



Political Science PhD Curriculum Guide

Year One	
Fall Semester	Spring Semester
POLS 63800: Proseminar	Methods Course*
POLS 60833: Intro. to Quantitative Methods*	1 st Field Course
1 st Field Course	1 st Field or 2 nd Field course
1 st Field or 2 nd Field course	1 st Field or 2 nd Field course
<i>*Not required for First Field Political Theory students. Political Theory students take additional elective courses in place of * course to meet 42 credit requirement.</i>	
Summer: Study language or take a language exam; read for exams; preliminary/exploratory dissertation research	
Year Two	
Fall Semester	Spring Semester
1 st Field or 2 nd Field course	1 st Field or 2 nd Field course
1 st Field or 2 nd Field course	Elective Course
Elective Course	Elective Course
<i>Perform assistantship each semester (teaching assistant, research assistant, journal editor/intern, etc)</i>	
<i>Attendance at Kaneb Center TA training workshop if TAing</i>	
<i>Attendance at (at least) two Kaneb Center teaching workshops if TAing</i>	
<i>First comprehensive exam in Political Science (January)</i>	
<i>Declare advisor (Spring Semester)</i>	
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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<i>Perform assistantship each semester</i>	
<i>Second comprehensive exam (September)</i>	
<i>Submit article for publication or major grant and submit department form (before proposal defense)</i>	
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
	<i>Optional:</i> POLS 98701: The Academic Career
<i>Perform assistantship each semester</i>	
<i>Submit article for publication</i>	
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
<i>Complete, defend, and submit dissertation by Graduate School deadlines</i>	

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