Graduate Studies in Political Science
The Department of Political Science is the premier political science department in Egypt and the Middle East. It has diverse and highly qualified faculty who are committed to teaching and research excellence. In particular, the department has considerable depth of expertise in Middle East politics, development studies and international relations. Our faculty have won many international awards and regularly publish their research in international journals and acclaimed books. Most importantly, they are committed to nurturing the next generation of political science practitioners, teachers and researchers in Egypt and the region.
Why Study Political Science at AUC?
If you are considering graduate studies in political science, there are many reasons you should consider AUC.

- Our excellent and caring faculty will excite and challenge you to reach your fullest potential. Our faculty are committed to helping students develop both a solid knowledge base in the various fields of political science and the appropriate analysis tools.
- Our core approach is to encourage students to be innovative, creative and analyze problems and challenges in global and Middle-East politics.
- Our courses will equip you with important research skills useful in your chosen career paths, whether in government, journalism, nongovernmental and international organizations, the private sector or academia.
- Our international student body brings different perspectives and an enriching learning environment.

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The Department of Political Science offers two research-based Master of Arts (MA) programs and a Graduate Diploma. The MA programs require the completion of one year of course work studies followed by a supervised research thesis on a topic chosen by the MA candidate. The thesis is a major research endeavor in which students demonstrate both an understanding of the discipline of political science and the ability to contribute to knowledge creation.

The department offers a Master of Arts in political science, with specializations in international relations, comparative politics and development studies.
Master of Arts in Comparative and Middle East Politics and Society (CMEPS)

The CMEPS program is a joint program with the University of Tübingen in Germany and includes a one-semester course of study at the University of Tübingen.

Both master's degrees can be earned in four semesters (two years) of full-time study. Part-time studies will take longer to graduate, but, in all cases, the maximum length of time for completing the program is five years.

The diploma requires the completion of six courses and can be completed in one academic year.

Admission and Financial Aid

Admission to the graduate program is competitive and requires an undergraduate GPA of at least 3.0 and a TOEFL score of at least 90 or an IELTS score of at least 6.5. Most students can expect to be awarded some financial assistance to cover part of their tuition fees. Students also have an opportunity to work as teaching and research assistants, giving them more training in the discipline.

Application forms are available online at: https://www.aucegypt.edu/admissions/graduate
Student Testimonials

“AUC’s political science master’s program has ingrained in me a rigorous, critical approach to analyzing global politics. The professors press you for excellence, not afraid to really dig into your work. All are quite accessible to students and put their students before their individual work.”

Zane Larwood (MA ’18)

"The political science MA program gave me the opportunity to develop my research interests and inspired me to pursue a PhD."

Roxanne Vigil (MA ’17)