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Graduate School of Government

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Hillsdale College was founded in 1844 to provide “sound learning” of the kind needed to preserve “the blessings of civil and religious liberty.”

As an extension of the mission set forth in its Articles of Association, Hillsdale College is launching the Steve and Amy Van Andel Graduate School of Government on its campus in Washington, D.C.

James Madison wrote: “What spectacle can be more edifying or more seasonable, than that of liberty and learning, each leaning on the other for their mutual and surest support?”

Today, the connection between liberty and learning is widely forgotten, and their mutual support has grown tenuous. Repairing the breach is a task both urgent and noble.

We invite you to join us in the work.

Larry P. Arnn
President, Hillsdale College

Pursuing truth, defending liberty.





“Only by knowing the good for which we aim can we then know where we are, what to do, and how to do it. That is the meaning of prudence.”

Matthew Spalding
Dean, Van Andel Graduate School of Government
Kirby Professor in Constitutional Government

Overview

Geared to an active, thoughtful life in politics.

The *Master of Arts in Government* is designed for working professionals: government staffers and lawmakers, journalists and media professionals, policy experts, speechwriters, lawyers, think-tankers, and other practitioners drawn to serious study.

Program details

36 credit hours, including core courses and electives

Special topics courses with prominent guest scholars

Evening and Saturday classes

Fall, spring, and summer semesters

2.5 to 3 years to complete, depending on schedule

Significant scholarships available—often up to full tuition

Full access to the resources of Hillsdale College

Located on Capitol Hill, a short walk from Union Station

Faculty (partial)

Larry P. Arnn, Ph.D.
President and Professor of Politics and History

Matthew Spalding, Ph.D.
Graduate Dean and Kirby Professor in Constitutional Government

Ronald J. Pestritto, Ph.D.
Professor of Politics

Paul Rahe, Ph.D.
Professor of History

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Lecturer and Research Fellow

A program unlike any other in Washington, D.C.



Our *Master of Arts in Government* focuses on three areas of knowledge.

POLITICAL THOUGHT AND CULTURE

Study the writings of political philosophers from the ancient, medieval, and modern eras, focusing on their understandings of human nature and the purpose of government. Learn how each has influenced the American political tradition.

Authors include:

Aristotle, Thucydides, Plato

Cicero, More, Shakespeare

Locke, Machiavelli, Hegel

AMERICAN POLITICS

Explore the meaning and history of American constitutionalism from the Founding through the Civil War, the rise of progressivism, and the growth of the administrative state. Analyze the current debate over the meaning of liberty and the proper role of government.

Texts include:

Declaration of Independence and U.S. Constitution

Records of the Federal Convention, *The Federalist Papers*, progressive writings

Writings and speeches of the Founding Fathers and later American statesmen

STATECRAFT

Learn how to apply the principles of free government and advance the cause of constitutionalism and liberty in the context of ever-changing circumstances in American society and around the world.

Topics include:

Separation of Powers, Bureaucracy

Statesmanship, Political Parties

Constitutional Law, Foreign Policy

The study of politics today tends to be either an idealistic tour of abstract theories or a pragmatic training program in how to navigate the political-bureaucratic status quo. At the Van Andel Graduate School of Government, we take a markedly different approach.

We study politics as a human activity oriented toward justice—a series of choices, guided in the best case by right principles, but made in ever-changing circumstances that require prudence to achieve the best attainable results.

Rejecting the historicist idea that we have nothing to learn from the past, our curriculum combines the careful reading of primary sources and serious historical inquiry with a focus on the words and actions of the best statesmen.

Apply to the program.

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