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**Welcome to the
POLITICAL SCIENCE AND
INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS
(PSIA)
Program**



What is PSIA?

The critical study of concepts and debates in political science and international affairs.

- What effects will the constitutional reforms have on Armenia?
- Should government authority be absolute or should people have rights against the government?
- How will the European Union deal with the migrant crisis?
- What government policies help bring about development in a country?
- Who will be the next president of USA?





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PSIA Mission & Program

Two-year Master's degree equips students with advanced analytical reasoning, critical thinking, problem-solving skills.

Curriculum includes

- Comparative Politics
- Political Theory
- Research Methods
- International Relations
- Regional Politics
- Public Policy
- Political Economy





Students will be able to

GOAL 1: Internalize and contextualize concepts and theories (abstract and empirical)

GOAL 2: Learn how to conduct analysis

GOAL 3: Master subject matter (course topics and materials)

GOAL 4: Develop Research, Problem-Solving, Writing, Communication, and Argumentation Skills



Courses in PSIA are different from other universities' courses.

What we DON'T do: make you memorize facts to repeat back to us.

What we do: train you to think critically about political issues:

- What are a political event's causes? What are its effects?
- What is the evidence or arguments for accepting a policy, concept, or theory?
- Do the evidence and arguments rest on false assumptions? Do they really prove what they claim?

Thinking critically about politics is a skill which you will have the rest of your life.



COURSES

Examples of some PSIA courses:

First-year courses:

- Research Methods in Political Science
- International Relations
- Western Political Thought
- Regional Politics
- Comparative Politics
- European Union and the World

Second-year courses:

- International Conflicts
- Security Policy
- Development Policy and Strategy
- Environmental Policy
- Civil Society and Social Capital
- Public Financing and Budgeting
- Global Justice

Capstone: In their second year, students write a Master's Essay examining a specific topic in depth.



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PSIA Faculty

Learn from one of the most qualified faculty in Armenia with doctorate degrees from the United States and Europe.

Full-time Faculty



Dr. Simon Clarke
Program Chair
D.Phil. Oxford University



Dr. Arpie Balian
PhD, University of
Southern California



Dr. Donald Fuller
PhD, University of
Pittsburgh



Dr. Jenny Paturyan
PhD, Jacobs University Bremen



**Dr. Vahram Ter-
Matevosyan**
PhD, National Academy
of Sciences



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Adjunct Faculty



Dr. Vache Gabrielyan
PhD Rutgers University



Dr. Arthur Drampian
PhD, Moscow State University



**Dr. Hovhannes
Nikoghosyan**
PhD, Russian-Armenian
(Slavonic) University



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Admission Requirements

PSIA Requirement:

- a minimum 25th percentile score on the GRE quantitative examination.

AUA Requirements:

- an undergraduate degree from a four or five year program
- minimum TOEFL iBT score of 79 or a minimum IELTS score of 6.5
- two letters of recommendation
- a concise and informative personal statement





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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES for PSIA alumni

Since 1995 MPSIA has had 500 graduates and 80% are employed. Our graduates pursue careers in various fields including academia, public and private sectors, civil society organizations and international institutions.

- United Nations
- World Bank
- US Embassy
- Transparency International
- American University of Armenia
- Yerevan State University
- Non-Governmental Organizations
- Private sector





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Guest lecturers



US Ambassador to Armenia Discusses US Foreign Policy with PSIA Students



UK Ambassador to Armenia at AUA



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Guest lecturers



Ambassador of Switzerland to the Republic of Armenia H.E. Mr. Lukas Gasser



Piotr Świtalski, Head of the EU Delegation to Armenia



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PSIA Seminars



PSIA faculty, visiting professors, and PSIA alumni present their latest research in regular seminars held throughout semesters.



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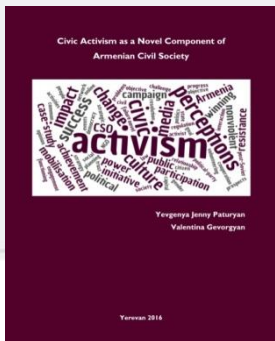
Turpanjian Center for Policy Analysis (TCPA)



TCPA conducts research in many important policy areas.

Mission

- promoting knowledge and understanding through objective and independent research and policy analysis employing the latest methodologies.
- contributing directly to Armenia's transition to a democratic state.
- The Center hires PSIA students and graduates for staff positions and short-term assistants for research projects.



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