Program: Political Science M.A., Ph.D. Program
Rating: Good

The Political Science program is focused on producing nationally competitive researchers and teachers. Political Science demonstrates very good selectivity and diversity amongst its student body. The median TTD of 5.9 yrs is good, but the %completion of 30% is low. Almost half of the cohort entering between 1996-2001 left the program after earning their master’s. The overall size of the graduate program with regard to faculty size is adequate. Graduate students garner internal awards, but rarely compete for external awards. Funding is inadequate for the graduate students with some students receiving partial or no funding. This puts the program at a competitive disadvantage relative to other comparable political science graduate programs. Graduates obtain strong placements and appear to have strong careers, but few go on to peer institutions as defined by Carnegie’s listing for research universities – very high research activity (RU-VHR).