UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME | POLITICAL SCIENCE

Political Science PhD Curriculum Guide

Year One	
Fall Semester	**Spring Semester**
POLS 63800: Proseminar	Methods Course*
POLS 60833: Intro. to Quantitative Methods*	1st Field Course
1st Field Course	1st Field or 2nd Field course
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*Not required for First Field Political Theory students. Political Theory students take additional elective courses in place of * course to meet 42 credit requirement.*	
Summer: Study language or take a language exam; read for exams; preliminary/exploratory dissertation research	
Year Two	
Fall Semester	**Spring Semester**
1st Field or 2nd Field course	1st Field or 2nd Field course
1st Field or 2nd Field course	Elective Course
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Perform assistantship each semester (teaching assistant, research assistant, journal editor/intern, etc)	
Attendance at Kaneb Center TA training workshop if TAing	
Attendance at (at least) two Kaneb Center teaching workshops if TAing	
First comprehensive exam in Political Science (January)	
Declare advisor (Spring Semester)	
Summer: Summer methods workshop if needed; preliminary/exploratory dissertation research	

Year Three	
Fall Semester	**Spring Semester**
Finish any outstanding course requirements	POLS 98699: Research and Dissertation
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Perform assistantship each semester	
Submit article for publication or major grant and submit department form (before proposal defense)	
Summer: Dissertation proposal defense (before end of summer semester); conduct dissertation research	
Year Four	
Fall Semester	**Spring Semester**
POLS 98699: Research and Dissertation OR POLS 98700: Non-Resident R&D	POLS 98699: Research and Dissertation OR POLS 98700: Non-Resident R&D
	Optional: POLS 98701: The Academic Career
Perform assistantship each semester	
Submit article for publication	
Year Five	
Fall Semester	**Spring Semester**
POLS 98699: Research and Dissertation OR POLS 98700: Non-Resident R&D	POLS 98699: Research and Dissertation OR POLS 98700: Non-Resident R&D
Complete, defend, and submit dissertation by Graduate School deadlines	

Deadlines assume transferring less than 12 credits. If 12-24 credits are approved and transferred, students should refer to the Graduate Student Manual for relevant deadlines.

PSPS Students should refer to the PSPS Curriculum Guide found at kroc.nd.edu