

REQUIREMENTS FOR POLITICAL SCIENCE SUBFIELDS

DEPARTMENTAL REQUIREMENTS: Students in American Politics, Comparative Politics, and International Relations are all required to complete the methodology sequences (PS 204, 205, and 206).

Ph.D. Skills Requirements: Students must select from one of the following two options:

- 1) A total of five graduate methodology seminars from among POLS 203-209 with at least a B grade in each, i.e., two additional methodology courses to those required for all doctoral candidates, with the exception of those having political theory as a first field.
- 2) Language Proficiency: One year of instruction in a foreign language, or professional knowledge of a foreign language demonstrated through examination.

AMERICAN POLITICS:

Ph.D. First Field (exam only):

Three AP graduate seminars - Students without a substantial undergraduate background in any area of American Politics are strongly encouraged to take POLS 215.

Students who are interested in any area of American Politics with a quantitative side are strongly encouraged to take POLS 207, or its equivalents in other departments.

Ph.D. Second Field (exam option):

Three AP graduate seminars - Students without a substantial undergraduate background in any area of American Politics are strongly encouraged to take POLS 215.

Ph.D. Second Field (field paper option):

Four AP graduate seminars - Students without a substantial undergraduate background in any area of American Politics are strongly encouraged to take POLS 215 or 266.

COMPARATIVE POLITICS:

Ph.D. First Field (exam only):

POLS 230 and 231, and one other CP graduate seminar, preferably from among the “theoretical” seminars on offer (e.g. POLS 233, 251, 279, 281, 288, 289, or 594ED). Although only three seminars are required, students are encouraged to take four seminars.

Ph.D. Second Field (exam option):

POLS 230 and 231, and one other CP graduate seminar, preferably from among the “theoretical” seminars on offer (e.g. POLS 233, 251, 279, 281, 288, 289, or 594ED). Although only three seminars are required, students are encouraged to take four seminars.

Ph.D. Second Field (field paper option):

POLS 230 and 231, and two other graduate seminars approved by the faculty advisor.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS:

Ph.D. First Field (exam only):

Three IR graduate seminars – Students without a substantial undergraduate background in any area of International Relations are strongly encouraged to take POLS 225. In addition, students are strongly urged to take POLS 273 and one of either POLS 275 or 277.

Ph.D. Second Field (exam option):

Three IR graduate seminars – Students without a substantial undergraduate background in any area of International Relations are strongly encouraged to take POLS 225. In addition, students are strongly urged to take POLS 273 and one of either POLS 275 or 277.

Ph.D. Second Field (field paper option):

Four IR graduate seminars – Students without a substantial undergraduate background in any area of International Relations are strongly encouraged to take POLS 225. In addition, students are strongly urged to take POLS 273 and one of either POLS 275 or 277.

POLITICAL THEORY:

Ph.D. First Field (exam only):

POLS 241 and POLS 242 and one PT graduate seminar from among POLS 203, 243 and 594 (relevant to Political Theory).

Ph.D. Second Field (exam option):

POLS 241 and POLS 242 and one PT graduate seminar from among POLS 203, 243 and 594 (relevant to Political Theory).

Ph.D. Second Field (field paper option):

POLS 241 and POLS 242 and two PT graduate seminars from among POLS 203, 243 and 594 (relevant to Political Theory).

SELF-DEFINED FIELD

Ph.D. Second Field (field paper only):

Four graduate seminars constituting a coherent field of study. The courses must be selected in consultation with the student's faculty advisor. Both the student's faculty advisor and the graduate advisor must approve the field and courses. Upon formal approval, students have one year to complete the paper.

NOTE: Appropriate courses in the POLS 500 series or other relevant graduate seminars may be substituted for required seminars by petition, with the approval of the Graduate Committee.