

The Faculty of Political Science Lomonosov Moscow State University

Acting Head of the Faculty - Professor A.Y. Shutov, Doctor of Historical Sciences

In accordance with the decision of the University's Academic Council and at the behest of the University's President, Victor Antonovich Sadovnichiy, Academic of the Russian Academy of Science, Lomonosov Moscow State University's Faculty of Political Science was founded in 2008. Its various stated goals include the training and further education of specialists in the classical university traditions, whilst integrating present day international experience with innovative research into practical, day-to-day modern politics.

There has been a long tradition of teaching political science at MSU that stretches back to 1755. In fact, a Politics Department was amongst the first ten department faculties created by the University's founder, M.V. Lomonosov. During the first half of the 19th century, there was even a Department of Ethical and Political Sciences. Contemporary political science has been taught since 1989, but for nearly two decades this was done in Department of Philosophy's Political Science Division, which had the responsibility of schooling political analysts and scientists.

Today, under the recently established independent Faculty of Political Science, students are able to specialize in manifold disciplines: history and political theory; the history of political thought; political analysis and predictive modeling; comparative politics; political conflict management (conflictology); political sociology and psychology; state politics and management; world politics; international relations and geopolitics; political processes in Russia; electoral systems and voting processes; political informatics and information-analytical work; and global studies and environmental politics. In every instance, significant attention is given to work experience. In the final years of their studies, students carry out practical training programs in various Sub-Departments of the Presidential Administration Office as well as in the Russian Government, the Russian State Duma, the Federation Council, and in the information-analysis and public relations departments of different Russian corporations, political and consulting agencies and mass media and international organizations.

Today the Faculty of Political Science comprises seven different departments. These and the respective Head of Departments are:

- History and Political Theory, Professor A.Y. Shutov - Dean of the Faculty of Political Science and Doctor of Historical Sciences;
- History of Social and Political Studies, Professor A.A. Shirinjan - Doctor of Political Science;
- Russian Politics, Professor V.I. Kovalenko - Doctor of Philosophical Sciences;
- Political Sociology and Psychology, Professor E.B. Shestopal - Doctor of Philosophical Sciences;

- Comparative Politics, Professor Y.S. Pivovarov - Doctor of Political Sciences and Academic of the Russian Academy of Science.

- Public Policy, V.I. Yakunin - Doctor of Political Sciences;

- International relations and integration processes, L.E. Slutsky – Doctor of Economic Sciences.

In addition, the Faculty includes the following Sub-Departments:

- World Politics and International Relations;

- Workshop for Communications Systems and Information Technology; and the

- Workshop for Mathematical Methods and Political Analysis and Forecasting.

Furthermore, students of the Faculty of Political Science are given the opportunity to study in one of the specialist Educational Programs described below, whereby the course curricula integrate and reflect the requirements of the modern day job market.

- "Political Management and Public Affairs" - In this area students are schooled in political management and communications, skills that are highly valued and sought after by governmental organs, public associations, political consulting services as well as the media. Students are taught a series of specialist courses, including: Organization and Planning; Public Relations and Campaigning in the Political Environment; Technology of Political Communications; Electoral Systems and the Electoral Processes; Theory and Practice of Public Affairs; and Political Advertising.

- "Ecopolitics" - This represents a new and innovative discipline that has been growing in status and importance in other countries for a long while. In recent times it has received increasing recognition in Russia, where there is an ever growing demand for specialists with the skills needed to develop and carry out environmental political strategies, competently and effectively manage natural resources and organize public campaigns that deal with environmental issues. In this connection, the main courses taught in the program are Concept and Politics of Sustainable Development, Ecological Politics Abroad and Ecological Politics of Russia.

- "Economic Policy and the Modern State" - This prepares future specialists in the field of strategic planning, financial and economic analysis and long term state economic development. Alongside traditional courses pertaining to basic economics (including Political Economy, Finance and Credit, Accounting), the program offers courses in Income Policy, Monetary Policy, Risk Analysis and Evaluation in Economics.

- "Political Regionalistics and Ethnos - Politics" - Students in this program focus on the study of regional political processes both within and outside of Russia. The program is today of special relevance and importance because of its highly valued, very specific courses. These include Politics of Ethnos, Geopolitics and Political Processes in the Post-Soviet Environment.

- "Political Communications" - Students following this curriculum are taught skills that should allow them to become specialists and professionals in the field of political information-communicative politics. Attention is given to the socio-psychological aspects of political communications, and the program's graduates are sought after highly by the mass media that covers politics, information agencies and bodies that manage public relations for both government and private business.

The Faculty of Political Science also prepares graduate students in: Political Analytics and Information Science; Political Communications and Public Affairs; and Human Rights and Democratization.

Students looking to enter the first year of studies must have completed either a professional or general secondary education. Admission is competitive and is done on the basis of a student's state exam results (Unified State Examination) and those of additional tests. As concerns the state exam results, the following subjects are given special consideration: Social Science, Russian History and Russian Language. There are thirty-five fully financed scholarships available. Those awarded scholarships or given commendations receive grants upon enrolment in compliance with the prevailing legislation of the Russian Federation.

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