Political Science Graduate Program
Learning Objectives

Students with a M.A./M.S. in Political Science will be able to:

1) Understand research design and methods important to the field and use them to conduct research about significant political questions.

Performance evaluation:

- POLS 6010 – Research Design course grades.
- IDEA evaluations for POLS 6010.

2) Demonstrate familiarity with scholarly literature in the student’s specific field of inquiry.

Performance evaluation:

For students in the American Politics and Political Theory Track:

- POLS 6020 – Public Policy Analysis course grades.
- POLS 6030 – Political Theory, Political Economy and Capitalism course grades.
- POLS 6280 – US Institutions course grades.
- IDEA evaluations for POLS 6020, 6030, and 6280.

For Students in the International Security Track:

- POLS 6220 – Theories of Comparative Politics course grades.
- POLS 6250 – Theories of International Relations course grades.
- POLS 6260 – Topics in International Politics course grades.
- IDEA evaluations for POLS 6220, 6250, and 6260.

3) Effectively apply critical thinking and analytical skills to address significant issues in the political world.

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4) **Write clearly and cogently about political questions, using appropriate language in the discipline, and be able to construct organized and coherent verbal presentations on political topics.**

Performance evaluation:

- POLS 6970 – Thesis Research.