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Thank you for your inquiry regarding the Political Science graduate program at the University of California, Riverside. For your convenience, the following information is included in this brochure for immediate review:

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Additional admission information is available online at [www.graduate.ucr.edu](http://www.graduate.ucr.edu); click on "Prospective Graduate Students" for information about application requirements, current fees & tuition, financial support, housing, parking, special services, UCR general catalog online, the Clery Act notification, how to apply to a graduate program at UCR, and additional admission information for foreign applicants.

All graduate applications must be submitted online at <http://www.graddiv.ucr.edu/>. Supplemental forms can be downloaded from the website, including fellowship and financial forms. To ensure timely processing, ALL application documents should be mailed directly to the Department at the address below. Complete applications will be evaluated by the Department's Graduate Committee and an admission recommendation will be forwarded to the Office of Graduate Admissions, where a final decision will be made.

If you have additional questions, please send email to: [politics@ucr.edu](mailto:politics@ucr.edu).

Sincerely,  
Le Dina Joy, Graduate Assistant  
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900 University Avenue  
Riverside, California 92521-0118

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**GRADUATE ADMISSION STANDARDS & CRITERIA**

Standard UCR graduate admission guidelines are as follows:

- Grade Point Average: 3.20 or above (calculated from last two years of coursework only)
- GRE general test: combined verbal + quantitative scores of 1200 or above  
Score not older than 5 years old  
Subject test is not required by the Department of Political Science
- TOEFL exam: *(international applicants only)*  
550 or above on paper/pencil administration  
213 or above on computer administration  
Score not older than 2 years (i.e.: score for Fall '05 application can not be older than Sept. 2003)

To be admitted to graduate status, the basic requirement is a bachelor's degree or its equivalent from an accredited institution, with a major related to political science. This degree must represent the completion of a program equivalent both in the distribution of academic subject matter and scholarship achievement comparable to that offered at the University of California. Satisfying minimal standards does not guarantee admission since the number of qualified applicants may exceed the number of places available; as a result, many well-qualified applicants may not be accommodated.

Admission decisions are based on a number of factors, including academic degrees and record, statement of purpose, letters of recommendation, test scores, and relevant experience. The appropriateness of the applicant's goals to the political science program and its relationship to the research interests of the faculty is also considered.

Because professions need a diverse membership and the educational experience is enhanced by a diverse student body, UCR views the enrollment of men and women from different backgrounds and from different demographic and ethnic groups as a high priority.

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## **APPLICATION DEADLINES**

### **Fall Quarter: Admission with Fellowship Consideration**

Jan 3 Applications completed (all documents received) by Jan 3 will be given full consideration for fellowship.

### **Admission without Fellowship**

April 1 Applications completed Jan 4 – April 1 will be given consideration for a limited possibility of acceptance

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## **GRADUATE APPLICATION PROCESS & DOCUMENTS REQUIRED**

ALL Graduate applications must be submitted electronically online at: [www.graddiv.ucr.edu/admtoc.html](http://www.graddiv.ucr.edu/admtoc.html). After navigating through the preliminary information pages and completing the application portion, the SUBMIT button must be clicked at the end; if “submit” is not clicked, the application will be saved on the server for submission in the future. After an electronic application has been submitted, the following materials must be mailed directly to the Department:

- Application fee: \$60 application fee: from US citizens and permanent residents  
\$75 application fee: from all international applicants; check or money order in USD\$ funds only
- Disclaimer statement
- Statement of Purpose

Additional documents required to complete an application includes:

- Official transcripts from all colleges and universities previously attended.
- Official GRE exam scores. *No exceptions will be made to this requirement.*
- Three letters of recommendation (written in English)

International applicants must provide the following additional documents:

- International Applicant Confidential Financial Statement (*downloaded from application website*)
- Official bank documents showing verification of available funds
- Two copies of official transcripts from all colleges and universities previously attended  
*One in the original language and one in the English language*
- Two copies of an official *Diploma or Certificate of Degree* (*required only when transcripts do not confer the degree*)  
*One in the original language and one in the English language*
- Official TOEFL exam scores

TOEFL exam scores are required of International applicants from countries whose native language is not English; the TOEFL requirement will be waived only in cases where international applicants have attended a U.S. college or university for at least two years and a degree has been earned.

Graduate applications are considered complete when **ALL** items listed above have been received. Complete applications will be given full consideration for admission; incomplete applications will be closed and cannot be deferred.

Application fees are not refundable. However, application fees can be reapplied to one (1) future application when: 1) the initial application was closed as incomplete; 2) a second application is submitted online within one year after the initial application fee was paid; *and* 3) a written request to reapply the fee is received.

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## **GRADUATE APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS**

### **Social Security Number Disclosure**

Social Security Number disclosure is mandatory. The University is required by federal law to report your Social Security Number and other pertinent information to the Internal Revenue Service pursuant to the reporting requirements imposed by the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997. The University also will use the Social Security Number you provide to verify your identity. This notification is provided to you as required by the Federal Privacy Act of 1974. The University's record-keeping systems relating to the application were established prior to January 1, 1975, pursuant to the authority granted to The Regents of the University of California under Article IX, Section 9 of the California Constitution.

### **State of California Information Practices Act**

The State of California Information Practices Act of 1977 requires the University to provide the following information to applicants for admission who are asked to supply information about themselves. The principal purpose for requesting the information is to process your application for admission for which positive identification of academic records and test scores is required. In addition, if you are applying for financial aid, positive identification must be determined as well as eligibility for aid. Maintenance of this information is authorized by University policy. The officials responsible for maintaining the information contained on the application are the Chairperson of the program to which you are applying and the Dean of the Graduate Division.

### **UCR Nondiscrimination Policy**

The University of California prohibits discrimination or harassment of any person in any of its policies, procedures or practices on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, physical or mental disability, medical condition (cancer-related or genetic characteristics), ancestry, marital status, age, sexual orientation, citizenship, or status as a covered veteran (special disabled veteran, Vietnam-era veteran, or any other veteran who served on active duty during a war or in a campaign or expedition for which a campaign badge has been authorized). The University undertakes affirmative action to assure equal opportunity for minorities and women, for person with disabilities, and for special disabled veterans, Vietnam-era veterans, and any other veterans who served on active duty during a war or in a campaign or expedition for which a campaign badge has been authorized. The University policy is intended to be consistent with provisions of applicable State and Federal laws. The University of California is an affirmative action/equal opportunity employer. Inquiries regarding the University's equal opportunity policies may be directed to the Director of Affirmative Action, (909) 787-5604.

### **Application Fee / Disclaimer Statement**

A non-refundable processing fee of \$60.00 must be paid by U.S. check or money order payable to the Regents of the University of California and attached to the Disclaimer Statement of the electronic application - which you can download and printed from the website. *No application for admission can be processed unless the application fee requirement is satisfied and the signed Disclaimer statement is received. The application fee is subject to change without notice.* US citizens and permanent residents who demonstrate financial need may request an application fee waiver by completing the appropriate form and submitting documentation that fulfills eligibility criteria. Please contact the Graduate Admissions Office for the *Request for Graduate Application Fee Waiver* form.

### **Graduate Record Examination (GRE)**

The GRE general test is required of all domestic applicants with the one exception noted below (Foreign applicants should refer to the section *Additional Information for Foreign Applicants* for GRE requirements). The Department of Political Science does not require the Subject Test of the GRE. Although current scores are preferred, the Department of Political Science will accept scores from tests taken within the last five (5) years. GRE scores from the General Test must be submitted for fellowship consideration. We strongly advise you to be aware of the deadline for the program to which you are applying. Dates and information for computer-based testing (CBT) may be obtained by contacting the Educational Testing Service (ETS) at the address below, by calling 1-800-GRE-CALL, or by consulting the GRE website at [www.gre.org](http://www.gre.org). Fellowship applicants should take the exam in time to meet the departmental deadline. Keep in mind that it takes up to four to six weeks for test scores to reach us from ETS.

Applications for the GRE can be obtained from:

Educational Testing Service  
P O Box 6000  
Princeton, NJ 08541-6000

### **Exception to the GRE Requirement**

M.B.A. applicants must submit scores from the Graduate Management Admissions Test (GMAT) in place of the GRE.

### **Transcripts of Academic Record**

Official transcripts of ALL college-level work must be submitted in sealed envelopes as issued by the school. Submit two transcripts from every institution you have attended since high school; *a summary of credit transferred from an institution previously attended and recorded on another transcript is not acceptable.* Student copies are not official. UCR graduates must submit a transcript of UCR work as well as transcripts covering work completed elsewhere. *Failure to declare attendance at any institution and submit corresponding transcripts of record may result in disqualification.* Transcripts cannot be returned to applicants or forwarded to another institution under any circumstances.

### **Applicant Statement of Goals and Qualifications (formerly called Statement of Purpose)**

A form for this purpose is provided in the Supplementary forms of the Electronic Application. Please carefully read the criteria requested and respond accordingly. You may use extra sheets of paper if necessary. Please state your specific interests; your intended area of specialization, career objectives and research interests and experience are of particular interest. You may also include a brief occupational resume or provide information about educational obstacles on Supplementary form, pages 4a and 4b.

### **Letters of Recommendation**

Three letters of recommendation are required in support of all applications for admission. At least two of these letters should be requested from professors in your major subject. Forms for this purpose are provided in the Supplementary forms of the Electronic Application. Enter the appropriate personal information at the top of each form and present one to each person from whom you are seeking a recommendation.

Letters of recommendation should be sent directly to the attention of the graduate adviser in the department office. You should supply your recommender with the address or an envelope addressed as follows:

Le Dina Joy, Graduate Assistant  
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### **Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)**

(Foreign students: For TOEFL requirement, please refer to section titled *Additional Information for Foreign Students*.) Permanent residents (non-US citizens) whose first language is not English and do not have an undergraduate or graduate degree from an accredited institution where English is the ONLY language of instruction, must submit a recent score from the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). The minimum acceptable score for the paper-based exam is 550; for the computer-based exam the minimum acceptable score is 213. *The date of the test may be no older than two years from your intended date of matriculation (start date) at UCR.* Information concerning the TOEFL exam may be obtained from the TOEFL website at [www.toefl.org](http://www.toefl.org), or from:

Educational Testing Service  
P O Box 6151  
Princeton, NJ 08541-6151  
(609) 771-7100

### **Ethnic Survey**

All applicants are asked to complete the ethnic survey. The Graduate Division uses this data to measure the effectiveness of its efforts towards achieving diversity and to fulfill state and federal reporting requirements. Your response is entirely voluntary. Applicants for some fellowships must complete the survey. Verification of ethnicity may be required. Please select one ethnic category only; if two or more ethnicities apply, please choose the one with which you identify most closely or specify the multi-ethnic category.

### **Review and Notification**

Detailed review and initial recommendation to admit is made by the department's graduate committee. However, only the official letter of admission from the Dean of the Graduate Division constitutes approval of admission to a graduate program at UCR, not correspondence with a department or with an individual faculty member. The Graduate Division will make every effort to notify you of your admission status as soon as possible after receiving the admission recommendation from the department to which you are applying.

### **Duplication of Degree**

Permission to work for a second master's degree in a NEW area may be approved on the individual merit of the application when there is little or no close relationship between the two subjects. Duplication of a master's degree in one field is not permitted, and duplication of a doctorate is rarely permitted, regardless of the field of study.

## **COURSE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MASTER'S DEGREE**

There are two plans under which the Master's degree is administered. With rare exceptions the Department operates under Plan II in administering the Master's degree program. Under this plan, students must complete 36 units, of which at least 28 units must be in 200-level Political Science courses, including Political Science 201 and 202A. In addition, students must complete at least one course from at least three of the five fields offered by the Department (see listing below). Up to 8 units of academic work in related fields may be approved by the Graduate Advisor as part of the 36 units. An M.A. comprehensive examination must be passed in one of the following fields: (1) Comparative Politics; (2) International Relations; (3) American Politics; (4) Mass political Behavior; or (5) Political Theory.

Students who wish to test in a given field must complete the proper coursework. To examine in Comparative Politics, International Relations, or Political Theory, students must complete the core course and at least one additional course in the appropriate field. To examine in American Politics, students must complete two courses from those numbered between Political Science 250 and 254. To examine in Mass Political Behavior, students must complete two courses from among those numbered between Political Science 255 and 259, at least one of those courses must be chosen from among the following seminars: Political Science 255, 256, and 257.

Permission to complete the M.A. program under Plan I (thesis plan) is restricted to students who can demonstrate a readiness to undertake advanced independent research and who can identify a faculty member willing to supervise preparation of the thesis.

Questions regarding academic advising should be directed to the Graduate Advisor, Dr. Max Neiman via Email at: [max.neiman@ucr.edu](mailto:max.neiman@ucr.edu). Questions regarding application requirements and/or procedures should be directed to the Graduate Assistant, Le Dina Joy, via Email at: [politics@ucr.edu](mailto:politics@ucr.edu).

## **COURSE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE Ph.D. DEGREE**

The doctoral degree program is organized into three stages:

**Stage 1:** The first stage focuses on intensive course work and preparation for the Ph.D. examination. Normally taking two years, this period is devoted to (1) obtaining substantive background in the discipline through completion of three graduate courses per quarter; (2) selecting two major fields and one minor field of concentration; and (3) satisfying course requirements for the major fields. The major fields may be chosen from among American Politics, Mass Political Behavior, Comparative Politics, International Relations, or Political Theory; the minor field, consisting of three courses, may be chosen from those above, or, at the discretion of the Graduate Committee, a cognate field. During this stage, students are also normally expected to satisfy three required courses: Political Science 201: Introduction to Political Inquiry; and Political Science 202A and 202B: Survey of Quantitative Methods.

Course work in the two major fields will vary depending on the fields chosen. For Comparative Politics, International Relations, and Political Theory, students are required to complete the core course plus at least three additional courses. For Mass Political Behavior, students must complete four courses from among those numbered between Political Science 255 and 259, at least two of which must be chosen from among the following: Political Science 255, 256, and 257. For American Politics, students must complete at least four courses from among those numbered between Political Science 250 and 254.

Minors selected from the fields listed above include the appropriate core course (for Comparative Politics, International Relations, and Political Theory), plus two additional seminars. Minors in Mass Political Behavior will be composed of three courses numbered between Political Science 255 and 259, at least two of which must be chosen from among the following seminars: Political Science 255, 256, and 257. The minor field in American Politics will consist of at least three courses chosen from among those numbered Political Science 250 and 254.

Specific course work in a cognate minor field will vary depending in the course list pre-approved by the Graduate Committee. Political Science 290's may be accepted in lieu of seminars. However, prior to passing the Ph.D. examinations, no more than two Political Science 290's are allowed, with no more than one in each field of examination. The limit can be exceeded if course staffing or scheduling problems require it. A 290 course should only be taken if the material to be covered is not available in a scheduled course.

**Stage 2:** The second stage of the program (Year 3) is devoted to preparation for and taking of the comprehensive examinations in the two major fields, normally in the fall quarter of the third year. The winter and spring quarters are devoted in part to the preparation of the Professional Paper (Political Science 285), and Directed Research (Political Science 297) to prepare a dissertation prospectus under the direction of a principal advisor. The purpose of the Professional Paper is the writing of a manuscript that demonstrates the capacity of the student to identify, implement, and report on a manageable research topic. Students will also complete at least one additional course in both the winter and spring quarters. In the spring quarter, students are advanced to candidacy upon successful completion of the oral defense of their dissertation prospectus.

**Stage 3:** Years 4 and 5 comprise the third stage of the program. Students are normally expected to complete their degree within this period. Additional time is provided if circumstances warrant it. Whether circumstances justify additional time is to be determined by the Graduate Committee, in cooperation with the theses advisor. The normative time to the Ph.D. degree is 15 quarters.

Questions regarding academic advising should be directed to the Graduate Advisor, Dr. Max Neiman via Email at: [max.neiman@ucr.edu](mailto:max.neiman@ucr.edu). Questions regarding application requirements and/or procedures should be directed to the Graduate Assistant, Le Dina Joy, via Email at: [politics@ucr.edu](mailto:politics@ucr.edu).

## **FACULTY INFORMATION - DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE, UCR**

**JULIANN EMMONS ALLISON**, Assistant Professor, joined the UCR faculty in 1997. She earned her Ph.D. in Political Science from UCLA in 1995. Her central research projects employ a range of methods to describe and explain the process and outcomes of international negotiations, particularly those devoted to resolving disputes over the natural environment, the role of domestic political processes in shaping international cooperative arrangements, and women's contributions to the world's political economy. Her most recent work has appeared in the Lynton K. Caldwell award-winning *Flashpoints in Environmental Policymaking Controversies in Achieving Sustainability*, Sheldon Kamieniecki, George A. Gonzalez and Robert O. Vos, eds., *Policy Studies Journal*, *Shades of Green*, and the *Journal of Conflict Resolution*.

**SHAUN BOWLER**, Professor, received his Ph.D. from Washington University, St. Louis in 1988. His major research interests concern comparative voting behavior. His work examines the interaction between institutional arrangements and voter choice in a variety of settings ranging from the Republic of Ireland to California's direct democracy elections. Additional

interests of his include assessing the effects of campaigns on voter choices (he co-edited *Electoral Strategies and Political Marketing*) and the European Parliament.

**FERYAL CHERIF**, Acting Assistant Professor, joined UCR in 2005. She expects to receive her Ph.D. from New York University in September 2005. Her areas of research include international relations, human rights and international institutions. Her current research examines the evolution and diffusion of international norms and their impact on the realization of women's human rights. She has a forthcoming article in *International Studies Quarterly*.

**JOHN W. CIOFFI**, Assistant Professor, received his Ph.D. from the University of California, Berkeley, in 2002 and his J.D. from Rutgers University in 1990. Professor Cioffi studies the relationships between public law and comparative political economy. His current research focuses on the comparative law and political economy of national corporate governance regimes in Europe and the United States, and the politics of corporate governance reform from the 1980s to the present. In the wake of Enron and other massive corporate scandals, it has become painfully obvious that the business corporation is a critically important political economic institution and that the law determining its internal structure and governance is an increasingly vital policy area. Professor Cioffi's work finds that, in an era of globalization and free market ideology, regulation of business--and of corporate governance in particular--has actually *increased* as the functioning of the corporation becomes increasingly central in the course of economic and social development. Professor Cioffi has published numerous articles and chapters on the law and political economy of corporate governance, environmental regulation, the law and globalization, and the law and the digital economy. He teaches constitutional law, regulation, and comparative political economy. Prior to his academic career, Professor Cioffi practiced law in New York City.

**KEVIN M. ESTERLING**, Assistant Professor, received his Ph.D. in political science from the University of Chicago in 1999. Professor Esterling's research interests focus on information and lobbying in American national politics. He is the author of *The Political Economy of Expertise: Information and Efficiency in American National Politics* (University of Michigan Press, forthcoming 2004). He has published in *The Journal of Politics*, *Rationality and Society*, *Judicature*, and the *Journal of Theoretical Politics*. Esterling was previously a Robert Wood Johnson Scholar in Health Policy Research at the University of California, Berkeley and a postdoctoral research fellow at the Alfred A. Taubman Center for Public Policy and American Institutions at Brown University.

**P. MARTIN JOHNSON**, Assistant Professor, received his Ph.D. from Rice University (Houston, Texas) and joined the UCR faculty in 2002. His research uses public opinion surveys, archival election data, and behavioral experiments to explore American political behavior, public opinion, public policy, and race and ethnicity. In particular, Professor Johnson is interested in how the information provided by social and racial contexts affects individual attitudes and beliefs, as well as the implications of these for public policy. His research on public opinion in the American states has been recognized by the National Opinion Research Center and the State Politics and Policy section of the American Political Science Association. Professor Johnson's research has appeared in the *American Journal of Political Science*, *Electoral Studies*, *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, *Political Analysis*, and *State Politics and Policy Quarterly*.

**JOHN CHRISTIAN LAURSEN**, Professor, received his PhD from The Johns Hopkins University, and joined the UCR faculty in 1991. His field is political theory and the history of political thought, with special interests in the influence of skepticism on political thought, cosmopolitanism, and freedom of the press. He is the author of *The Politics of Skepticism in the Ancients, Montaigne, Hume, and Kant* (E. J. Brill, 1992), the editor of *New Essays on the Political Thought of the Huguenots of the Refuge* (Brill, 1995), *Religious Toleration* (St. Martin's/Macmillan, 1999), and *Histories of Heresy* (Palgrave/Macmillan, 2002), and co-editor of *Difference and Dissent: Theories of Toleration in Medieval and Early Modern Europe* (Rowman & Littlefield, 1996), *Beyond the Persecuting Society: Religious Toleration Before the Enlightenment* (University of Pennsylvania Press, 1998), *Continental Millenarians* (Kluwer, 2001), and *Early French and German Defenses of Freedom of the Press* (Brill, 2003). He has published articles in *Political Theory*, *History of Political Thought*, *Historical Reflections/Reflexions Historiques*, *Schweizer Monatshefte*, *Revista latinoamericana de filosofia*, *Anuario de filosofia del derecho*, *Law & Social Inquiry*, *Studies on Voltaire and the Eighteenth Century*, *History of European Ideas*, *Hume Studies*, *British Journal for the History of Philosophy*, and other journals, as well as chapters in books edited in the United States, England, Scotland, the Netherlands, Italy, Germany, Switzerland, and Spain. He has given invited lectures in Italy, Argentina, Canada, Mexico, Switzerland, the Netherlands, Germany, and Spain, in addition to the United States.

**BRONWYN LEEBAW**, Assistant Professor, received her Ph.D. from University of California, Berkeley and joined the UCR faculty in 2002. She has taught courses in international politics, human rights, political theory and feminist theory. Her current research interests include: movements for international and transitional justice, the relationship between international human rights and humanitarianism, and education reform in war-torn countries. She has received grants from the UC Berkeley Institute of International Studies and the Institute for the Study of World Politics and has published in the *American Journal of Comparative Law* and *Contemporary Justice Review*.

**RONALD LOVERIDGE**, Associate Professor, received his Ph.D. from Stanford in 1965. His major interest is city council legislative politics. Currently Mayor of the City of Riverside, his research has appeared in a variety of journals including *Polity*, *Urban Political Analysis*, and *Environment and Behavior*. He is also author of the book *City Managers in Legislative Politics*.

**JOHN MEDEARIS**, Assistant Professor, received his Ph.D. from the University of California, Los Angeles, in 1998 and joined the UCR faculty in 2001. His teaching and research interests include political theory (especially modern and contemporary), democratic theory, social movements, and social science methodology and philosophy. He has published articles in the *American Political Science Review* and the *British Journal of Political Science* and has articles forthcoming in *Polity* and the *American Journal of Political Science*. His recently published book, *Joseph Schumpeter's Two Theories of Democracy*, recently won the Thomas J. Wilson Memorial Prize for the best first book published by Harvard University Press. A former reporter for the *LA Times*, he is currently working on a new book project linking democratic theory to concrete social analysis.

**DAVID PION-BERLIN**, Professor, received his Ph.D. from the University of Denver and joined the UCR faculty in 1991. He is a Latin Americanist widely known for his research and writings on civil-military relations, military regimes, military political thought, political repression and human rights. He teaches undergraduate and graduate courses on Comparative Politics, The Politics of the Developing World, Modern Tyrannies, Latin American Politics, and Civil-Military Relations. He is the author and editor of four books and two dozen articles and chapters. Among his publications are *Civil-Military Relations in Latin America: New Analytical Perspectives* (University of North Carolina Press, 2001); *Through Corridors of Power: Institutions and Civil-Military Relations in Argentina* (Pennsylvania State University Press, 1997); *Democracia y Cuestión Militar* (co-authored with Ernesto López, Universidad Nacional de Quilmes 1996); and *The Ideology of State Terror: Economic Doctrine and Political Repression in Argentina and Peru* (Rienner Publishers, 1989). His articles have appeared in such journals as *Comparative Politics*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *The Latin American Research Review*, *The Journal of Interamerican Studies and World Affairs*, *The Journal of Latin American Studies*, *The Human Rights Quarterly*, *Armed Forces and Society*, *The Journal of Latin American Studies*, and *Studies in Comparative International Development*. Among his awards are the 1985 APSA Gabriel A. Almond Award for the best dissertation in the field of Comparative Politics, and grants from the Fulbright Commission, the National Science Foundation, The Tinker Foundation, the American Philosophical Society, and the Institute for Global Conflict and Cooperation. Currently, his research focuses on two areas. The first is on the relation between the Latin American military and efforts to promote market-oriented economic adjustment. The second is on the nature and origins of political change in Latin America, with case studies drawing on countries in the Southern Cone, the Andean and Central American regions.

**KARTHICK RAMAKRISHNAN**, Assistant Professor, received his PhD from Princeton University and joined the UCR faculty in 2005. His current research is on issues of political participation, civic voluntarism, immigrant adaptation, and the politics of race, ethnicity, and immigration in the United States. Prior to UCR, he was a Research Fellow for three years at the Public Policy Institute of California, where he authored peer-reviewed reports on immigrant adaptation, local governance, and civic engagement. Ramakrishnan has published articles in *International Migration Review* and the *Social Science Quarterly*. He is also the author of *Democracy in Immigrant America* (Stanford University Press, 2005) and is co-editor of a forthcoming volume on immigrant politics from the University Press of Virginia.

**ANTOINE YOSHINAKA**, Acting Assistant Professor, joined the UCR faculty in 2004. He expects to receive his Ph.D. in political science from the University of Rochester in 2004. His current research focuses on American political parties, voting and elections, Congress, and voting rights. Yoshinaka's co-authored book, *Establishing the Rules of the Game: Election Laws in Democracies* (University of Toronto Press, 2003), is the first systematic comparative survey of election laws in 63 countries around the world. His research has appeared in *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, *Electoral Studies*, the *Review of Constitutional Studies*, and *Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Education*.

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## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR FOREIGN APPLICANTS**

### **TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language)**

ALL applicants whose first language is not English must submit scores from the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). This exam is administered by the Educational Testing Service and offered in nearly every country abroad. *This exam must be taken within two years of the time you intend to enroll at UCR.* The minimum acceptable score for the written exam is 550: for the computer-based exam the minimum acceptable score is 213.

### **Graduate Record Exam (GRE)**

The GRE general test is required for admission consideration; the GRE subject test is not required. Your score reports should be sent directly to the Department of Political Science at UCR. You are advised to take the test early, preferably in October or November, so that scores will be received in time for evaluation.

If you have more questions or concerns about student visas or foreign student Regulations, you may wish to contact the UCR International Student Services Center at (909) 787-4113 or visit their website at: [www.internationalcenter.ucr.edu](http://www.internationalcenter.ucr.edu).

### **Letters of Recommendation**

Three letters of recommendation are required in support of all applications for admission. At least two of these letters should be requested from professors in your major subject. *In all cases, letters of recommendation must be submitted on university or company letterhead* and should be sent directly to the department office, not to Graduate Admissions.

### **Verification of Financial Support**

Total required fees and expenses are estimated at US\$33,000 per calendar year (this figure is subject to change). This amount is for the student alone. This estimate includes US\$19,378 for fees/tuition for three quarters and US\$13,622 for basic living expenses, books and other school supplies for the nine month academic year only. Married students must verify an additional US\$3,500 if accompanied by a spouse and another US\$3,000 for a child; each additional dependent requires US\$1,200. Opportunities for university financial assistance are limited. *The University will NOT issue a certificate of eligibility (Form I-20 or IAP-66) unless you provide the Graduate Division with evidence of your ability to pay all required fees and expenses for the duration of your program.* In some cases, American embassies and consulates will not grant you a student visa unless you can provide proof of adequate funding for the entire stay.

All international applicants must complete the International Applicant Confidential Financial Statement, which can be downloaded from Supplementary forms of the Electronic Application. All applicants must answer all questions in Part I of this form. The processing and consideration of your application will be delayed until **all** information is provided. You must also complete Parts II, III and IV if they apply. Two (2) copies of verification documents (such as bank deposits) must be provided - one in the original language and the second in the English language.

### **Fellowship Consideration**

Due to reduced state funding and the high cost of non-resident tuition, the Department is unable to provide full fellowship funding for international students.

### **Certification of Records**

Applicants are required to submit official records from each academic institution attended after secondary school. Official records are original documents issued by the institution which bears the actual signature of the registrar in ink and the seal of the issuing institution. Certified copies and notarized documents are not acceptable. To be considered as official, these documents must be sent directly to the academic program at UCR from the issuing institution. All official academic records must be issued in the original language AND accompanied by English translations prepared by the issuing institution. Specially prepared English versions are not acceptable in place of documents issued in the original language. If translations are not available from the institution itself, they may be prepared by government or official translators. For translations to be acceptable, they must bear the stamp or seal of the issuing institution or governmental agency and the original signature of the translator. They must be complete and exact word-for-word translations of the original documents, not interpretations. Grades must not be converted to a US scale. Records submitted for review may not be borrowed, returned to you, or sent elsewhere.

Academic records must show the dates of your enrollment, all subjects or courses, units, credits or hours, and grades in each subject. If rank is determined by the results of comprehensive examinations, records should show the examination date and your scores, rank, class and division. All records must include a complete description of institutional grading scales or other standards of evaluation with maximum grades and minimum marks indicated. If official academic records issued by your institution do not list the courses or subjects studied in preparation for comprehensive examinations or identify the topics on which you were examined, you should prepare two copies of course descriptions or lists of lectures, seminars, or laboratory periods attended during the academic year. Wherever possible you should include hours per week devoted to each subject and marks earned in the subject. Such course descriptions or lists should be certified as complete and accurate by a university official or the supervisor of your studies.

You must also submit official evidence (certificate/diploma) of the conferral of all degrees, diplomas or professional titles and the date of the formal conferral (month and year). These certificates/diplomas should indicate the exact name of the degree, diploma, or title as it is known in the country of origin and not in US terms. If you are applying before the end of your final year of study, send a supplementary record showing completion of all remaining coursework and evidence of the degree as soon as it is available.

#### ***Australia, Canada, New Zealand, South Africa***

Minimum qualifications: Honours or the bachelor's degree requiring at least four years with a minimum of First Class or Second Class (Upper Division).

Records: Official transcripts showing courses, grades and degrees conferred.

#### ***Baltic and East Europe States, Former Soviet Republics***

Minimum Qualifications: Diplom or Diploma, Inzenyr, Magister, Oklevel requiring four to five years of post-secondary study.

Records: (1) Diploma certificate accompanied by the Diploma's addendum or appendix, a grade report, or academic records listing the institution attended, dates of attendance, field of specialization, courses completed, marks received and state examinations passed. (2) Must be in the original language issued by the institution and accompanied by certified translations. Photocopies of academic records and translations must be properly certified.

#### ***India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Burma, Nepal***

Minimum qualifications: B.Engr., B.Sc (in Engineering only); B.Tech., B.Arch., or a master's degree in a nontechnical field.

Records: (1) Detailed mark sheets (grade reports) for each year of study and all yearly examinations. Individual examinations and papers must identify the subjects and show minimum, maximum and awarded marks as well as overall results. Exams and papers must state the level of pass, class and division; rank in class should be indicated if available. (2) Syllabi of course lists with the content of each subject covered in the program. (3) Diplomas or official statements from all degree-granting universities with the date of formal conferral.

***Central and Latin America, Mexico, Portugal, Spain***

Minimum qualifications: Licenciado or professional title or degree.

Records: (1) All post-secondary academic records listing courses, marks, including results of the thesis or professional exam and diplomas conferred. (2) Official diploma certificates or evidence of completion of all requirements for the degree or title. Applicants from Spain must submit a receipt showing payment of the fees required to produce the diploma certificate. (3) Records and translations must be certified by the issuing institution or by an academic or public official.

***Denmark, The Netherlands, Norway, Sweden***

Minimum qualifications: Candidatus, Kandidaati, Sivilengenjor, Doctorandus (drs), Ingenior requiring four years of university work or Filosofie Kandidat or Hogskoleexamen representing at least 120 points.

Records (1) Academic records listing all subjects taken and marks for each year of study. (2) Official diploma certificates.

***France or French-Patterned Universities***

Minimum qualifications: Diplome or Maitrise; or the title of Ingenieur.

Records: (1) Must be in French issued by the institution and accompanied by certified translations. Specially prepared English versions of French originals are not acceptable. (2) Releve de notes showing all courses/subjects and grades/marks/mentions for each subject or course for each year including rank in class if available. (3) Reussite or Diplome showing completion of all requirements for the professional title or degree and date of completion or award.

***Germany***

Minimum qualifications: Hauptdiplom, Magister Artium or Staatsexamen.

Records: (1) must be in German and accompanied by certified translations, (2) official copies of all examination records (Vorprufung, Hauptprufung, Staatsexamen), Seminarscheine, and diplom certificates as well as photographic copies of the Studienbuch.

***People's Republic of China***

Minimum qualifications: Bachelor's degree requiring four years of university study.

Records: (1) Academic records, *including a degree certificate*, in Chinese accompanied by a complete English translation listing all courses and grades. **Grades should not be converted to a US scale.** All records and translations must bear the original red stamp or seal of the issuing institution and the signature in ink of the appropriate university official. Photocopies of the official stamp or seal are not acceptable. Records must be received directly from the Chinese institution. Records submitted by the applicant will be considered unofficial.

***United Kingdom and Schools Employing the British System***

Minimum qualifications: Honours bachelor's degree with a minimum of First Class or Second Class (Upper Division).

Records: (1) Official statements from each college or university, indicating dates of attendance, program of study, courses and grades (if institutional policy permits). (2) Reports from tutors evaluating performance, and courses completed and in progress. (3) Official copies of all diploma and degree certificates issued by the university, not the college, indicating class and division.

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