

THE CURRICULUM

The 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. The Graduate Program consists of two area tracks with each student choosing one of the two. Details in terms of requirements and courses follow.

Course Requirements

Effective Fall 2014, the Master's degree in Political Science will consist of two area tracks, with each student choosing **one** of the two. Details of requirements and courses follow. Completion of the degree requires a total of 30 credits, along with a thesis or Plan B. The department expectation is the completion of a Plan A thesis.

American Politics and Political Theory

Required Courses (18 credits)

- POLS 6010 – Research Design (**3 credits**)
- **Two** of the following three classes: POLS 6020 – Public Policy Analysis; POLS 6030 – Political Theory, Political Economy, and Capitalism; POLS 6*** – U.S. Institutions (**6 credits**)
- **One** of the following three classes from the International Security Track: POLS 6210 – International Security; POLS 6220 – International/Comparative Theory; POLS 6230 – Terrorism and Counter-Terrorism (**3 credits**)
- POLS 6970 – Thesis Research (**at least 6 credits**)

Elective Courses (12 credits)

Students must complete *additional* 12 credits, chosen from the following list:

- POLS 6020 – Public Policy Analysis (**3 credits**)
- POLS 6030 – Political Theory, Political Economy, and Capitalism (**3 credits**)
- POLS 6*** – U.S. Institutions (**3 credits**)
- POLS 6210 – International Security (**3 credits**)

- POLS 6220 – International/Comparative Theory (**3 credits**)
- POLS 6230 – Terrorism and Counter-Terrorism (**3 credits**)
- POLS 5130 – Law and Policy (**3 credits**)
- POLS 5140 – Law, Politics, and War (**3 credits**)
- POLS 5200 – Global Environment (**3 credits**)
- POLS 5480 – International Trade Policy (**3 credits**)
- POLS 5810 – Politics and Public Policy (**3 credits**)
- POLS 5*** – Strategic Culture (**3 credits**)
- POLS 5*** – Regional Security (**3 credits**)
- POLS 6*** – Qualitative Methods (may count as required methods class) (**3 credits**)

Note: Students in the American Politics and Political Theory Track may also select courses from the International Security Track.

International Security

Required Courses (21 credits)

- POLS 6010 – Research Design (**3 credits**)
- **Two** of the following three classes: POLS 6210 – International Security; POLS 6220 – International/Comparative Theory; POLS 6230 – Terrorism and Counter-Terrorism (**6 credits**)
- **One** of the following three classes from the American Politics and Political Theory Track: POLS 6020 – Public Policy Analysis; POLS 6030 – Political Theory, Political Economy, and Capitalism; POLS 6*** – U.S. Institutions (**3 credits**)
- Any 5000/6000 methods course taught inside or outside Political Science, with the approval of the Director of Graduate Studies (**3 credits**)
- POLS 6970 – Thesis Research (**at least 6 credits**)

Elective Courses (9 credits)

Students must complete *additional* 9 credits, chosen from the following list:

- POLS 6020 – Public Policy Analysis (**3 credits**)
- POLS 6030 – Political Theory, Political Economy, and Capitalism (**3 credits**)
- POLS 6*** – U.S. Institutions (**3 credits**)
- POLS 6210 – International Security (**3 credits**)
- POLS 6220 – International/Comparative Theory (**3 credits**)
- POLS 6230 – Terrorism and Counter-Terrorism (**3 credits**)
- POLS 5130 – Law and Policy (**3 credits**)
- POLS 5140 – Law, Politics, and War (**3 credits**)
- POLS 5200 – Global Environment (**3 credits**)
- POLS 5480 – International Trade Policy (**3 credits**)
- POLS 5810 – Politics and Public Policy (**3 credits**)
- POLS 5*** – Strategic Culture (**3 credits**)
- POLS 5*** – Regional Security (**3 credits**)
- POLS 6*** – Qualitative Methods (may count as required methods class) (**3 credits**)

Note: Students in the International Security Track may also select courses from the American Politics and Political Theory Track.

Other Requirements (12 credits)

The remaining 12 credits needed for the degree may be chosen from the following, with the approval of the Graduate Director:

- POLS 6910 - Graduate Tutorial (**1-3 credits**) (may count up to 6 credits toward the degree, subject to approval)
- POLS 6920 - Internship (**1-15 credits**) (may count up to 3 credits toward the degree, subject to approval)
- Approved graduate courses taught outside of Political Science (**1-3 credits**)