

## Earn the Master of Applied Politics With a Schedule That Fits Your Busy Life

The University of Akron's Masters of Applied Politics program is a unique 25-month professional master's program that allows students to earn the degree from locations in Northeast Ohio and other selected areas. The student completes the required 39 credits of course work using four types of courses: traditional classroom courses offered through video distance learning, courses offered 100% online, two one-week courses offered in residency at UA, and experiential courses. The delivery mode of the MAP offers quality courses on applied politics and education, and support of professionals from geographic regions around the county.

The curriculum begins in summer at UA with an intensive five-day introduction to the program and the "Campaign Management I" course. For the next five semesters students will take one 100% online and one video distance learning course. The distance learning courses will be delivered in locations that allow students to come together to encourage professional interaction. The final course of the program will again be in Akron where students will develop and present their Capstone projects during the second five-day residency.



## The Bliss Institute of Applied Politics

The University of Akron's Ray C. Bliss Institute of Applied Politics is a bipartisan research and teaching institute dedicated to increasing understanding of the political process with special emphasis on political parties, grassroots activity and ethical behavior. Students can pursue a Master of Applied Politics, Juris Doctor/Master of Applied Politics or Certificate in Applied Politics. The Bliss Institute offers a nationally recognized internship program and sponsors public programs, conferences and research on topics such as campaign finance, campaign advertising and political organizations. Established in 1986, the institute has a distinguished list of graduates at all levels of politics and government.

## The Department of Political Science

The Department of Political Science provides excellent training in analysis of American politics, international/comparative politics, law, courts and politics, and criminal justice. The department offers a graduate Master of Arts in Political Science, Master of Applied Politics, Juris Doctor/Master of Applied Politics and two undergraduate degrees. The Political Science faculty has a distinguished teaching and research record.

## The University of Akron

Since its founding in 1870, The University of Akron, located in the heart of Ohio's fifth-largest city, has been vital to the growth and vigor of Northeast Ohio. Working in close cooperation with county and city government, the Greater Akron Chamber, and other important partners, the University continues to create and inspire generations of thinkers, experts, artists and leaders.

For more information about The University of Akron, visit [uakron.edu](http://uakron.edu).

# Ray C. Bliss Institute of Applied Politics



## MASTER OF APPLIED POLITICS

A professional degree for  
campaign management, political  
party leadership, lobbying and  
other political professions

Now available to working professionals who  
can complete the degree in twenty-five  
months with two five-day residencies in Akron  
and courses offered online and through video  
distance learning on Saturdays.



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## Master of Applied Politics

Politics today, like most areas of our society, demand more skills and specialization in order to link political leaders with the public. In response to this need for professionalism, the Bliss Institute and the Department of Political Science at The University of Akron offers the Master of Applied Politics.

It is one of the few professional master's degree programs in the United States focusing on practical politics and efforts to influence political decisions. This includes winning elections, influencing legislation, and strengthening political organizations.

The 39 credits of coursework required for the degree include core courses, elective courses, an internship, and the preparation and oral defense of an applied politics portfolio.

*"My interest in the Masters of Applied Politics program at The University of Akron was motivated by the way the program educates its students to positively influence political decisions and understand political behavior. The perspectives and information I gained from completing the coursework in this program has helped me excel at my company and given me insight into the scientific foundations of political science. Knowledge gained from this program is applicable to the real-world and I recommend this program to anyone who has a desire to work in politics."*

- Kim Pickford, Senior Sustainability Specialist, First Energy, 2018 MAP Graduate



## Course Content

The 13 courses scheduled for the degree will include:

- **Seven Core Courses:**

3700:570	Campaign Management I	3
3700:571	Campaign Management II	3
3700:600	Scope and Theory of Political Science	3
3700:601	Research Methods in Political Science	3
3700:603	Scholarly Writing	3
3700:672	Seminar: Political Influence & Org.	3
3700:695	Internship in Government and Politics*	3
- **Six Elective Courses which may include:**

3700:502	Politics and the Media	3
3700:540	Survey Research Methods	3
3700:572	Campaign Finance	3
3700:573	Voter Contact and Elections	3
3700:574	Political Opinion, Behavior, and Electoral Politics	3
3700:575	American Interest Groups	3
3700:576	American Political Parties	3
3700:577	Lobbying	3
3700:655	Campaign Election Law	3
3700:690	Selected Topics in Applied Politics	3
7600:575	Political Communication	3
- **Prepare an applied politics portfolio** containing:
  - At least two major papers prepared for required courses.
  - An applied politics capstone project assigned by the student's advisor.
- **Pass an oral defense** of the applied politics portfolio.

\* Three credits required: additional credits will be counted toward elective credit.

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## Admission

Admission is open to students who have:

- Have a 3.0 overall GPA or
- GPA of 3.0 in their major and for the last 64 semester credits of undergraduate study (Provisional admission may be possible with a 2.7 overall GPA)
- No specific undergraduate major is required

Applications should include:

- University graduate admissions form
- Three letters of recommendation
- Statement of personal goals

## Financial Aid

There are a number of resources through which students can fund their graduate education. Information can be obtained from the Office of Financial Aid.

The department awards assistantships that include tuition and a stipend to Akron-based students. Graduate assistants spend 20 hours each week teaching and/or working as research assistants.

Since assistantships are competitive, early application for these positions is encouraged. A separate application is required.



*"The University of Akron's Bliss Institute of Applied Politics is an obvious choice for anyone seeking to begin a career in government and politics. The faculty promotes a culture of professional development and growth at every stage of the program. The internships and out-of-classroom*

*experiences that Bliss provides are instrumental to the success and future job prospects of its students. I cannot overstate how my time at Bliss put me on the path I am today. I am grateful to be a part of this program."*

- J. Collin Marozzi, Senior Legislative Aide to State Senator Vernon Sykes, 2017 MAP Graduate