CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, LOS ANGELES
POLITICAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT
MASTER OF ARTS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

APPLICATION PROCESS

You will need to complete two applications:

(1) Your UNIVERSITY APPLICATION TO CSULA must be completed online. Go to www.csumentor.edu. Click on Graduate Admission Application and follow the instructions in completing the application. This application is separate from that to the MA program and requires the submission of separate official transcripts.

For international students, please visit the following website for international application requirements: http://www.calstatela.edu/graduateadmissions/international-students.

NOTE: The deadline for applying to the University and to the MA Program may not be the same. Please check the Department and University websites for current deadlines.

(2) Your DEPARTMENT APPLICATION TO THE POLITICAL SCIENCE MA PROGRAM must be mailed to:

Graduate Advisor/MA Program
Department of Political Science
California State University, Los Angeles
5151 State University Drive
Los Angeles, CA 90032-8226

CHECKLIST FOR YOUR APPLICATION

A complete MA program application will have:

______ (1) The MA Program Application Form (following on the page below)
______ (2) Goal Statement. Please attach a 1-2 page statement of your personal objectives, indicating why you are interested in earning a Master's degree in Political Science, and how you believe the degree will assist you in your long term and personal goals.
______ (3) Two Letters of Recommendation. Please give the "Letter of Recommendation" forms below to two employers, professors, or other individuals who can attest to your ability to succeed in graduate studies, together with a stamped self-addressed envelope. These letters should be on letterhead with the form enclosed and sent directly to the MA Graduate Advisor, Department of Political Science.
______ (4) Transcripts from all colleges and universities attended, including CSULA.
______ (5) Inclusion of a writing sample is highly recommended, but not required.
California State University, Los Angeles  
Department of Political Science  
MA PROGRAM APPLICATION FORM

Application Term (circle one)  
Fall Semester, 20____  or  Spring Semester, 20____

Please TYPE or PRINT           Date ___________________________

Please send before department deadline.

_______________________________________,________________________________,__________________

Last Name     First Name                                 Middle Initial
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Street Address
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City, State, and Zip Code

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Email Address

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Tel.: Best Contact Number_______________________ Alternative number (if any) ______________________

Education

List all universities and colleges that you have attended. Send one official transcript from each of the institutions that you have attended to the University Office of Admissions. In addition, send an official or unofficial transcript to the Department of Political Science. CSULA graduates must provide the department with a transcript, official or unofficial, from CSULA.

ATTN: Graduate Admissions  
Office of Admissions and Recruitment  
California State University, Los Angeles  
5151 State University Drive  
Los Angeles, CA 90032

ATTN: Graduate Advisor/MA Program  
Department of Political Science, E&T Bldg. A524  
California State University, Los Angeles  
5151 State University Drive  
Los Angeles, CA 90032-8226

Degree Earned | University or College (list city & state, too) | Major | Date Conferred (month/year)

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**How did you hear about the MA program?**

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**Please sign and initial below.**

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Signature of Applicant                          Date

Initial => [ ] I understand that this application, and documents submitted herein are confidential and become part of the Department of Political Science, California State University, Los Angeles. Review of the contents is subject to expressed authorization as noted. If admission to the program is denied, this application and supporting documents will be properly discarded one calendar year from application term.
LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION WAIVER FORM

Instructions for Applicant

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California State University, Los Angeles
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Name of Applicant __________________________________________       Date: ________________
(please print)

Waiver agreement: I [   ] do [   ] do not [   ] waive my right to read this letter of recommendation.

________________________________________
(Signature of applicant)

Instructions for Reference

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Organization: _________________________________________________________

Address: _____________________________________________________________  City   State   Zip Code

Telephone: __________________________        Email: __________________________


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