ACCELERATED B.A. IN POLITICAL SCIENCE (LEGAL STUDIES)/M.A. IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

Web Site: https://twu.edu/political-science/undergraduate-programs/accelerated-bachelors-to-masters-degrees-in-political-science/

Admissions

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Application Deadlines

- Fall - March 1st
- Spring - November 1st
- No summer admissions

Admission Requirements

To apply to the Accelerated Bachelor's to Master's program in Political Science, students must:

- Be currently enrolled as a TWU Political Science major.
- Have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or higher.
- Have successfully completed a minimum of 72 but no more than 90 hours of coursework toward the bachelor's.
- Have a minimum of 12 hours remaining in political science courses toward the major.

How to Apply to the Accelerated Program

Students interested in applying to the accelerated program in Political Science are encouraged to contact the Program Coordinator prior to applying.

To apply, students must:

1. Complete the Accelerated Program in Political Science application form (https://forms.gle/yQXeFXqVo8UnnwHY8).
2. Applicants must submit the following materials as PDFs in a single email to the Program Coordinator. Include the student's name and TWU I.D. number with "Political Science Accelerated Program" in the subject line.
   a. A statement of purpose.
   b. An academic writing sample of 10-15 pages (double-spaced). Writing samples should demonstrate the ability to make well-researched arguments with effective proofs; to use clear, articulate prose; and to employ a standard style such as MLA or APA to document sources.
3. One recommendation letter from a current TWU History or Political Science faculty member should be sent directly to the Program Coordinator in support of the student's application. Recommenders should include the applicant's name and "Political Science Accelerated Program" in the subject line.
4. Once admitted to the Accelerated Program students must apply to the graduate M.A. in Political Science program (https://twu.edu/political-science/graduate-programs/master-of-arts-in-political-science/). Students cannot enroll in graduate-level coursework until accepted by the Graduate School.

Accelerated Undergraduate-Graduate Program Policy Guidelines

Students may apply to an approved accelerated degree program once they have completed at least 60 undergraduate semester credit hours. Upon admission to an accelerated program, students may enroll in graduate courses for credit once they have attained at least 72 undergraduate semester credit hours. Approved courses will apply to both an undergraduate and a graduate degree.

Conditions

- Up to 12 SCH of designated graduate courses may apply to both the Bachelor's degree and a Master's degree program comprised of 45 or fewer SCH; and up to 15 graduate SCH may apply toward both an undergraduate degree and a graduate degree program comprised of more than 45 SCH (Master's, Specialist or Doctoral degree.)
- Undergraduate students may enroll in no more than 6 SCH of graduate coursework in each semester or term.
- No undergraduate-level course may count toward a graduate degree.
- Minimal criteria for admission will include a cumulative undergraduate GPA of at least 3.0. Academic components may set higher requirements for their program.
- Once admitted to an accelerated program, students must maintain a 3.0 GPA throughout the remainder of their baccalaureate degree, or their admission to the accelerated graduate program may be revoked. Academic components may set additional requirements for their programs.
- Prior to applying to an accelerated degree program, students must have completed a minimum of 15 semester credit hours at Texas Woman's University.

Graduate Application Process

All students must meet the University requirements as outlined in the Admission to the TWU Graduate School (https://catalog.twu.edu/graduate/graduate-school/admission-graduate-school/) section of the catalog.

This academic program may have additional graduate admission criteria that must also be completed as outlined on the graduate program's website.