

## Mission Statement

We are a Catholic institution of learning dedicated to advancing the frontiers of knowledge in the theoretical and applied fields through quality graduate education that is comprehensive and responsive to the needs of society.

We are committed to the formation of scholars and high-quality professionals who are ethical, competent, compassionate, and committed to the service of their respective professions, the church, the nation, and the global community.

## Vision Statement

We envision a Graduate School that stands for excellence and innovation and that is globally recognized for its distinct degree programs and quality research outputs.

## Goals and Objectives

The Graduate School commits itself to develop:

1. competent professionals who, inspired by the ideals of St. Antoninus of Florence, promote excellence in the production, advancement, and transmission of specialized knowledge and skills in the sciences, the arts, and community service;
2. scholarly researchers and creative thinkers who, kindled by St. Thomas Aquinas' ardour for truth, aspire to become fountains of intellectual creativity and, in their quest for quality research, are proficient and critical in assessing and communicating information in various fields that impact the professions, the church, the nation, and the global community;
3. professional Christian leaders who, touched by St. Dominic de Guzman's apostolic fire and warmed by Mary's motherly care, articulate ethics and truth, high level of moral maturity in resolving issues and promoting social justice and compassion for the poor, and care for the environment;
4. globally engaged citizens who, with ardent advocacy for life, promote a deeper understanding of tolerance and justice as well as linguistic, religious,

and cultural diversities as a result of precise evaluation of modern problems and inquiries;

5. committed scholars who, nurtured by the dogmas of Christian faith and values, are dedicated to the pursuit of truth through the promotion of an intellectual culture that values academic rigor and freedom of scientific investigations; and
6. lifelong learners who, empowered by St. Antoninus of Florence's zeal for learning, are committed to the advancement of a higher culture through a continuous search for intellectual inquiries and new knowledge as well as faithfulness to Catholic intellectual traditions.

## Program Intended Learning Outcomes (PILO)

1. To make available scholarship grants to performing and deserving graduate participants, (M.A. thesis writing/ Ph.D. scholarship in foreign universities/as foreign exchange participants) to step up their preparation for an engaging world of leadership.
2. To demonstrate the relevance of continuing education and learning updates so as to preserve excellence and maintain competitive edge in the realm of political leadership and the level of public administration.
3. To prepare the participants for the practical and dynamic designs, structures, and styles of statecraft, leadership, and responsible citizenship, and expose them to recent trends in international systems and global affairs to elicit proper participation from a dynamic core of leaders and societal members.
4. To inculcate in the participants the philosophy and political thought of St. Thomas Aquinas on law, leadership, ethical relations, and dedicated service to God, country, and people, and their timeless relevance.
5. To establish a strong foundation of creative and critical thinking among participants to empower them in the learning and analytical approaches to

political systems and dynamics, public policy formulation, and implementation, security issues and controls, and research styles geared towards productivity and high profile specialization.

6. To keep abreast with the latest advancement in communication and information technology to effect excellence in sources and resources, and insure competitive edge in the program's outcomes for national and international benefits.

## MASTER OF ARTS MAJOR IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

### PREREQUISITE COURSES: 6 UNITS

#### GS 500 – St. Thomas and Critical Thinking

As the philosophical foundation of Research Methodology, it is a study of the principles of skills in critical thinking according to St. Thomas Aquinas in the three areas of mental cognition: simple apprehension, judgment, and reasoning; and of common fallacies towards the acquisition of the art of argumentation.

#### GS 501 – Research Methodology

The student is introduced to research concepts relevant to political science. Discussions center on how to prepare a thesis emphasizing choice of title, statement of the problem, sources of data, analysis and evaluation of information gathered among others. Course output is a thesis proposal.

### CORE COURSES: 9 UNITS

#### PS 601 – Democracy: Theory and Practice

This course deals on the evolution of the democratic thought, from the Graeco - Roman period down to contemporary times, and the diverse practices either applied or distinguished from the theoretical democracy.

#### PS 602 – Political Systems

A study of the contemporary major institutions of government among selected countries, including their interaction, using various conceptual approaches and systems analysis.

#### PS 603 – Political Culture

This course comprehends the particular ways in the distribution of political attitudes, values, feelings, information and skills of selected countries that manifest the effect of the aforementioned factors upon the political process.

#### PS 604 – Philippine Political Thought

This course traces the growth of Philippine political thought from the propaganda period to the post-people power revolution era.

#### PS 605 – Philosophy and Foundation of Public Administration

This dwells on the rationales and the fundamentals of effective management of organizational personnel and behavior for proper execution of policies and goals of government agencies and quasi-government offices.

#### PS 606 – Political Philosophy of St. Thomas Aquinas

This undertakes a sound understanding of the Thomistic thoughts on governance, law, and leadership vis-a-vis the avowed mission and vision in a given society.

### SPECIALIZATION: 15 UNITS

#### PS 701 – Philippine Constitutional History

This course traces the evolution of the Philippine constitution; analyzes the events leading to constitutional reform of each given period.

#### PS 702 – Local Government and Special Laws

This gives premium to introduction and promulgation of special laws that are relevant to the effective delivery of services and delineation of powers devolving on the local government.

#### PS 703 – Philippine Culture

A study of the sets of belief, values, feelings and sentiments of the people in the Philippine setting and their effects on the governmental structure and operations; interaction among people of different cultural communities in their work relationship with the state government.

### PS 704 – Geopolitics

In this course geography is used as a determinant of politics, state power, strategic importance and national influence.

### PS 705 – International Law

A study of the nature, sources, and applications of treaties and alliances; the laws of war and neutrality; and the problems in the enforcement of international law.

### PS 706 – The United Nations

It deals on the problems of World Peace as well as the study of the structure, power and functions of component organs, case studies of the resolutions of the Security Council and the General Assembly.

### PS 707 – Political Economy

A study of the economic management of states, the theories and strategies of national development and the control of the economy through the master science and art of politics.

### PS 708 – Principles of International Relations

A course which discusses the concepts and guiding principles in the conduct of international affairs and relations to achieve the avowed goals of sovereign countries in pursuing interdependence of nation states, and to realize the objectives of international organizations in their respective roles as actors in given international events and/or issues.

### PS 709 – Comparative Political Systems

This focuses on the systematic study of international politics and institutions, the conduct of diplomacy and foreign policy, and impact of international affairs on policy development.

### PS 710 – Climate Change and Risk Reduction Disaster Management

This delves on the causes and effects of changes in world's regional climate and how these impact management of disaster risk reduction and vice-versa.

### PS 711 – Role of the United States of America (USA) in Asian Political and Strategic Perspectives.

It is an analytical study of the position of USA in the various relations among Asian nation-states, particularly in territorial claims.

### PS 712 – Special Topics: National Security Administration

#### COGNATES (3 UNITS)

Any subject in History, Public Administration, Law, Development Studies, Economics that has substantive bearing on thesis

#### TERMINAL REQUIREMENTS (9 UNITS)

Written Comprehensive Examination  
Thesis Writing I (Proposal Writing)  
Thesis Writing II (Research Colloquium)  
Thesis Writing III (Final Defense)

Total = 42 Units

#### UST Graduate School Administration Officials and Faculty Set-up

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#### Summary of Program Requirements

Degree Requirements	units
Prerequisite Courses	6
Core Courses	9
Specialization Courses	15
Cognate Courses	3
Written Comprehensive Exam	--
Thesis Writing I	3
Thesis Writing II	3
Thesis Writing III	3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>42</b>



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