

MASTER OF ARTS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE, POWER, JUSTICE, AND DEMOCRACY SPECIALIZATION

The Master of Arts in Political Science, Power, Justice, and Democracy Specialization analyzes contemporary theories of justice, democracy, development, and inequality from both domestic and international perspectives using interdisciplinary evidence, diverse perspectives, and multiple approaches. Specialists in this field develop methodological skills for analyzing and interpreting contemporary social and political problems around such topics as development, ecology, gender, race, sexuality, social movements, and peacebuilding for private or public organizations.

For more information on the Master of Arts in Political Science please email cla_polisci@mail.colostate.edu.

Students interested in graduate work should refer to the Graduate and Professional Bulletin (<http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/graduate-bulletin/>).

Learning Objectives

Students who choose the Power, Justice, and Democracy Specialization will:

Theorize & Diagnose:

1. Analyze contemporary theories of power, justice, and democracy from both domestic and international perspectives using interdisciplinary evidence, diverse perspectives, and multiple approaches.
2. Develop methodological skills for analyzing and interpreting contemporary political struggles.
3. Compare different forms of knowledge about issues related to power, justice, and democracy.

Contextualize & Clarify:

1. Identify the political and institutional origins, and assess the social changes affecting the development, of rights and freedoms.
2. Examine the interplay of different socio-political actors, institutions, and interests in the contestations over power, justice, and democracy.
3. Examine the role of formal and informal institutions, norms, and traditions in sustaining or dismantling inequalities.
4. Recognize the local, regional, national, or international political and institutional contexts that frame individual and collective action and the distribution of economic and political power.

Research & Evaluate:

1. Design and implement research projects that measure, contextualize, interpret, communicate or explicate issues of justice, power, or democracy.
2. Demonstrate abilities to identify suitable methods to engage with different types of individuals, organizations, institutions, and communities of knowledge in the study of power, inequality, or rights.
3. Critique normative approaches and empirical measures of power, democracy, inequality, or human rights.

Praxis/practice:

1. Engage with different political actors, stakeholders, or communities of knowledge in the identification of relevant research questions, empirical observations, or practical solutions to problems of injustice or inequality.
2. Support governmental and non-governmental actors, civil society organizations, or community groups in the identification of problems, and the design of policy or political solutions to issues of injustice or inequality.