American Politics Field
Expectations for Second-Year and Third-Year Reviews

In addition to the formal requirements of the Ph.D. program that are stated in the Graduate Studies Manual, the American Politics field has the following general expectations for its students as they approach the end of their second year and the end of their third year in the Ph.D. program.

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 science research (e.g. participation in seminars, attendance at and participation in internal research workshops, discussing research and research opportunities with faculty)
- Presenting research at the Rooney Center workshop or other internal seminars or workshops
- Submitting proposals to present papers at academic conferences
- Beginning to give serious thought to dissertation topics through discussion with faculty
- Taking the first steps to move work toward publication
- Demonstrating appropriately professional behavior in roles as research or teaching assistants

Third Year

- Demonstrated accomplishment of independent research (e.g. in seminar, workshop, or conference papers)
- Demonstrating a high level of commitment to and engagement with political science research (e.g. participation in seminars, attendance at and participation in internal research workshops, discussing research and research opportunities with faculty)
- Presenting research at the Rooney Center workshop or other internal seminars or workshops
- Presenting papers at academic conferences
- Submitting papers to journals.
- In assistantship assignments demonstrating the abilities and maturity conducive to an eventual faculty position.
- Having a dissertation topic in hand and a potential director, and progressing towards a completed proposal