

**POLITICAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT
UNIVERSITY OF SÃO PAULO (USP)**

**CALL FOR SELECTION TO THE
GRADUATE PROGRAM
MASTER'S/DOCTORATE**

(2018 admissions)

Admissions for the Master's and Doctorate classes of the Graduate Program in Political Sciences at USP will be open from **August 7 to August 11 2017**. The classes are to begin in the first semester of 2018. In addition to the general requirements from Faculdade de Filosofia, Letras e Ciências Humanas, PPG-Political Sciences have their own specific demands in this call, approved by the Coordinating Committee.

1. Application

In order to apply for the Graduate Program in Political Sciences, it is mandatory for the Master's candidate to have an undergraduate certificate and for the PhD candidate to hold a Master's degree.

Current Master's students who wish to continue in the Graduate Program to obtain a PhD degree will be submitted to a new selective process, complying with the regulatory requirements.

Submit online applications to: http://forms.fflch.usp.br/inscricao_cienciapolitica

Information:

- Secretaria do Departamento de Ciência Política (9:30am to 7pm), Av. Prof. Luciano Gualberto, 315 – 2º andar – sala 2047 – São Paulo – SP – 05508-900, phone: (011) 3091-3754 – e-mail: ppg.cp@usp.br

- Serviço de Pós-Graduação FFLCH/USP – Rua do Lago, 717 – Sala 118, São Paulo – SP, CEP 05508-080 – phone: (011) 3091-4626, from 9:00am to 11:30am and from 1:00pm to 4:30pm.

Required and Sine Qua Non Documents:

1. Form available at http://forms.fflch.usp.br/inscricao_cienciapolitica
2. Undergraduate Diploma (front and back on the same sheet) or, if it is not available, undergraduate certificate with graduation date (front and back on the same sheet);
3. Undergraduate transcript, including graduation date, for Master's candidates and Master's transcript for PhD candidates;

4. Master's Diploma (only for PhD applicants who did not graduate at USP). It is mandatory to include on the back of the document the accreditation ordinance (Portaria de Credenciamento) from CAPES¹;
5. If necessary, a letter of intent (Termos de Compromisso) from graduation or Master's defense, is available at <http://www.fflch.usp.br/dcp/html/pos-graduacao.html>
6. Master's candidates *are allowed* to provide an electronic copy (PDF format) of an undergraduate assignment of their own or any other paper of their own if they wish. PhD candidates *are allowed* provide an electronic copy (PDF format) of their Master Dissertation.
7. *Curriculum Vitae* (CNPq format – Lattes). It is mandatory to hold a CV in the Lattes platform; other formats will not be accepted. It is optional to include or highlight information in one (1) extra page attached to the Lattes CV.
8. Identity card and CPF (for Brazilians)
9. RNE or Passport (for foreigners). Passports will be accepted only for the application process. The admitted candidates can only make their enrollment bearing a notary's protocol for the RNE.
10. Application fee receipt of payment, of R\$ 80.00 (eighty reais). The bank slip for payment can be generated at (<http://pos.fflch.usp.br/node/53093>) (questions or problems issuing the bank slip, please call (11) 3091-4623 or 3091-4626). Foreign candidates should inquire, by email (ppg.cp@usp.br), about how to proceed to make the payment.
11. Proof of residence, if the prospect student lives in another state or abroad and wants to request a non-presential interview.
12. A Research Proposal (in Portuguese, English or Spanish) for the Master's candidates or a Master's Dissertation and a Dissertation Project (in Portuguese, English or Spanish) for the Doctorate candidates have to be sent by October 13 2017 until 11:59pm (Brasília time) to the email: ppg.cp@usp.br. Files sent after this deadline will not be considered and the candidate will be automatically disqualified.
13. The selected candidates on the first phase should choose up to two advisers among the accredited faculty in the Program (check the program website www.fflch.usp.br/dcp). This selection is not binding nor does it constitute a pre-requirement for admission. The candidate can be invited to choose differently in the event of lack of positions with chosen adviser.

OBSERVATIONS:

1. **For candidates who are not completing their Master's at USP:** It will not be possible to make the enrollment in the PhD program without presenting the Master's Diploma, or, in the absence of one, click [here](#) to print an example of

¹ It will not be possible to grant registration in the PhD program for students who do not present the Master's diploma until the last registration day. No other document may substitute the Master's diploma.

the statement to be issued by the candidate's university (all information should be provided).

2. **For Master's candidates from USP**, after the defense, the Master's degree is automatically generated by Sistema Janus, and therefore they are apt to apply and register in the PhD program.
3. In the event of a **Master's Diploma from a university abroad**, the deadline to obtain the Title Equivalence approval at USP is the last day of enrollment. Thus, the submission for Title Equivalence of the Master's Degree must be requested before applying in this selective process.

The absence of any document or the incapacity to comply with deadlines and requirements will result in the dismissal of the application.

A list of approved applications will be announced by August 18 2017.

2. Selection

The Program Coordinating Committee will designate admissions committees that will answer for all selective process. These will be responsible for:

- Preparing and correcting the the proficiency exams;
- Preparing and correction the written exams;
- Reviewing the Lattes CV and other relevant documentation;
- Reading the projects and interviewing the candidates;

Admittance in the first two evaluations is a prerequisite to continue in selection process. The scores from the eliminatory phases of the selection will be announced at the interviews. The classification of students is a result of the average of the written exam, CV review and interview, weighed in the proportion of 2:1:2.

2.1 Master's Program

The selective process for the Master's Program will be comprised of the following evaluations:

- A. – Language proficiency test – September 4 2017 at 2.00pm** – in a room yet to be designated at the Philosophy and Social Sciences Building.

In accordance to the rules of the Graduate Program in Political Sciences, proficiency in English must be verified for the student's admission in the Master's and PhD programs. The candidate should demonstrate ability to read and comprehend texts in English in an exam to be carried out on **September 4 2017**. During the 3-hour exam, the student cannot consult any material.

The verification of English proficiency can also be made during the application process by annexing an official TOEFL certificate (at least 213 points for the Computer-based test – CBT; 550 points for the Paper-based test, or 80 points for the Internet-based test – IBT), or IELTS certificate (minimum mark: 6). Both certificates should have been taken within the last 5 years.

Foreign candidates should demonstrate Portuguese proficiency in a specific exam conducted by a committee. The objective and procedures are similar to the English proficiency exam. If English is not their native tongue, the student must also demonstrate English proficiency.

The foreign candidate who was approved at CELPE-BRAS, advanced level, who had attended an undergraduate or graduate course in a Brazilian university, or who comes from a Portuguese speaking country will be exempted from demonstrating Portuguese proficiency. They have to present an official certificate that shows scores, valid for 5 years from the issuing date, or other document proving the above mentioned cases.

The candidate approved in the English proficiency test from the Political Science graduate program in the past 4 years does not have to take a new one.

B. – Written Exams – September 5, 2017 – in a room yet to be designated at the Philosophy and Social Sciences Building.

The written exam is mandatory to all Master's candidates. There will be two questions on each of the following fields: **1) Political Theory, 2) Brazilian Politics and 3) International Relations**. Each student must choose to answer two questions from different fields. The questions are elaborated in Portuguese and the answers can be given in Portuguese, English or Spanish.

The written exam is based on the following references:

i.-Political Theory:

Machiavelli, Nicolò. *Discourses on Livy*, Book I (chap. 1–13, 16-18, 25-26, 34, 40-43, 47, 55, 58); Book II (chap. 1, 2 e 29); Book III (chap. 1, 7-9, 34, 41).

The Federalists Papers, 1787-1788: 1 to 10; 14; 35; 39, 46 to 49; 51; 62 a 64; 85.

Tocqueville, Alexis. *The Ancient Regime and Revolution*.

Weber, Max. *Parliament and Government in Germany under a New Political Order*.

Gramsci, Antonio. *Prison Notebooks- V. 3: "Brief Notes on Machiavelli's Politics"* .

Manin, Bernard. *The principles of representative government*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2002. Chap. 3, 5 e 6.

Dahl, Robert. *Democracy and its Critics*, Introduction, Part I, II and III

ii.- Brazilian Politics and Comparative Politics

- Esping-Andersen, Gosta. “As três economias políticas do welfare state”. *Lua Nova: Revista de Cultura e Política*, nº 24 (setembro de 1991): 85–116.
- Santos, Wanderley Guilherme dos. *Cidadania e justiça: a política social na ordem brasileira*. Editora Campus, 1979, capítulos 2 e 4.
- Lijphart, Arend. *Modelos de democracia: desempenho e padrões de governo em 36 países*. Civilização Brasileira, 2003, capítulos 1, 2 e 3.
- Przeworski, Adam. *Capitalismo e social-democracia*. Companhia das Letras, 1991, capítulo 1.
- Souza, Maria do Carmo C. Campello de. *Estado e Partidos Políticos no Brasil (1930-1964)*. São Paulo: Editora Alfa-Omega, 1983, capítulos 4, 5 e 6.
- Nicolau, Jairo. “Partidos na República de 1946: Velhas Teses, Novos Dados”, 2004, 85–129.

iii. International Relations

- Bull, Hedley. *A Sociedade Anárquica*. Coleção Clássicos IPRI, Brasília: Editora UnB. 2002. Capítulos: I, II, III, IV e V.
- Cox, R. W. *Gramsci, Hegemonia e relações internacionais: um ensaio sobre o método*. In: GILL, S. (Org.). *Gramsci, materialismo histórico e relações internacionais*. Rio de Janeiro: Ed. UFRJ, 2007.
- Lafer, Celso. *A identidade internacional do Brasil e a política externa brasileira: passado, presente e futuro*. São Paulo: Editora Perspectiva. 2001. Capítulos I, II e III.
- Nye, Joseph S. *Cooperação e Conflito nas Relações Internacionais*. São Paulo: Editora Gente. 2009. Capítulos: 1, 3, 7 e 9.
- Waltz, Kenneth. *O homem, o estado e a guerra: uma análise teórica*. São Paulo: Martins Fontes. 2004. Capítulos: II, IV e VI.
- Wendt, Alexander. *Teoria Social da Política Internacional*. Rio de Janeiro, Ed. PUC-Rio, Apicuri. 2014. Capítulo IV.

The candidate should do the exam in four hours at the most, **without consulting any sort of material**. The candidates will be identified by a number, which will be generated by the Program coordination for this purpose only.

Only the written exams of the candidates who passed the language proficiency test will be corrected. The student will receive a score from 0 (zero) to 10,0 (ten) in the written exam. The exam is qualifying and the minimum passing score required to

carry on to further phases is **6,0 (six) for the Master's program** and 7,0 (seven) for the **PhD program**.

The written evaluation result will be announced up to September 26 2017.

C. – CV Evaluation

The successful candidates in the written and language proficiency exams will have their Lattes CV evaluated, and will be given a score according to their previous school transcripts, academic activities and research conducted. This evaluation is carried out to assess their potential to meet the demands required by the Graduate Program.

To evaluate the candidate's CV we will take into consideration: a) school transcripts and additional assignments; b) participation in research projects or conduction of undergraduate scientific projects, with information about sponsoring institution; c) presentations in conferences, and its publication in the proceedings or publication in academic journals.

The admissions committee to evaluate the CV will be carried out without the presence of the candidates, between **October 16 and 20**.

The CV evaluation result will be announced by October 20 2017.

D. – Research Project and Interview

The candidates for the Master's program should submit the Research Project (of 15 pages at the most – not including references – double space and Times New Roman font size 12) in Portuguese, English or Spanish, complying with the following specifications, under penalty of being disqualified:

- (i) Research subject in Political Sciences;
- (ii) Justification of its relevance; and
- (iii) Evaluation of the bibliographical reference relevant to the subject.

The proposal should be sent by email (PDF format) to ppg.cp@usp.br by October 13 2017 until 11:59pm (Brasília time). The selected candidates who passed the language proficiency test (item A) and the written exam (item B) will have their Lattes CV and Undergraduate records evaluated (item C) and will participate the interviews (item D). The interviews will be conducted between **November 6 and 10 2017**, at a yet to be disclosed place.

Foreign candidates or residents from other Brazilian states can request, when applying, a non-presential interview (item D). In order to do this, they should present a proof of residence (document 10 on item 1) while applying. The Program Coordinator will seek a way to conduct the non-presential interview with those candidates approved in phases A and B, thus ensuring isonomy among all candidates.

In the event of an impossibility to ensure such conditions and conduct the non-presential interview, the Program Coordinator will formally inform the candidate that she should take the exam at USP. Hence, the mere application in this modality does not generate unquestionable rights.

E. - Selection of admitted candidates

The selection of admitted candidates will be a result of: a) the criteria of minimum passing scores in phases A and B; b) the classification order of the admitted candidates will consist of an average of scores obtained in the evaluation of items B, C and D, weighed in the proportion 2:1:2; c) consideration of the limit of openings offered by the Political Science Program. The higher ranked candidates will be selected, following, first the **minimum passing score criteria of 6.0 (six) for the Master's program** and **7,0 (seven) for the PhD program**.

The selection results and the classification of candidates will be announced on **November 10 2017**.

2.2. - PhD Program

A. –Language proficiency test

The language proficiency test to enter the PhD program will be the same as indicated on item “2.1.A.” described above, including all certificates that are accepted and the exemptions stipulated in that item (2.1A).

B. – Written Exam

The written exam to enter the PhD Program is the same as indicated on item “2.1B” above, but the minimum passing score for admission is 7,0 (seven). Candidates previously admitted in the Master’s program of this department are exempted from taking a new written exam, provided they took the exam in the last four years, and their score was 7,0 (seven) or more. Students who meet these requirements may opt to take a new exam, if they wish to improve their score. In this case, the new score will prevail even if it is lower than the previous one, which means they could be at risk of being disqualified.

C. – CV and Master's Transcript Evaluation

The successful candidates in the written and language proficiency exams will have their Lattes CV and Master's transcript evaluated, and will be given a score according to their previous school transcripts, academic activities and research conducted. This evaluation is carried out to assess their potential to meet the demands required by the Graduate Program.

To evaluate the candidate's CV we will take into consideration: a) Evaluation of Master's transcripts; b) participation in research projects or conduction of undergraduate scientific projects, with information about sponsoring institution; c) professional background or internships connected to education or practical application of knowledge; d) presentations in conferences, and its publication in the proceedings; e) publication in academic journals, book chapters and books; f) the Master's dissertation.

The admissions committee will evaluate the CV between **October 16 and 20**, without the candidate's presence.

The CV evaluation result will be announced **up to October 20 2017**.

D. – Research Project and Interview

The candidates for the PhD program should submit a Research Project (of 20 pages at the most – not including bibliographical references – double space and Times New Roman font size 12) in Portuguese, English or Spanish, complying with the following specifications, under penalty of being disqualified:

- (i) Presentation of theme and justification of its relevance to the Political Sciences;
- (ii) Evaluation of the relevant bibliographical references;
- (iii) Presentation of objectives and the main research hypotheses;
- (iv) When relevant, presentation of research design and methodological procedures that will be adopted.

This proposal should be sent by email (PDF format) to ppg.cp@usp.br by October 13 2017 until 11:59pm (Brasília time). The selected candidates who passed the language proficiency test (item A) and the written exam (item B), will participate in the interviews (item C) and will have their Lattes and Master's transcript evaluated (item D). The interviews will be conducted between **October 06 and 10 2017**, at a yet to be disclosed place.

Foreign candidates or other states residents can request, when applying, a non-presential interview (item D). In order to do this, they should present a proof of residence (document 10 on item 1) while applying. The Program Coordinator will seek a way to conduct the non-presential interview with those candidates approved in phases A and B, thus ensuring isonomy among all candidates. In the event of an impossibility to ensure such conditions and conduct the non-presential interview, the Program Coordinator will formally inform the candidate that she should take the exam at USP. Hence, the mere application in this modality does not generate unquestionable rights.

E. – Selection of Admitted candidates

The selection of admitted candidates will be a result of: a) the criteria of minimum passing grade in phases A and B; b) an average of scores obtained in the evaluation of items B, C and D, weighed in the proportion 2:1:2; c) the higher ranked candidates, following the **minimum passing score criteria of 7.0 (seven) for the PhD program**; d) the number of students the program will be able to accept.

The selection results and the ranking of candidates will be announced on **November 10 2017**.

3. – Graduate Admissions

The Graduate Program in Political Sciences will admit up to 17 students for Master's program and up to 17 students for PhD program. The number of admissions depends on the number of admitted candidates, in accordance to the established terms here described, for Master's and PhD. Advisers' appointment will depend on how many students each adviser is able to take. Granting scholarships for Master's and PhD will obey the candidates rank in the selection and the rules established by the program.

The candidates should bear in mind that:

- there are no guaranties they will be offered a scholarship just by being selected;
- there are no guaranties they will be accepted by the supervisor appointed in the form application. Advisers' appointment will depend on how many students each adviser is able to take (see "Required and Sine Qua Non Documents" above)

The results of each phase, as well as the final result, will be posted both in the Program Administrative Office and on the Department of Political Sciences page on the internet.

When applying for the program, the candidate declares she is aware of the rules of the selective process. We will not accept requests to review evaluations nor final ranking.

Committee for the Graduate Program in Political Sciences.

ANNEX –SCHEDULE

Phases	Dates 2017
Applications.	August 7 to 11
Announcement of selected applications.	August 18
English Language proficiency test (Mandatory to all Master's and PhD candidates, unless anticipated on items 2.1.A and 2.2.A).	September 4
Portuguese Language proficiency test (Mandatory to foreign Master's and PhD candidates, unless anticipated on items 2.1.A and 2.2.A).	September 4
Written Exam (Mandatory to all master's candidates. Mandatory to all PhD candidates, unless anticipated on item 2.2.B.).	September 5
Announcement of results of both Language proficiency and Written tests.	September 26
Deadline to submit the Dissertation Subject proposal and Research Project.	October 13
Lattes CV and school transcripts evaluation	September 16 to 20
Announcement of results of Lattes CV and school transcripts evaluation	September 20
Interview to discuss the projects	November 6 to 10
Announcement of interview results and final selection result.	November 10