

Government (PhD)

All candidates for graduate degrees are expected to develop a broad competence in the discipline as a whole as well as expertise in specific areas. The program offers specialized instruction in the following fields: American politics, comparative politics, international relations, methodology, political theory, public law, and public policy.

Graduate Handbook

Graduate handbook information is updated and maintained by each program. Graduate handbooks are available within each program's office and [online](#). Please contact the program with concerns or questions.

Total hours required: 42

Requirements

A doctoral degree candidate will typically earn between 105 and 126 hours of coursework while fulfilling the following general requirements:

- 1. complete foundation courses in political science and more specialized coursework in major and minor fields of study;
- 2. participate in a second-year review;
- 3. pass a written examination in the major field;
- 4. prepare and defend a dissertation proposal; and
- 5. write an original dissertation and successfully defend it in oral examination.
- 6. Additional information on specific requirements and procedures is available from the department.

Code	Title	Hours
All students must also follow the following requirements and policies:		
Graduate Liberal Arts Requirements		
Graduate University Requirements		