American University
School of Public Affairs
Department of Government

Applied Politics
Master of Arts, Political Science

Degree Requirements:
-- 33 credit hours of approved graduate courses
-- Minimum GPA of 3.0 for good academic standing and graduation
-- Written comprehensive examination in the major field (fall or spring semester)
-- Courses are 3-credits each unless otherwise stated.

Research Methods (6 credits)

_____ GOVT-650 Political Analysis (fall semester; Prerequisite for GOVT-653)
_____ GOVT-653 Intro to Quantitative Methods in Political Science (spring semester)

Required (3 credits)

_____ GOVT-620 Applied Politics and American Public Policy (REQUIRED)

Institutes (3-4 credit hours) Complete 3-4 credit hours from the following:
(CMI & PAAI meet during winter break & May summer session)

_____ GOVT-520 Campaign Management Institute (4)
_____ GOVT-523 Public Affairs and Advocacy Institute (4)
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_____ GOVT-684 Women and Political Leadership (3)

Topics (2 credit hours) Complete 2 credit hours from the following:

_____ GOVT-521 Campaign Management Institute (1) (approved topics)
_____ GOVT-524 Public Affairs and Advocacy Institute (1) (approved topics)
_____ GOVT-685 Women and Politics Institute (1) (approved topics)

Additional (18-19 credit hours)
Complete 18-19 credit hours from the following, or other comparative politics courses:

_____ GOVT-520 Campaign Management Institute (4) (if not taken to fulfill requirement above)
_____ GOVT-521 Topics in Campaign Management (1)
_____ GOVT-523 Public Affairs and Advocacy Institute (4) (if not taken to fulfill requirement above)
_____ GOVT-524 Topics in Public Affairs and Advocacy (1)
_____ GOVT-641 The Politics of Mass Communication (3)
_____ GOVT-643 Applied Political Writing (3)
_____ GOVT-644 Political Speechwriting (3)
_____ GOVT-645 Political Parties, Interest Groups, and Lobbying (3)
_____ GOVT-651 The Legislative Process (3)
_____ GOVT-652 The Presidency and the Executive Branch (3)
_____ GOVT-656 Voting Behavior, Elections, and Campaigns (3)
_____ GOVT-674 Constitutional Law and Politics (3)
_____ GOVT-685 Topics in Women and Politics (1-4) (if not taken to fulfill requirement above)