

Political Science

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The M.A. program is designed for students interested in international relations, comparative politics, American government, and public policy. Additionally, the program is affiliated with a consortium formed by the U.S. Navy and several civilian graduate schools. Students may be allowed to transfer a maximum of 15 semester hours from one member of the consortium to another.

The program consists of 33 semester hours plus successful completion of a comprehensive examination or a thesis.

All new students should be advised initially by the department chairperson. After their first semester, students should select their advisor from the program faculty who will chair the examinations committee or direct the thesis.

In addition to general University requirements, students seeking the M.A. in Political Science must meet the requirements listed below.

Course descriptions are listed alphabetically by prefix in the back of this *Catalog*.

POLITICAL SCIENCE SPECIALIZATION

Political Science Core (21 sh)

CPO	6006	Seminar in Comparative Politics	3
INR	6007	Seminar in International Relations	3
PAD	6275	Political Economy of Public Administration	3
POS	6006	The Study of Politics	3
POS	6045	American Politics	3
POS	6704	Political Science Research Methods	3
POT	5602	Masters of Political Thought	3

Electives (6-12 sh)

Thesis students take 6 sh of electives while non-thesis students take 12 sh of electives. With the approval of their advisors, students may take 6 semester hours in disciplines outside Political Science. They may enroll in an undergraduate course for graduate credit to learn the fundamentals of a discipline, or in a directed readings course to explore in greater depth an area of interest in Political Science.

Thesis Option (0-6 sh)

Students may choose to complete a Thesis (POS 6971 - 6 sh) in lieu of completing 6 sh of electives.

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION SPECIALIZATION

Political Science Core (21 sh)

Same as Political Science Specialization

Public Administration Specialization (12 sh)

PAD	6053	The Public Administration Professional	3
PAD	6227	Public Budgeting	3
PAD		elective with the permission of the chair	3
		Chair approved PAD elective or other elective	3

Advisor Approved Comprehensive Examination (0 sh)

The program is capped with a comprehensive examination, both written and oral. The purpose of the examination is to help the student synthesize knowledge from different courses into a coherent whole. The examination will be administered by a three member committee of department faculty, one of whom will chair or supervise the student's efforts in preparing for the examination.