The Rochester Political Science Department offers a one-year program leading to the Master of Arts in Political Science.

Program description: The program provides students with rigorous training in the techniques of political science, and it offers concentrations in democratic institutions, data analysis, international relations, public policy, and political economy. The program is suitable preparation for students pursuing careers in such fields as political consulting, government, international organizations, or law, and for students intending to apply to doctoral programs. Every student takes a two-semester sequence in either statistical methods or mathematical modeling, and the program culminates in a comprehensive written exam or master's thesis. A math review, Math Fundamentals for Political Science, is held over the summer to equip students with needed background for the program. Regular coursework begins in the fall semester.

Application requirements: Applications are on a rolling basis. Applications received before April 1 will receive full consideration, but applications received later will also be considered. Students who apply before April 1 may indicate whether an early admission decision is needed. Applications must be submitted online at the AS&E Application Management page (https://apply.grad.rochester.edu/apply).

All applicants must provide a current transcript, resume, and statement of purpose. Current UR students must provide names of three UR faculty members as references, and other applicants must provide three letters of recommendation. GRE scores are strongly encouraged but not required. There is no specific GPA requirement, because we also take into account the difficulty of courses.

Because of the rigorous nature of the MA program, students should have an aptitude for mathematical reasoning, although extensive background in math is not required for admission. The summer math review will “start from scratch” and provide the basic skills needed to succeed in the program.

Financial aid: The MA program is tuition-based, but financial aid is available on a limited basis.

Contact information: For more information, please visit the MA program webpage (https://www.sas.rochester.edu/psc/graduate/ma.html), or contact:

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