



PROGRAM FOR THE MASTER OF ARTS DEGREE IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

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A. PREREQUISITE/CONDITIONAL COURSEWORK* *if any* (indicate course #, semester completed, and grade)

Course 1: POLS 3710		Course 2: POLS 3720		Course 3: POLS 3730		Course 4: POLS 3740	
semester	/grade	semester	/grade	semester	/grade	semester	/grade

*Prerequisite courses **do not** count toward units in the MA program. *Classes noted as a prerequisite, however, must be satisfied with a grade of "B" or better.*

B. OFFICIAL MA COURSEWORK (must maintain cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher; no credit for grade of C- or below). Total of 30 units required.

I. Required Core (18 units)	UNITS	GRADE	SEMESTER	↓ Course Substitutions or Transfer Coursework ↓
American Politics				
1. POLS 5040 Seminar: Quantitative Methods and American Political Behavior	3			
2. POLS 5050 Seminar: American Political Studies	3			
Political Theory				
3. POLS 5100 Seminar: Political Theory ("C" grade satisfies GVAR requirement)	3			
Global Politics (Intl Relations/Comparative Politics)				
4. POLS 5260 Seminar: International Political Economy <i>or</i> POLS 5270 Seminar: Advanced Studies in IR	3			
5. POLS 5440 Seminar: Jurisprudence in a Globalized World	3			
6. POLS 5500 Seminar: Comparative Politics	3			
II. Concentration (9-12 units) Choose one concentration → <input type="radio"/> Political Theory <input type="radio"/> American Politics <input type="radio"/> Global Politics				
1.	3			Concentration Electives Political Theory: POLS 4310, 4330, 4350, 4370, 5090, 5980. Or one course in Philosophy: PHIL 4100, PHIL 4130, PHIL 5440. American: POLS 4000, 4030, 4040, 4060, 4080, 4090, 4140, 4180, 4250, 4410, 4810, 5980. Global: IR, Choose 2: POLS 4250, 4260, 4270, 4290, 5980. Comparative, Choose 2: POLS 4460, 4500, 4510, 4520, 4530, 4540, 4580, 4590, 5310. Note: Thesis students with Global Concentration can take three courses, but with at least one in IR and one in Comparative.
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Note: MA Thesis students need only three concentration courses.				
III. Comprehensive Exam or Thesis (0-3 units)				
OPTION A				
POLS 5960: Comprehensive Examination	0.0	CR/NC		*maximum of two attempts*
OPTION B (requires M.A. advisor approval)				
POLS 5990: Thesis. Students who write an MA thesis may substitute 3.0 thesis units for one concentration elective.	3.0	CR/NC		*no equivalent transfer credit allowed*

C. UNIVERSITY REQUIREMENTS WPE/GWAR:

Exempt ___ Required ___ Semester & Year satisfied _____

Semester Classified (G2)	_____
Semester Candidacy (G3)	_____

Student _____ Date _____

Advisor _____ Date _____

REQUIREMENTS FOR CONCENTRATIONS (9-12 UNITS)

Each concentration requires the completion of **four** elective courses (or **three** for thesis students) drawn primarily from the undergraduate curriculum (4000-level courses only) in the Department of Political Science. In addition to the 4000-level undergraduate courses listed for each concentration, students also have the option of completing POLS 5980: Graduate Directed Study. POLS 5980 requires students to complete an independent research paper or comparable project under the supervision of a faculty member (who must be ranked as Assistant Professor or above). It may also be possible to take a 4000-level or graduate-level course in *another department* as a substitute concentration elective, but this must be designated and approved by the MA advisor *prior* to enrolling in the course and added to the student's designated course plan in the department and NSS office. **Students who experience difficulties finding courses to fulfil their concentration requirements should consult with the MA Advisor.**

Students who are approved to write an MA thesis (which counts for three units) may elect to take only **three** concentration electives instead of four.

American Politics Concentration (total of four electives, except for thesis students)

- Choose **four courses** from the following: POLS 4000, 4030, 4040, 4060, 4080, 4090, 4140, 4180, 4250, 4410, 4810, 5980 (POLS 5980 must be supervised by a faculty member in American Politics).

Political Theory Concentration (total of four electives, except for thesis students)

- Choose **four courses** from the following: POLS 4310, 4330, 4350, 4370, 5090, 5980 (POLS 5980 must be supervised by a faculty member in Political Theory), or **one** course (only) in the Department of Philosophy: PHIL 4100, 4130, PHIL 5440.

Global Politics Concentration (total of four electives, except for thesis students)

- *International Relations.* Choose **two courses** from the following: POLS 4250, 4260, 4270, 4290, 5980 (POLS 5980 must be supervised by a faculty member in Comparative Politics).
- *Comparative Politics.* Choose **two courses** from the following: POLS 4460, 4500, 4510, 4520, 4530, 4540, 4580, 4590, 5310.
- Thesis students taking three electives should take *at least one elective* in International Relations *and one elective* in Comparative Politics.

REQUIREMENTS FOR COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION AND THESIS

Students choose either to take the comprehensive examination *or* to write a thesis, the latter subject to the approval of the thesis chair and MA graduate advisor. Students electing to take the comprehensive examination (POLS 5960) should plan to take the examination after completing at least 15 units of graduate seminars and six units of concentration electives (typically the fourth semester of enrollment). Students will be allowed a maximum of two attempts to complete the comprehensive examination successfully. Failure to pass the comprehensive examination, or any portion thereof, will result in disqualification from the program. Students who are approved to write an MA thesis may choose to take only three concentration electives instead of four.

Students who have made one attempt to pass the comprehensive examinations may not change to the thesis option; students who have completed the POLS 5990 "thesis course" may not change to the comprehensive examination option.

Thesis students who do not complete their thesis in one semester should enroll in UNIV 9000 the succeeding semester in order to maintain continuous enrollment (which allows use of university facilities, etc.).