

POLITICAL SCIENCE, PH.D.

REQUIREMENTS

MINIMUM GRADUATE SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS

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

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

MODE OF INSTRUCTION

Face to Face	Evening/ Weekend	Online	Hybrid	Accelerated
Yes	No	No	No	No

Mode of Instruction Definitions

Accelerated: Accelerated programs are offered at a fast pace that condenses the time to completion. Students are able to complete a program with minimal disruptions to careers and other commitments.

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

Requirements Detail

Minimum Credit Requirement 51 credits

Minimum Residence Credit Requirement 51 credits

Minimum Graduate Coursework Requirement Half of degree coursework (26 credits out of 51 total credits) must be completed graduate-level coursework; courses with the Graduate Level Coursework attribute are identified and searchable in the university's Course Guide (<http://my.wisc.edu/CourseGuideRedirect/BrowseByTitle> (<http://my.wisc.edu/CourseGuideRedirect/BrowseByTitle>)).

Overall Graduate GPA Requirement 3.00 GPA required.

Other Grade Requirements No other grade requirements.

Assessments and Examinations Doctoral students must complete written exams in two subfields before the end of the sixth semester. A dissertation proposal must be defended prior to the start of the seventh semester in the program.

Language Requirements No language requirements.

Doctoral Minor/Breadth Requirements All doctoral students are required to complete a minor. Students are expected to consult with their advisors concerning minor/breadth requirements. At the time the student requests the preliminary exam warrant, a summary should be prepared of the effort in interdisciplinary coursework and training.

All Option B minors require the approval of the student's advisor and the associate chair.

With program approval, students may be allowed to count 9 credits of graduate coursework from other institutions toward fulfillment of the minor requirement.

REQUIRED COURSES

Code	Title	Credits
------	-------	---------

General Structure of the Program

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
	Statistical Methodology Coursework-Graduate Level	3

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

Take and pass two general prelims from the specified list (International Relations, American Politics, Comparative Politics, Political Theory, Political Methodology) in June following your fourth semester.

Present one or more possible dissertation ideas to a committee with a minimum of two faculty members no later than September 15th of the 5th semester.

POLI SCI 801 Research and Writing Seminar 3
Submit a conference level research paper for review by January 15 before start of 6th semester.

Complete the minor requirement. 9

Meet the minimum graduate credit requirement. 32

Fulfill any requirements specified by the student's primary subfield, such as presenting at a workshop.

Maintain minimum of B average in coursework.

Remove all Incompletes before defending the dissertation proposal.

Produce an approved dissertation proposal before the start of the seventh semester.

Write, defend and deposit a thesis of an acceptable standard that makes an original contribution to knowledge.

Total Credits 51