

# Texas A&M International University Master of Arts in History and Political Thought

(MA HSPT)

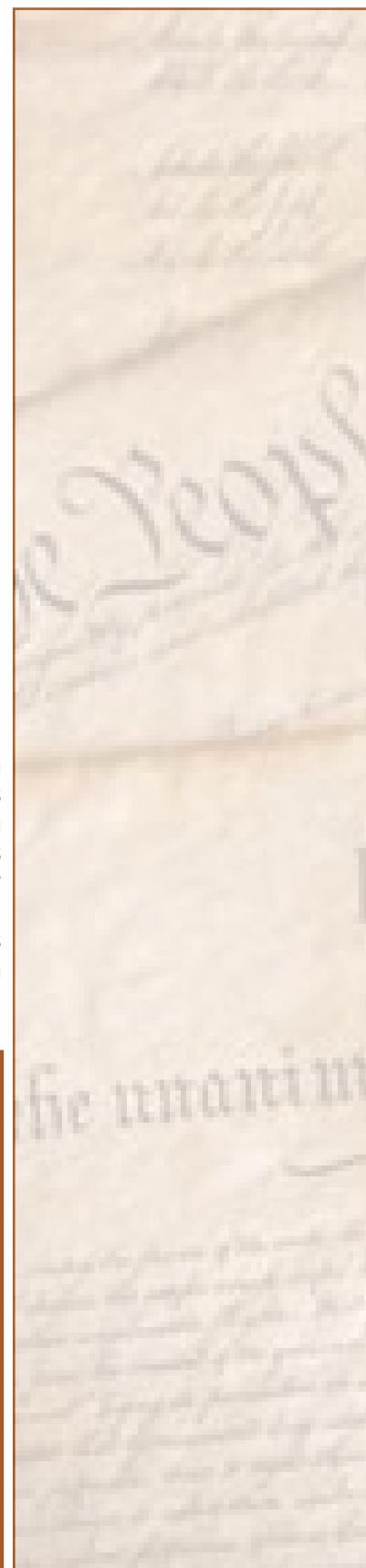
## About Our Program

The Master of Arts degree in History and Political Thought gives you a variety of opportunities for career growth and intellectual enrichment. You may choose to specialize in History or Political Science or we offer a degree plan with 18 semester hours in each to make you qualified to teach both subjects in a junior or community college. The M.A. degree provides additional content training for teachers, preparation for more advanced graduate work to those desiring a Ph.D., and skills to professionals in public service and business. Our M.A. Program in History and Political Thought allows for wide-ranging preparation in many content areas as well as specific guided research through course assignments and the master's thesis.

Our history and political science faculty offer a diverse number of courses covering topics in International Relations, Comparative Politics; Political Philosophy; United States, Mexican, Latin American, European, and World History; and political science from ancient times to the 21st Century. You not only learn about the scholarly traditions of History and Political Science, but also receive practical training in research, writing, and critical thinking skills. Graduates will find that their M.A. degree in History and Political Thought prepares them for new challenges intellectually and professionally.

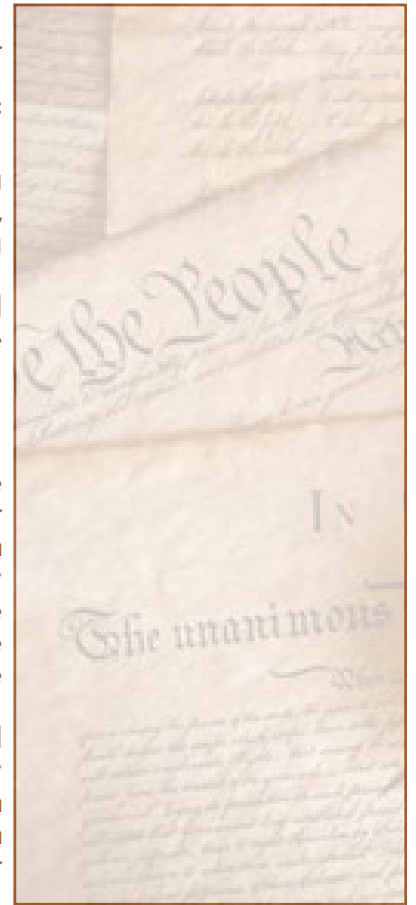
## Why Should You Come Here?

Texas A&M International University's Master of Arts degree in History and Political Thought offers you the opportunity to gain wide-ranging knowledge in a variety of historical and political science disciplines as well as targeted study in specific subjects of your interest. Our faculty are trained in many different fields and specializations, providing you the chance to explore any number of research topics. In particular, Laredo is home to a significant number of primary documents in Spanish colonial, Mexican, and South Texas history, creating opportunities for first-hand research in fast-growing areas of historical interest. Moreover, we have a new Computer Aided Telephone Interview (CATI) laboratory that makes Political Science survey research a major opportunity for both original research and valuable future job skills.



## About Our Faculty

The graduate faculty in History and Political Science all hold Ph.D. degrees in their fields of specialty and, in combination, represent decades of classroom and research experience. You can expect faculty to offer courses on a variety of historical eras, regions, and topics, including political, military, social, and cultural history of the United States, Mexico, Europe, Latin America and the world, and a wide variety of political science topics from American Government and Politics, to Political Philosophy, International Relations, and Comparative Politics, including courses concentrating on specific regions such as Europe, East Asia, or Latin America. History and political science professors at TAMIU offer personalized attention to their graduate students in the seminar classrooms, one-on-one conferences, and thesis preparation.



### • Careers

A master's degree in History and Political Thought is one of the most versatile graduate degrees a student can possess. You will be prepared for any number of career options by the in-depth study of content areas along with the training in survey research, writing, and critical thinking skills provided by the MA in History and Political Thought. Consider government agencies, such as the Foreign Service or policy-making bodies. History and Political Thought MA degree-holders have an edge in communication-oriented fields such as business and journalism. As the digital age accelerates, archives and libraries will continually need the support of trained historians and political scientists. With an MA in History and Political Thought, you are eligible to teach at most community colleges, and a likely candidate for advancement in the public school systems. We offer a degree plan with 18 semester hours in each to make you qualified to teach both subjects in a junior or community college. You will also be prepared to move on to further graduate work, such as the Ph.D. in History, Political Science, or law school.

### How to Apply:

- Complete and submit University graduate application. All applications can be downloaded from: [www.applytexas.org](http://www.applytexas.org) or visit: [www.tamtu.edu/gradschool](http://www.tamtu.edu/gradschool).
- Submit graduate application fee.
- Submit official undergraduate transcripts to the Office of Graduate Studies and Research.
- Write a student narrative with a minimum of 300 words describing your academic and career goals and objectives.

**Spring application deadline is Nov. 30.  
Fall and Summer application deadline is April 30.**

**For more detailed information, including program costs and courses, visit or call:**

- Website: <http://www.tamtu.edu/coas/pasr/index.shtml>
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