visit grad.appstate.edu/register/inquirypoliticalscience.

Where Are They Now?

Kory Cooke '22

Cooke currently works as the Government Affairs Manager for the Greater Nashville REALTORS(R). Cooke is a registered lobbyist in Nashville, TN focusing on policy around zoning and planning, development, housing access and the real estate industry.

"The MAPS program gave me the skills that I use every day, from professionalism to cost-benefit analysis. The rigorous but collaborative atmosphere improved my confidence, my writing and research abilities and my personal drive for success."

Molly Thomas-Gregory '22

Thomas-Gregory works as an Associate Project Manager for Pine Gate Renewables, an industrial-scale solar farm developer in Asheville.

"The MAPS program gave me hands-on experience with data and managing data...and the program effectively trained me to think critically and creatively, which allowed me to translate skills I learned within the political realm to the environmental and organizational realms."