

Summary of Requirements for MA in Political science

- All graduate students must be *continuously enrolled* in the program & maintain a **3.0** GPA average. Exception: must file a leave of absence form with the graduate school & get their approval.
- *See MA advisor before signing up for classes & check in regularly.*

MA Thesis Option

30 Semester Credits required, at least half of credits @graduate 500 level

Complete PSC 520, 530, 540, 550

PSC 491 (3 cr) Research Goals - recommended

Complete 4 Field Exams

{Must get a passing grade on each one; may retake any exam once if unsatisfactory grade received}

Additional course work: **9 elective credits** (6 credits may be taken outside the PS dept.)

6 credits max. can be used for internships

6 credits max. can be independent study
>400 level UG courses can be used for credit

6 credits max. can be PSC 599 thesis

Complete two oral exam: a thesis prospectus oral and thesis defense (*Must deliver complete thesis to grad school before oral exam.)

Thesis Committee: 3 faculty members (2 from the PS dept. and one from outside.)

MA Comprehensive Study Option

36 Semester Credits required, at least half of credits @graduate 500 level

Complete PSC 520, 530, 540, 550

PSC 491 (3 cr) Research Goals - recommended

Complete 4 Field Exams

{Must get a passing grade on each; may retake any exam once if unsatisfactory grade received.}

Additional course work: **24 elective credits** (12 credits may be taken outside the PS dept.)

6 credits max. can be used for internships

6 credits max can be independent study
> 400 level UG courses can be used for credit

Complete 3 professional research papers (@ 25 pages with references) in at least 2 sub-fields of political science.

All M.A. Students:

- Usual course load per semester: 12 credits, 16 credits max.
- Consider Tompkins winter session course: PSC 495 Public Policy
- Consider summer school for independent study
- **TAs** are required to register **for 9 credits min. each semester**
- Keep an eye on graduate calendar & not miss deadlines for filing graduation papers, caps/gowns etc. (I'll remind you when you come for advising as well.)
- Be sure to read the Graduate School's Degree Standards & Masters Degree Policies (on graduate school website).