



This program requires completion of 30 graduate credits (all courses are three credits unless otherwise designated). The Master of Arts degree requires language proficiency in a second language as determined by the Languages and Philosophy Department. The Master of Science degree requires quantitative competency. Completion of the degree requires a Plan A thesis or a Plan B paper. The department expects students to complete a Plan A thesis. See the USU Graduate Student Handbook for more details on Plan A versus Plan B theses, or speak with the Graduate Director.

Course Requirements

- POLS 6010 Research Design (satisfies quantitative competency requirement)
- POLS 6300 American Politics Seminar
- POLS 6220 Comparative Politics Seminar
- POLS 6250 International Relations Seminar
- POLS 6310 Political Theory Seminar
- POLS 5000+ or 6000+ electives (9 hours if Plan A thesis, 12 hours if Plan B thesis)

Thesis Hours Requirements

- POLS 6970 (6 hours if Plan A thesis, 3 hours if Plan B thesis.)

Alternative Elective Credits

- POLS 6910 - Graduate Tutorial (1-3 credits) (may count up to 6 credits toward the degree, subject to approval of the Graduate Director.)
- POLS 6920 - Internship (may count up to 3 credits toward the degree, subject to approval of the Graduate Director.)
- Other courses outside the Department of Political Science (may count up to 3 credits toward the degree, subject to approval of the Graduate Director.)

Other Requirements

- Minimum 3.0 GPA while enrolled in the Graduate Program (C grades or lower are not counted for credit).
- Completion and Successful Oral Defense of Master's Thesis.

Funding

- Students will be awarded a graduate stipend and tuition assistance on a competitive basis for up to two years.
- To receive the graduate stipend, the student will work as a teaching assistant for no more than 20 hours per week for a professor in the Department.
- Funding is contingent on making appropriate progress toward completion of the Master's Degree.

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