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Thank you for your interest in the graduate program at the Department of Political Science of the University of Washington!

We urge you to think carefully about whether our graduate program “fits” with your interests and objectives:

- We seek applicants who intend to pursue the PhD. We do not offer a terminal MA degree.
- Our focus at the graduate level is on preparation for academic research and teaching. You may want to look at our [placement record](#) to see what some of our graduate students end up doing.
- Please consider our disciplinary strengths (under the [graduate](#) program page of our website) as well as the activities of the various [research centers](#).
- We encourage prospective students with diverse personal backgrounds and intellectual experiences to apply.

You will find important details about the application process within the graduate admission section of our website.

- Among other factors, our admissions committee gives considerable attention to the [Statement of Purpose](#). Please provide us with the information we need to evaluate your ‘fit’ with our program, including your intellectual interests, prospective areas of study, prior research experience (including methodological training), and potential mentors in our graduate program.
- The optional **Personal Statement** is an opportunity to communicate relevant personal history, such as influences on your intellectual development, including exceptional educational opportunities, relevant family background, or disadvantages that you have had to overcome.
- Due to the volume of applications received, incomplete or late applications will not be reviewed.
- You are solely responsible for submitting all required application materials before the deadline. Applications must be completed on-line and required documents uploaded to the Graduate School admission website (URL above) no later than **5pm PST, December 16th**.
- **Scores** for the GRE, TOEFL or other English proficiency exams (if required) must be requested from the Educational Testing Service (ETS) or other testing agency to be sent directly to the University of Washington. You are responsible for confirming that we have received your scores.

For further information or assistance as you are completing your application, please contact Ms. Susanne Recordon, the department’s Graduate Program Assistant, at (206) 543-1898 or via email at polsgrad@u.washington.edu.

Cordially,

John Wilkerson, Chair