MINIMUM GRADUATE SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS

Review the Graduate School minimum academic progress and degree requirements (http://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/#policiesandrequirementstext), in addition to the program requirements listed below.

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

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Mode of Instruction Definitions

Accelerated: Accelerated programs are offered at a fast pace that condenses the time to completion. Students typically take enough credits aimed at completing the program in a year or two.

Evening/Weekend: Courses meet on the UW–Madison campus only in evenings and/or on weekends to accommodate typical business schedules. Students have the advantages of face-to-face courses with the flexibility to keep work and other life commitments.

Face-to-Face: Courses typically meet during weekdays on the UW-Madison Campus.

Hybrid: These programs combine face-to-face and online learning formats. Contact the program for more specific information.

Online: These programs are offered 100% online. Some programs may require an on-campus orientation or residency experience, but the courses will be facilitated in an online format.

CURRICULAR REQUIREMENTS

Minimum Credit Requirement: 51 credits

Minimum Residence Credit Requirement: 51 credits

Minimum Graduate Coursework Requirement: 26 credits must be graduate-level coursework. Refer to the Graduate School: Minimum Graduate Coursework (50%) Requirement policy: https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244/.

Overall GPA Requirement: 3.00 GPA required.

Graduate GPA Requirement: Refer to the Graduate School: Grade Point Average (GPA) Requirement policy: https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1203/.

REQUIRED COURSES

The PhD is earned through a combination of coursework and dissertation. The program is designed to provide students with both a general training in political science and the opportunity to specialize in their areas of interest. The subfields of political science found in our department are American politics (https://polisci.wisc.edu/american-politics/), comparative politics (https://polisci.wisc.edu/comparative-politics/), political theory and philosophy (https://polisci.wisc.edu/political-theory/), international relations (https://polisci.wisc.edu/international-relations/), and political methodology (https://polisci.wisc.edu/political-methodology/). Each student will select a first field and a second field. The first field is the field within which the student expects to write a doctoral dissertation. The second field complements and supports the first field and the student’s intellectual and research interests.

Students must complete the following courses.
POLI SCI 800  Political Science as a Discipline and Profession (Must be done in the first semester)  1

POLI SCI 817  Empirical Methods of Political Inquiry  3

POLI SCI 801  Dissertation Proposal Research and Writing Seminar  3

**Statistical Methodology Coursework-Graduate Level**  3

While POLI SCI 812 is the course usually completed to satisfy this requirement, in consultation with the Department and Methods Field Chair, these credits may be taken in another department.

**Breadth Requirement**  9

**Workshops**

Students must complete any requirements specified by the student's primary subfield, like presenting at a workshop. Depending on the subfield, students may enroll in the following courses, which may be applied toward the minimum credit requirement.

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**First Year Assessment**

Students must meet with advisor to discuss the faculty's First Year Assessment of your progress in the program by the start of the third semester.

**Dissertation Idea Presentations**

Students must present one or more possible dissertation ideas to a committee with a minimum of two faculty members no later than September 15th of the fifth semester.

**Conference Level Research Paper**

Students must submit a conference level research paper for review by January 15 before start of sixth semester.