

Political Science MA/MS

Graduate students seeking the Master of Arts degree in Political Science must demonstrate language proficiency. This can be accomplished with 12 semester hours (four courses) in one foreign language, 6 semester hours (above elementary courses) if 2 years of high school credit in the language have been submitted as part of the regular university admission requirements, 3 semester hours if the student presents 3 or 4 years of high school credit, or American Sign Language (ASL) is considered an acceptable foreign language. Students should consult with departmental Director of Graduate School regarding this requirement if the undergraduate degree is a Bachelor of Arts.

Those graduate students seeking the Master of Science degree in Political Science must demonstrate analytical, statistical, & mathematical competencies through any combination of 9 hours undergraduate and/or graduate courses beyond those required for the degree with departmental advisor approval of courses.

Master of Arts/Master of Science in Political Science - Option I Thesis

Ten course program to be completed (30 semester hours)

Thesis (6 semester hours)

PSCI 518	Thesis (6 semester hours required)	3-6
Only 6 semester hours of credit for 518 per degree will be given upon satisfactory completion of the requirement		

Research Methods (3 semester hours)

3 semester hours (1 course) from:

PSCI 512	Qual Res Methods	3
PSCI 540	Applied Data Analysis for Political Science	3

Comparative Politics (3 semester hours)

3 semester hours (1 course) from:

PSCI 503	Proseminar in Comp Pol	3
PSCI 504	Sem in Area Studies	3

International Relations (3 semester hours)

3 semester hours (1 course) from:

PSCI 506	Proseminar in IR	3
PSCI 508	Seminar in Foreign Policy	3

American Government and Politics (3 semester hours)

3 semester hours (1 course) from:

PSCI 509	Seminar in American Government and Politics	3
PSCI 510	Sem in Am Pol Beh	3
PSCI 511	Sem in Am Pol Inst	3

Political Theory (3 semester hours)

3 semester hours (1 course) from:

PSCI 513	Prosem in Pol Theory	3
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Electives (9 semester hours)

9 semester hours (3 courses) from:

Students may choose any of the courses above not used to satisfy foundational requirement in addition to any of the following courses for a total of 9 semester credit hours.

PSCI 505	Topics Comp Pol	3
PSCI 507	Selected Topics in IR	3
PSCI 514	Ideology of Third Reich	3
PSCI 515	Select Topics Holocaust	3
PSCI 522	Holocaust and Genocide	3
PSCI 597	Special Topics	3
PSCI 541	Seminar in American Public Policy	3

Total Hours

30

Master of Arts in Political Science - Option II Non-Thesis

Twelve course program to be completed (36 semester hours)

Political Science Research Methods (6 semester hours)

Required		
PSCI 595	Research Project (3 semester hours required)	3
3 semester hours (1 course) from:		
PSCI 512	Qual Res Methods	3
PSCI 540	Applied Data Analysis for Political Science	3

Comparative Politics (3 semester hours)

3 semester hours (1 course) from:		
PSCI 503	Proseminar in Comp Pol	3
PSCI 504	Sem in Area Studies	3

International Relations (3 semester hours)

3 semester hours (1 course) from:		
PSCI 506	Proseminar in IR	3
PSCI 508	Seminar in Foreign Policy	3

American Government (3 semester hours)

3 semester hours (1 course) from:		
PSCI 509	Seminar in American Government and Politics	3
PSCI 510	Sem in Am Pol Beh	3
PSCI 511	Sem in Am Pol Inst	3

Political Theory (3 semester hours)

3 semester hours (1 course) from:		
PSCI 513	Prosem in Pol Theory	3

Political Science Electives (15 semester hours)

15 semester hours (5 courses) from:		
PSCI 505	Topics Comp Pol	3
PSCI 507	Selected Topics in IR	3
PSCI 515	Select Topics Holocaust	3
PSCI 522	Holocaust and Genocide	3
PSCI 541	Seminar in American Public Policy	3
PSCI 597	Special Topics	3

Elective (3 semester hours)

3 semester hours any Graduate Level Course (excluding 518 & 595)		3
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Total Hours**36****Master of Science in Political Science - Option II Non-Thesis****General Track****Political Science Research Methods (9 semester hours)**

9 semester hours required		
PSCI 595	Research Project (3 semester hours required)	3
PSCI 512	Qual Res Methods	3
PSCI 540	Applied Data Analysis for Political Science	3

Comparative Politics (3 semester hours)

3 semester hours (1 course) from:		
PSCI 503	Proseminar in Comp Pol	3
PSCI 504	Sem in Area Studies	3

International Relations (3 semester hours)

3 semester hours (1 course) from:		
PSCI 506	Proseminar in IR	3
PSCI 508	Seminar in Foreign Policy	3

American Government (3 semester hours)

3 semester hours (1 course) from:

PSCI 509	Seminar in American Government and Politics	3
PSCI 510	Sem in Am Pol Beh	3
PSCI 511	Sem in Am Pol Inst	3
Political Theory (3 semester hours)		
3 semester hours (1 course) from:		
PSCI 513	Prosem in Pol Theory	3
Political Science Electives (12 semester hours)		
12 semester hours (4 courses) from:		
PSCI 505	Topics Comp Pol	3
PSCI 507	Selected Topics in IR	3
PSCI 514	Ideology of Third Reich	3
PSCI 515	Select Topics Holocaust	3
PSCI 516	The Holocaust	3
PSCI 541	Seminar in American Public Policy	3
PSCI 597	Special Topics	3
Courses outside of Political Science Department (3 semester hours)		
3 semester hours (1 course) outside the Political Science Department (excluding 518 & 595)		
Total Hours		36

Note: Successful completion of the Comprehensive Exam is required of all students.