Master of Applied American Politics & Policy
WHY AMERICAN POLITICS AND POLICY?

Graduates in this field are professionally trained political practitioners and activists with a scientific understanding of the political market and voter persuasion. You gain in-depth knowledge of the legislative process, the influence of the political environment on business and public policy objectives, propaganda skills, and the shaping of public opinion and how it can affect candidates and organizations.

THE PROGRAM

Complete your degree in one year of full-time study.

The FSU MAAPP program provides a diverse set of practical skills not common in most political science programs. Required courses come from the political science department with a range of relevant electives from other departments. Our students have a strong record of job placement and are respected among professional political practitioners. Some have used the program for additional political training before continuing on to law school and careers in law and lobbying.

MASTER OF APPLIED AMERICAN POLITICS AND POLICY (MAAPP)

The MAAPP program is a terminal Masters of Science degree designed for those who seek active careers in a number of political fields:

- Campaigns
- Fundraising
- Political Communications
- Lobbying
- Grassroots Organizing
- Legislative Affairs

Unlike the traditional graduate program in Political Science, which is designed for individuals with career paths in academia and research, MAAPP offers practical experience and a diverse set of skills for those interested in careers as political operatives.

FSU’s MAAPP program has two distinct advantages over other political science programs of this type:

- Flexible enrollment options including evening courses for students holding full-time jobs during the day
- Significant political networks available due to location in Tallahassee, the capital city of the third-largest state in the U.S.
RECENT JOB PLACEMENTS

- Vice President for Government Relations, Moffitt Cancer Center
- Government Consultant, Rutledge Ecenia, P.A.
- Director, Legislative Affairs, VISIT FLORIDA
- Government Affairs Coordinator, Florida Sheriff’s Association
- President, CATECOMM Public Relations and Advertising
- Director, External Affairs, Office of Mayor, Tallahassee
- Press Secretary, Florida Commissioner of Agriculture

LEVERAGING OUR LOCATION IN THE CAPITAL CITY

Through internships and other program-sponsored activities and events, you have the opportunity to become “plugged into” the active political community of Tallahassee. Students are kept informed about political events and opportunities that can assist them in starting a political career or broadening their expertise and professional network.

The department employs instructors who are expert practitioners in political research, lobbying, communications, and campaign management.

QUESTIONS?

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APPLICATION STEPS

- Complete online application
  Admissions.fsu.edu/graduate
- Submit the materials below
  before the deadline for the semester you’re planning to attend.

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

- Departmental Supplementary Form for Admission (coss.fsu.edu/polisci)
- Official transcripts from each college or university attended
- GRE scores (minimum verbal and quantitative score of 149) or minimum LSAT score of 151
- TOEFL Scores for those who are non-native English speakers
- Statement of purpose

DEADLINES

Fall  July 1st
Spring  November 1st
Summer  March 1st