

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).

I. Required Core (21 units)				UNITS	GRD	SEMESTER	↓ Course Substitutions or Transfer Coursework ↓
American Politics							
POLS 5040 Seminar: American Political Behavior				3			
POLS 5050 Seminar: American Political Studies				3			
Political Theory							
POLS 5090 Seminar: Foundations of Empirical Political Theory				3			
POLS 5100 Seminar: Political Theory				3			
Global Politics (Intl Relations/Comparative Politics)							
POLS 5260 Seminar: International Political Economy or POLS 5270 Seminar: Advanced Studies in IR				3			
POLS 5440 Seminar: Jurisprudence in a Globalized World				3			
POLS 5500 Seminar: Comparative Politics				3			
II. Concentration (9 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, 5980. Optional to take one course in Philosophy: PHIL 4100 or PHIL 4130 or PHIL 5440. American: POLS 4000, 4030, 4040, 4060, 4080, 4090, 4140, 4180, 4250, 4410, 4810, 5980. Global: IR, <i>Choose 1 or 2:</i> POLS 4250, 4260, 4270, 4290, 4460, 5980. Comparative, <i>Choose 1 or 2:</i> POLS 4460, 4500, 4510, 4520, 4530, 4540, 4580, 4590, 5310, 5980.			
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IV. Comprehensive Exam or Thesis (3-6 units)							
OPTION A							
POLS 5960: Comprehensive Examination				0.0			*maximum of two attempts*
OPTION B (requires M.A. advisor approval)							
POLS 5990: Thesis. Students who write an MA thesis may, with the approval of the M.A. advisor, substitute 3.0 thesis units for one required seminar of their choosing. Students may also take an additional 3.0 units if they are unable to successfully complete their thesis within one semester.				3.0-6.0			*no equivalent transfer credit allowed*

Total minimum units =====|30 – 36|

C. UNIVERSITY REQUIREMENTS WPE/GWAR:

CSU exempt ___ Required ___ Semester & Year satisfied _____

Student _____ Date _____

Advisor _____ Date _____

Department Chair _____ Date _____

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

REQUIREMENTS FOR CONCENTRATIONS (9 UNITS)

Each concentration requires the completion of **three** elective courses 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 single faculty member. Students must receive approval from both the supervising faculty member and the M.A. Advisor prior to enrolling in POLS 598.

If you have any problems fulfilling the requirements of your selected concentration, please speak with the M.A. Advisor as soon as possible.

American Politics Concentration (Total of Three Electives)

- Choose **three 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 Three Electives)

- Choose **two or three courses** from the following: POLS 4310, 4330, 4350, 4370, 5980 (POLS 5980 must be supervised by a faculty member in Political Theory).
- Students may also take **one** of the following courses in the Department of Philosophy: PHIL 4100 or PHIL 4130 or PHIL 5440.

Global Politics Concentration (Total of Three Electives)

- *International Relations.* Choose **one or two courses** from the following: POLS 4250, 4260, 4270, 4290, 4460, 5980 (POLS 5980 must be supervised by a faculty member in Comparative Politics).
- *Comparative Relations.* Choose **one or two courses** from the following: POLS 4460, 4500, 4510, 4520, 4530, 4540, 4580, 4590, 5310, 5980 (POLS 5980 must be supervised by a faculty member in Comparative Politics).

REQUIREMENTS FOR COMPREHENSIVE EXAM AND THESIS

Students choose either to take the comprehensive exam *or* to write a thesis, the latter subject to the approval of the thesis chair, the M.A. graduate advisor, and the department chair. Students electing to take the comprehensive examinations (POLS 5960) should expect to take the examinations after the semester they complete all but one required seminar. Students will be allowed a maximum of two attempts to complete the comprehensive examinations successfully. Failure to pass the comprehensive examinations, or any portion thereof, will result in disqualification from the program. Students who are approved to write an MA thesis may, with the approval of the M.A. advisor, substitute 3.0 thesis units for one required seminar of their choosing. Students writing a thesis must enroll in a minimum of 3.0 thesis units (POLS 5990), but may take an additional 3.0 units if they are unable to successfully complete their thesis within one semester.

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.