



GRADUATE STUDIES IN
**POLITICAL
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Steven J. Green
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The Department of Politics and International Relations is a signature department in the Steven J. Green School of International and Public Affairs at Florida International University. The department's political science graduate programs offer courses in four traditional subfields: American politics, comparative politics, international relations, and political theory. Our faculty have notable expertise in American national institutions, authoritarianism and corruption, conflict and peacemaking, democratization, disaster politics, elections, foreign policy, global governance and international law, human rights, international political economy and development, international relations theory, militaries and military rule, political institutions and culture, political psychology, security studies, state and local government, and more. In addition, the faculty who work in comparative politics and international relations have wide-ranging regional expertise.

The department is open to students from different research traditions of the social sciences, reflecting the breadth of the faculty, whose intellectual orientations cross the epistemological and philosophical spectrums. Faculty members and their students use a wide variety of methodological techniques in their research including archival historical research, content analysis, comparative case studies, experimental research designs, inside case studies, textual interpretations, hermeneutics, process tracing, and large-N statistical analysis.

RECENT GRADUATE STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

- **Beloshitzkaya, Vera.** Forthcoming. "Affirmative gender equality policies in Central and Eastern Europe: Moving beyond the EU requirements." *Party Politics*.
- Redlawsk, David, Kyle Mattes*, and **Karol Solís.** Forthcoming. "Fact or Fiction: Influences on Voter Decision-Making in a Disinformation Environment." In *Psychology of Democracy*, ed. Ashley Weinberg. Cambridge, MA: Cambridge University Press.
- **Villalonga, Patrick J.,** and Dario Moreno*. 2021. "The Geography of Polarization." In *A Divided Union*, eds. Dario Moreno*, Eduardo Gamarra*, Patrick Murphy, and David Jolly. New York, NY: Routledge.
- **Selcuk, Orcun, and Dilara Hekimci.** 2020. "The rise of the democracy-authoritarianism cleavage and opposition coordination in Turkey (2014–2019)." *Democratization* 27(8): 1496-1514.

Note: graduates students are marked in bold and faculty with an asterisk.

TESTIMONIALS

"The guidance and mentoring I received at FIU made a world of difference in my life and career. Professors like Ronald Cox helped shape my research agenda, hone my writing skills, and pushed me to consider what I was capable of accomplishing."

G. Nelson Bass III, Ph.D. '12
Assistant Professor
Nova Southeastern University

"The brilliant professors pushed the boundaries of my knowledge in the subject, developing a theoretical as well as methodological base. They also worked to cultivate close relationships as they mentored students, which was critical to our success; as a first-generation student, having that type of guidance was invaluable."

Maria Gabryszewska, Ph.D. '18
Associate Professor
Lone Star College-CyFair

"[The faculty] actually taught us how to teach which most graduate programs do not do. This helped me land a full-time position sooner because I had significant teaching experience as a doctoral student."

Sean Foreman, Ph.D. '03
Professor
Barry University



M.A. IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

The M.A. degree is designed to equip students with a solid foundation in the basic theories and methods of political science, in conjunction with an in-depth education in selected traditional subfields. Students complete 30 credit hours of coursework, which includes a defense of an article-length research project. Full-time students can complete the program in four semesters (two years or less).

PH.D. IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

The Ph.D. degree is designed to provide students with a comprehensive knowledge of the political science discipline. Like the M.A. program, students will develop a solid foundation in the basic theories and methods of political science, in conjunction with an in-depth education in selected traditional subfields. However, Ph.D. students will take more coursework, undergo more expansive methodological training, and defend a book-length dissertation project. Students complete a minimum of 76 credit hours of coursework. Full-time students can complete the program in 5 years (or less with transfer credits).

COMBINED DEGREE PATHWAYS

The department also has a number of combined degree pathways available to students. Outstanding undergraduate political science majors at FIU can apply to the B.A./M.A. combined degree pathway. This pathway accelerates a student's time-to-degree by allowing them to take several graduate courses at the end of their undergraduate career, which apply to both degrees. In addition, the department offers M.A./Ph.D. combined degree pathways with African and African Diaspora Studies and Latin American and Caribbean Studies. These programs provide exciting opportunities for students to earn an M.A. in these specialized areas while simultaneously working toward a Ph.D. in political science.

GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIPS

Financial support is offered to doctoral students on a competitive basis in the form of graduate assistantships. Select Ph.D. students can be supported by the department for 4 to 5 years. Graduate assistants work closely with faculty to support online and face-to-face undergraduate courses. Students may also have opportunities to work as research assistants depending on grant-funded opportunities generated by faculty, centers, and institutes.

The University Graduate School also has a number of competitive fellowships that provide additional support for our highly qualified students. One example, the Doctoral Evidence Acquisition Fellowship, supports students for one semester of data collection, field research, or similar activities. Another example, the Dissertation Year Fellowship, funds students for two semesters during the data analysis and writing phases of their dissertation research. Both fellowships come with no teaching responsibilities, so students can solely focus on their research.

STILL HAVE QUESTIONS?

For more information on the structure, admissions requirements, deadlines, or placement data, of our political science graduate programs, please visit our website: pir.fiu.edu.





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Launched in 2008, the Steven J. Green School of International & Public Affairs at FIU educates the leaders and changemakers of tomorrow through innovative teaching and research that advances global understanding, contributes to policy solutions and promotes international dialogue. One of the leading schools of its kind in the world, the Green School enrolls more than 5,000 students and employs 360 faculty. It offers 38 interdisciplinary degree programs at the bachelor's, master's and doctoral levels, as well as 35 undergraduate and graduate certificate programs. The Green School encompasses eight signature departments: Criminology and Criminal Justice, Economics, Global and Sociocultural Studies, History, Modern Languages, Politics and International Relations, Public Policy and Administration and Religious Studies. Home to 16 of the university's most prominent international centers, institutes and programs, the Green School is an affiliate member of the Association of Professional Schools of International Affairs (APSIA).