POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS, PROCESSES AND TECHNOLOGIES

MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAMME
PROGRAM ADVANTAGES

A political scientist is a political analyst, scientific expert in the field of political decision-making, political consultant, political commentator and journalist, political strategist, image maker, PR manager, teacher of political science at a university.

The program is developed and being implemented by highly qualified faculty members engaged in higher education international cooperation. The faculty has extensive hands-on and academic experience in the political sphere.

Department of Political Analysis and Management has established long-term cooperation with state authorities, local governments, businesses, foreign embassies, political / consulting / public organizations, think tanks and mass media.

The cooperation allows students to undergo on-the-spot research practice and to acquire expert-analytical, advisory, administrative and managerial experience with subsequent employment.

Students are supported with an opportunity to present their research in both international and domestic research-to-practice (R2P) conferences followed by publication of articles in leading scientific journals.

Rank advancement in political and public organizations, government agencies, consulting and information agencies, mass media, higher educational institutions, and research institutes;

Defense of the candidate’s dissertation followed by obtaining the degree of candidate of political science.
STUDYING PROCESS

120 credits.
Mandatory and elective courses, additional foreign language training, several types of research practice, lectures, seminars, and individual study.

DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES IN POLITICAL RESEARCH
- Gathering, analysis and processing of current political information.
- Domestic and foreign databases, web political science resources.
- Modern computer technologies for data processing and statistical information analysis.
- Dedicated software products and computer technologies for political scientists.

MODERN TRENDS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE IN RUSSIA AND THE WORLD
- The latest trends in political science.
- New socio-political movements.
- State and public administration in the context of globalization.
- Modern political and administrative systems.
- Centralization and decentralization of power in the modern globalizing world.

THEORY, METHODS AND METHODOLOGY OF POLITICAL SCIENCE
- Theoretical and applied research.
- History of social and humanitarian sciences methodology in the 20th century.
- “Behavioral Revolution” in twentieth-century political science.
- Common methods of political analysis.
- General-logical methods of political analysis.
- Spatial coordinates of applied political analysis.
ELECTION CAMPAIGN TECHNOLOGIES: RUSSIAN AND INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Basics of modern electoral systems: comparative analysis.
- Features of formation of electoral bodies in Russia and other countries.
- Specifics of partisan participation in elections:
  - Russian and international experience.
  - The role of PR technologies in modern electoral campaigns.
  - Manipulative (destructive) electoral technologies and aspects of their legislative regulation.

POLITICAL CONSULTING: THE MODERN APPLICATIONS

- Political consulting: theoretical approaches and concepts.
- Political consulting as a tool for optimizing administrative and state management.
- Political consulting as an institution that manages political and electoral processes.
- Applied problems of the political consultant’s activity.

POLITICAL PR TECHNOLOGIES IN MODERN RUSSIA

- Organization, structure, and functioning of PR services.
- A typical PR organization of the states, international organizations, TNCs, and public organizations.
- Information and analytical PR service line of work.
- Monitoring, processing, storing, and distributing data through PR channels.
POLITICAL PROBLEMS OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL PROCESS

- Concept of the constitutional process.
- Theory of constitution. Constitutional project.
- The Russian Constitution of 1993 and modern Russian constitutionalism.
- Prospects for the development of Russian lawmaking, the form of government, and the political situation in Russia.

MEDIA AND SOCIETY

- Mass media in the context of the modern political process.
- Political and legal basis for Russian media activity.
- Sources of political information.
- Language and style of political journalism.
- Language and style of the modern political process.
- Genres of political journalism.
- Political campaigns in the press.
- Modern information technologies: problems and prospects of development.
- Internet journalism and the political process.
After graduation bachelor’s degree, I surely decided to continue my studies for master’s degree at the same education department of policy analysis and management. Reasons for that were enough.

The department is engaged in scientific researches, organizes various conferences and inviting the researchers. The researcher’s presentation gives students the opportunity to improve their knowledge and to discover more about the areas of their practical application. The department provides preparation for a variety of additional professional education programs. And classes in my course are held with using the information communication technologies.

I consider that main adventage of our department is the high level of professionalism of our educators. The staff of the department are doctors and Ph.D of science, who have work experience of deputies, diplomats and high-ranking civil servants. They pass on their experience, knowledge, skills and abilities to students so that they become professional political scientists in the future.
Faculty and staff are responsible for their work. Each employee of the department treats each student with care and respect and they are always ready to help.

The national and international reputation of Peoples’ Friendship University of Russia has attracted students from all over the world. Department of political analysis and management is one of the best departments of this university. It is an academically-focused department and has been successful in providing an intellectually inspiring learning environment for its student body, which provides an excellent education at global standards, it is a great option for international students to complete their undergraduate, graduate, and postgraduate degrees here. It has a pool of excellent and competent, professors that come from different parts of the world.

The diversity of this department reflects students’ minds and makes them more flexible toward cultural and ethnical differences of their own. This diversity also exposes students to different ideas and encourages them to think critically and creatively. While studying at this department students not only study political issues and management but they also acquire skills, study ethics, leadership, management, history, communication, and delegation. Furthermore, students have the opportunity to do their academic research and publish it in different academic journals, and also they can participate in many national and international conferences, happening at university and outside. All teachers and staff of the department are very friendly and helpful, they always reach every student any time they need. We are sure being a student of this department you can reach your goals.
NESTERCHUK OLGA ALEKSEYEVNA

PhD in political science, professor of the Department of Political Analysis and Management.

**RESEARCH INTERESTS:**
political conflict management, political communications, information policy, migration policy.

Professor Nesterchuk, as a part of collaborating writing team published numerous coursebooks and monographs and peer-reviewed articles in Russian and international scientific journals (VAK, SCOPUS, Web of Science). The professor is a scientific reviewer of the international scientific journal “Przegląd Strategiczny” at the University of Adam Mickiewicz in Poznan (Poland) (Scopus) and a member of the scientific journal council of Kazimierz Wielki University in Bydgoszcz (Poland).

Consistently delivers reports on political issues at national and international research-to-practice conferences.

Member of the board of the international public organization for the promotion of integration and development of cultural and business cooperation “Friendship Society between Peoples of Russia and Ethiopia”.

Member of the expert jury panel for undergraduate, graduate and postgraduate students’ academic and creative performance in competitions at district, municipal (Moscow) and federal (Russia) levels.