Political Science (PhD)

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Program Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this program, students will be able to:

- Demonstrate mastery of the literature, empirical tools, and theoretical models used in at least one subfield in the discipline of political science (American Politics, Comparative Politics, International Relations, or Political Theory), and strong familiarity with a second subfield.
- Demonstrate the ability to identify and answer original research questions by designing and producing publishable research.
- Develop the ability to communicate original research, both written and verbal.
- Develop the ability to teach foundational, intermediate, and field courses at the undergraduate level.
- Achieve the doctoral degree within six years.

PhD in Political Science

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1. Completion of 100 credits (18 credits are for dissertation) beyond the bachelor's degree. Research: [Topic] (PS 601) and Reading and Conference: [Topic] (PS 605) may be taken pass/no pass. All other course work must be taken for letter grades
2. Demonstrated proficiency in quantitative and qualitative research methods
3. Completion of a research paper no later than the sixth term of enrollment (excluding summer)
4. Completion of required seminars in the two area fields in which the student takes comprehensive examinations. Students should take these seminars as early as possible, and prior to examination
5. Passing two comprehensive examinations: one major field and one minor field, selected from the list below. Each field comprises several themes from which the student must choose a subset
   - classical and contemporary political theory
   - comparative politics
   - international relations
   - public policy
   - United States politics
6. After passing the comprehensive examinations, completion of PS 621 and 18 credits in Dissertation (PS 603), to be taken while completing the PhD dissertation
7. Defense of the written dissertation in an oral examination

Code	Title	Credits
Seminar Requirement		
A minimum of 10 credits must be from required field core seminars that thematically parallel the student's comprehensive exams. Core seminars by subfield are listed below:		
Comparative Politics		
PS 628	States and State-Society Relations	
PS 629	Comparative Political Economy	
PS 630	States and Regimes	
International Relations		
PS 624	International Relations	
PS 626	International Political Economy	
Political Theory		
PS 622	Political Theory	
United States Politics		
PS 607	Seminar: [Topic] (American Politics Pro-Seminar)	
One 600-level U.S. political science seminar		
One additional 500- or 600-level U.S. political science course		
Public Policy		
PS 625	Public Policy	
Select one of the following:		
PS 566	Civil Rights in Post-Warren Era	
PS 567	The United States Presidency	
PS 577	International Environmental Politics	
PS 595	United States Political Economy	
PS 630	States and Regimes	
Methods Requirement		
PS 545	Methods for Politics and Policy Analysis I [1]	
PS 546	Methods for Politics and Policy Analysis II [1]	
PS 612	Qualitative Methods	
PS 613	Interpretive Methods in Political Science	
PS 614	Research Design	
PS 621	Dissertation Prospectus	
Supervised College Teaching		
PS 615	Teaching and Learning in Politics and Policy	
Professional Development		
PS 616	Professionalization in Politics and Policy: [Topic] [2]	
Dissertation		
PS 603	Dissertation	
Total Credits		**100**

[1] If PS 545 and/or 546 are not offered during a specific year, the Graduate Coordinator will notify students of the quantitative methods courses that will count towards this requirement.

[2] Taken twice in the first year (Winter and Spring terms)

A complete description of graduate requirements, including an explanation of themes and field requirements, is available on the department website (http://polisci.uoregon.edu/).