

Political Science MA Program

Option I

(Thesis)

30 total credits

Required Courses:

Pol. 700, 707, and 708

Option II

(Comprehensive)

36 credits total

Required Courses:

Pol. 700 and 710

*6 credits elective may be taken outside the Dept. w/ approved of chair.

New Student Information

1. All students in the program must take POL 700 – no exceptions. Those students who plan to write a thesis are required to take POL 707 and 708.
2. Students are not required to take a particular density of course work in any of the three fields offered by the department (American Political Institution, International Relations, Political Theory). However, students are encouraged to expose themselves to work in all three areas at some point in their program.
3. The Department will accept up to 6 credits to transfer toward the degree. The credit will be awarded only after the students has provided evidence of successful completion of the course (no grade lower than B), as well as course description. All determinations in these matters will be made by the program advisor and/or the chairperson.
4. Students make take up to 6 credits of the course work outside of the department, e.g. history.
5. Students choosing the comprehensive examination option are required to take a total of 36 credits for the degree including POL 710. Students who elect to write a thesis are required to take a total of 30 credits.
6. Students are reminded to file a degree application at the Registrar's office early in the last semester of the program.
7. Full-time students are allowed to take a maximum of 9 credits per semester. Working students should not take more than 6 credits per semester maximum.