

Expectations for Second and Third Year Political Theory Ph.D. Students

Second Year

Demonstrating capacity for independent research (e.g. in seminar, workshop, or conference papers).

Demonstrating a high level of commitment to and engagement with political theory research (e.g. participation in seminars, attendance at and participation in internal research workshops such as the Political Theory Colloquium and the Tocqueville Center lecture series, discussing research and research opportunities with faculty).

Submitting proposals to present papers at academic conferences such as the annual meetings of the Association for Political Theory, the Midwest Political Science Association, and the American Political Science Association.

Taking opportunities to present research at forums within the department and on campus, such as the annual Midwest Political Science Conference paper preparation workshop or the Gender and Politics group.

Discussing dissertation topics with faculty who might serve on your dissertation committee.

Taking the first steps to move work toward publication.

Third Year

Demonstrating capacity for independent research (e.g. in seminar, workshop, or conference papers).

Demonstrating a high level of commitment to and engagement with political theory research (e.g. participation in seminars, attendance at and participation in internal research workshops such as the Political Theory Colloquium and the Tocqueville Center lecture series, discussing research and research opportunities with faculty).

Submitting proposals or presenting papers at academic conferences such as the annual meetings of the Association for Political Theory, the Midwest Political Science Association, and the American Political Science Association.

Taking opportunities to present research at forums within the department and on campus, such as the annual Midwest Political Science Conference paper preparation workshop or the Gender and Politics group.

Taking the department's optional "Academic Career" course or planning to take it soon after becoming ABD.

Having a dissertation topic, assembling a dissertation committee, and taking serious steps toward producing a dissertation proposal.

Submitting articles to journals or coming very close to article submission.