

## Political Science MA Degree Requirements

### ADVISING CHECKLIST

As of Fall 2022, graduate students have the following requirements for an MA degree in Political Science. Exceptions or substitutions are sometimes possible by petition.

More information can be found in two places:

- the [2022/2023 University Catalog](#)
- the PS grad website [Degree Requirements and Process](#)

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#### A. Core Courses – 13 units

- POL S 615 - Seminar in Research Design and Analysis in Political Science (3 units)
  - POL S 675 - Seminar in International Relations (3 units)
  - POL S 605 - Seminar in Political Theory (3 units)
  - POL S 603 - Seminar in Foundations of Public Policy
- OR**
- POL S 655 - Seminar in General Comparative Political Systems (3 units)
  - POL S 798 - Special Study for thesis or exam readiness (1 unit)

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#### B. Two Graduate Seminars – 6 units

Two graduate seminars chosen from among the following list, or approved substitutes. Elective seminars may not repeat other courses being used toward degree requirements unless the course permits repeated enrollment with different content (605, 630, 635, and 675 only).

- POL S 603 - Seminar in Foundations of Public Policy (3 units)
  - POL S 605 - Seminar in Political Theory (3 units)
  - POL S 616 - Tools for Quantitative Analysis (3 units)
  - POL S 617 - Seminar in Applied Qualitative Methods (3 units)
  - POL S 620 - Seminar in American National Government (3 units)
  - POL S 630 - Seminar in Politics (3 units)
  - POL S 635 - Seminar in Issues in Public Policy (3 units)
  - POL S 655 - Seminar in General Comparative Political Systems (3 units)
  - POL S 658 - Seminar in Post-Communist Political Systems (3 units)
  - POL S 661 - Seminar in the Political Systems of the Developing Nations (3 units)
  - POL S 667 - Seminar in Latin American Political Systems (3 units)
  - POL S 675 - Seminar in International Relations (3 units)
  - POL S 696 - Seminar in Selected Topics in Political Science (3 units)
- Seminar course: \_\_\_\_\_
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**C. One 500-Level Elective – 3 units**

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One graduate course chosen from among 500-level courses in Political Science, with the approval of the graduate adviser.

500-level course: \_\_\_\_\_

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**D. Two Additional Elective Courses (6 units)**

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Six additional units of Political Science coursework at the 500-700 level, courses from other departments, or transfer courses. Any elective other than 600-level Political Science courses must be pre-approved by the graduate adviser.

Only one 3-unit 795, 797, or 798 may be included in the Program of Study. This limit does not include the 1-unit preparation for culminating experience.

Plan B students may not take additional Special Studies beyond the 798 to prepare for exams.

Elective course: \_\_\_\_\_

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**E. Culminating Experience (3 units)**

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Plan A: POL S 799A, Thesis (3 units)

**OR**

Plan B: Comprehensive written and oral examination, with POL S 798 (3 units) dedicated to preparation.