

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS
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Dear Applicant:

Thank you for considering the University of Illinois at Chicago for your graduate studies in political science. Our department has much to offer: a distinguished faculty, a vibrant graduate student environment, the resources available in a first-rate research university, and the excitement of one of the world's great cities.

If it is practical for you, please schedule an appointment to visit the UIC campus and to meet with our Graduate Advisor, James Nell (jnell@uic.edu) and with me (dgraber@uic.edu). We would also be happy to answer any questions you may have about our program, application process, or other matters through e-mail to Mr. Nell or me or over the phone (312-996-8660).


Please spend some time on our web site www.uic.edu/depts/pols . It contains a lot of important and helpful information about our department. Here you can find essential information about the faculty's research interests, look up course syllabi for required classes, and learn about events in and around the department. By consulting the "announcements and events" section of our web site you will be able to familiarize yourself with the many activities of the department and its graduate students, like faculty and student participation at professional conferences and recent publications by department members. The web site describes our special teacher training program, including our Preparing Future Faculty (PFF) initiative, teacher training workshops, and placement assistance in local colleges.

We nurture a faculty and graduate student culture that stresses mentoring relationships. Graduate students have formed an independent organization that facilitates student participation in the department and that encourages a healthy exchange of ideas. The department also encourages students to learn outside UIC through the visiting scholar program of the Center for Institutional Cooperation and through specialized training opportunities offered at other universities.

Chicago is a global city with an unmatched architectural heritage and cultural vitality. UIC is located only a few blocks away from Chicago's Loop and is adjacent to thriving urban neighborhoods such as Greek Town and Little Italy. There is a direct elevated train "EL" connection to the Loop, Union Station, and to the city's two major airports. The city has spawned a voluminous literature in all fields of knowledge, and it continues to attract attention from scholars from all over the world.

We look forward to receiving your application to our excellent program.

Sincerely,


Doris A. Graber
Director of Graduate Studies

P.S. Please note that our application deadline for all applicants is now February 15, 2008.