

**Application for Admission  
to the M.A. or PhD in Political Science,  
Southern Illinois University Carbondale**

Everything a citizen or permanent resident of the United States needs to make an application is contained in the pages that follow. PLEASE NOTE that all application materials must be mailed directly to the Department at the address below:

Director of Graduate Studies  
Department of Political Science  
Southern Illinois University  
Carbondale, Illinois 62901-4501 USA

**An application is completed when the Department has received:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Application form (filled out completely and signed)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Three letters of recommendation (preferably from individuals who are familiar with your academic work)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Statement of purpose
- \_\_\_\_\_ Transcripts from all institutions listed on the application form
- \_\_\_\_\_ Application fee (\$45.00 payable to SIUC; no credit cards)
- \_\_\_\_\_ GRE scores (valid only if sent directly by ETS)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Curriculum vitae (optional)

**General Information**

1. The minimum requirements for admission to the master's program are (1) graduation from an accredited four year college or university; (2) completion of a minimum of 24 quarter or 16 semester hours in government or political science; (3) a 2.7 (4-point scale) overall grade point average or, alternatively, a 2.9 overall grade point average for the last two years of undergraduate work; and (4) a 3.0 average in government or political science.
2. An applicant will not be considered for admission to two or more departments concurrently.
3. Questions regarding particular course and programs should be addressed to the Department, not the Graduate School.
4. Assistantships provide a stipend plus tuition waiver and have a 10 or 20 hour per week teaching, research, or service requirement and are awarded on a Department-wide competitive basis. Fellowships provide equivalent benefits without duty requirements and are awarded on a University-wide competitive basis. Applicants who wish to be considered for fellowships must submit completed applications for admission no later than January 15. Applicants who submit completed applications for admission by February 15 will be considered for graduate assistantships. No separate application for assistantship support is necessary.
5. The Department must receive completed applications from domestic students three months, and from international students six months, prior to the term for which they seek admission.
6. Applicants who fail to enroll in courses for the initial term for which they applied will be required to update their applications by notifying the Department and the Graduate School in writing. Applicants who register in courses more than one year after the term for which they first applied will be required to complete the entire application process again.

### **Instructions For U.S. Applicants:**

- If you filled out the Graduate School application form on-line, make a copy and mail it to the Department with your other application materials. Alternatively, you may use the form contained in this file.
- You **must** request that transcripts be sent directly from all of the institutions listed on your application form to the Department. The recording of one school's grades on the transcript of another college does not meet the requirement.
- If you have attended SIUC, please request that an official transcript be sent to the Department. The Transcript Office may be reached at 618 453-2977. Please specify that it should be sent to the Department.
- A Graduate Record Exam (GRE) score is required. Have an official score report sent directly to the department. SIUC's school code is 1726; the Department code is 1902.

**\*\*IMPORTANT\*\***  
**READ ADMISSIONS INFORMATION ABOVE BEFORE COMPLETING**  
**APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO GRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAM**  
**GRADUATE SCHOOL**  
**Southern Illinois University Carbondale, Illinois 62901**

It is the policy of Southern Illinois University Carbondale to afford equal educational opportunities to qualified persons regardless of race, religion, sex, ethnic background, or physical disability.

**Please Print or Type**

1. Legal Name \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
*family name first name middle name Social Security Number*

3. Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ 4. **Other names used on your records:** \_\_\_\_\_  
*Month/Day/Year*

5. Address which correspondence should be sent: \_\_\_\_\_  
*number and street or rural route*

\_\_\_\_\_ *city or town state/country zip phone number*

6. Permanent Home Address in Country of Citizenship: \_\_\_\_\_  
*number and street or rural route apt. no.*

\_\_\_\_\_ *city or town state/country zip code U.S. County*

7. How long have you lived at the line 6 address? \_\_\_\_\_ 8. E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

9. Fax number: \_\_\_\_\_

10. Are you a citizen of  Yes \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
the United States?  No *If no, what country? country of birth Type of Visa or P.R. Registration No.*

**If you are a Permanent Resident of the United States, please attach a copy of Resident Alien Card. PLEASE NOTE: If you are not a U.S. citizen, you must attach a copy of the page in your passport which lists your name and date of birth.**

The information for lines 11-13 is requested for institutional research and reporting purposes only. None of the information you provide will be used in any way to make admission decisions.

11.  Female  Male 12. Veteran?  Yes  No

13. (Check one)  American Indian/Alaskan Native  Black-Non Hispanic Origin  White-Non Hispanic Origin  
 Asian or Pacific Islander  Hispanic  International Student

14. Degree for which you are applying:  Nondeclared (non-degree)  Master's  Doctorate

15. Proposed Major: (POLS) Political Science Concentration: \_\_\_\_\_

16. Term and year for which you are applying:  Fall (August)  Spring (January)  Summer (June) Year \_\_\_\_\_

17. Undergraduate Major: \_\_\_\_\_ 18. Previous Graduate Major: \_\_\_\_\_

19. If your native language is not English, regardless of citizenship, did you take the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)?  Yes  No When did you (will you) take it? \_\_\_\_\_ **Please send a photocopy of TOEFL score with your application.**  
*month/year*

20. Have you taken the (please circle) GRE, MAT, GMAT?  Yes  No When did you (will you) take it? \_\_\_\_\_  
*month/year*

21. Have you ever attended SIUC?  No  Yes (List all dates on item 23) 22. SIUC Identification Number: \_\_\_\_\_

23. **List ALL colleges/universities attended (INCLUDING SIU):\*\* Please do not abbreviate names of schools.**

Name of School	Location	Dates of Attendance				List all Degrees with Dates			
		From		To		Earned		Expected	
		Month	Year	Month	Year	Degree	Date	Degree	Date

**\*\*HAVE EACH INSTITUTION ATTENDED, INCLUDING SIUC, FORWARD AN OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT of your record to the DEPARTMENT. All college transcripts become the property of SIUC. NO ACTION CAN BE TAKEN ON YOUR APPLICATION UNTIL ALL CREDENTIALS ARE RECEIVED. I understand that withholding information requested on this application or giving false information may make me ineligible for admission to the University or subject to dismissal. I certify that the statements I have made on this application are correct and complete.**

24. Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

SEND ALL APPLICATION MATERIALS TO:

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

In the space below and overleaf, and if necessary on attached sheets, describe your scholarly, academic, and career goals. Your statement should include discussion of the intellectual and experiential reasons for your interest in political science and your long-term goals in research and teaching. **PLEASE TYPE.**

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Name of applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Name of referee \_\_\_\_\_

**To the applicant:** Under the Privacy Act of 1974, you have the right to inspect and review confidential letters and confidential materials. If you wish to waive this right, please sign the following statement: *I hereby waive my right to examine this evaluation and understand that its contents will not be shared with me.*

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Compared with other students you have had, in what range would you place this applicant?

Top 5% [ ] 5-10% [ ] 10-25% [ ] 25-50% [ ] lower 50% [ ]

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