

**Department/ Programme:** Political Science

**Graduate School:** Social Sciences

**Program Name:** MA (Master in Political Science)

**Program Language:** English

**Program Objective:** Master's Programme in Political Science in Near East University is primarily designed to provide students the key themes, conceptual tools as well theoretical formation with an advanced training in political science and political analysis. Students take four core courses; Comparative Politics, Research Methods, Contemporary Political Theory and the seminar and become competent in research methodology (quantitative & qualitative methods), critical as well as analytical thinking. In addition, students can also widen their background with the regularly updated curriculum of the Programme. One of the key advantages of the MA Programme in Political Science is the wide range of elective courses that would develop and enhance student's formation revolved around specific areas of interest and/ or area studies. For instance, academic staff's research experience is diverse covering topics such as regime types and regime change, critical political theory, interest groups and lobbying, business and politics, democratization, area studies such as comparative politics in the Middle East and North Africa region, Central Asian politics and European studies.

The language of instruction is English. The students who have successfully completed 7 courses plus seminar then are proceed to write their Master's Thesis in political science.

The Political Science Master's Programme consists of 7 courses + seminar + thesis requirements

Semester	Course Code	Course Name	Credits
I.Semester	POL501	Comparative Politics (core)	3
	GCC603	Scientific Research Methods and Ethics (core)	3
	POL5XX	Area Elective	3
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II.Semester	POL502	Contemporary Political Theory	3
	POL/IR 5XX	Area Elective	3
	POL5XX	Area Elective	3
	POL598	Seminar	0
III.Semester	POL500	Thesis	0
IV.Semester	POL500	Thesis	0