

Political Science Graduate Program Curriculum Change

Summary: Increase the number of hours required to earn in both MA options in Political Science: the MA in Political Science and the online MA in Political Science with the Public Policy/Public Administration Option.

Effective Date: Fall 2021

Rationale: Nearly all graduate level courses in Political Science are 3 credits. The 32 hour degree requirement usually results in students taking 2-credit independent studies. While independent studies can be excellent opportunities for students, most students are better served with an additional course. Increased enrollment growth indicates that we will not have the staffing capacity to deliver these independent studies (9-12 CUs per year). However, with planned staffing increases for 2021-2022, we will be able to offer additional graduate courses (6 CUs per year) to meet the additional hour requirement.

Current Catalog Language/MA in Political Science

Degree Requirements

Degree requirements include those outlined for the master's degree by the Graduate School (see "Requirements for the Master's Degree"). Additional requirements include a total of 32 semester hours, including research methods, a thesis or capstone project, and required courses, and electives. Students completing the Thesis must complete 26 hours in addition to the 6 hour Thesis. Students completing the Capstone Project must complete 29 hours in addition to the 3 hour Capstone Project.

Required Courses

Required courses. Total Credits 6-9

PLS 5053 - Research Methods in Political Science Credits: 3
and

PLS 5950 - Thesis. Credits: 3 to 6

OR

PLS 5940 - Political Science Capstone Project Credits: 3

Proseminars

Complete two of the following. Total Credits 6

PLS 5373 - Proseminar on American Politics Credits: 3

PLS 5023 - Proseminar in International Politics. Credits: 3

PLS 5433 - Proseminar in Comparative Politics. Credits: 3

Political Science Electives

Choose two courses from the following list. Total Credits 6

PLS 4763 - Environmental Politics and Policy Credits: 3

PLS 4774 - American Constitutional Law. Credits: 3
PLS 4853 - The Supreme Court Credits: 3
PLS 5073 - Seminar in Political Behavior. Credits: 3
PLS 5173 - Congress and the Presidency Credits: 3
PLS 4933 - Ideologies of the Developing World. Credits: 3
PLS 5033 - Comparative Institutional Analysis. Credits: 3
PLS 5533 - Seminar in Political Modernization. Credits: 3
PLS 4903 - Classic Political Theory. Credits: 3
PLS 4913 - Contemporary Political Theory. Credits: 3
PLS 4923 - African American Political Thought Credits: 3
PLS 4943 - American Political Thought Credits: 3
PLS 5153 - Cities and Urban Policy in the U.S. Federal System Credits: 3
PLS 5163 - State Governments and Policy in the U.S. Federal System Credits: 3
PLS 4823 - International Policy Issues Credits: 3
PLS 5900 - Special Topics in Political Science, Public Administration and Public Policy Credits: 1-3

Public Administration and Public Policy Electives

Choose two courses from the following list. Total Credits 6

PLS 5843 - Proseminar in Public Policy Research and Analysis Credits: 3
PLS 5543 - Proseminar in Public Administration Credits: 3
PLS 4763 - Environmental Politics and Policy Credits: 3
PLS 4793 - Civic and Nonprofit Leadership Credits: 3
PLS 4873 - Human Resource Management in Public and Nonprofit Organizations Credits: 3
PLS 4893 - Budgeting in Government and Nonprofit Organizations Credits: 3
PLS 5153 - Cities and Urban Policy in the U.S. Federal System Credits: 3
PLS 5163 - State Governments and Policy in the U.S. Federal System Credits: 3
PLS 4823 - International Policy Issues Credits: 3
PLS 5900 - Special Topics in Political Science, Public Administration and Public Policy Credits: 1-3
PLS 4763, 4823; 5153; and 5163 may satisfy either elective category, but will not double-count.
PLS 5900 will count in the elective category appropriate to course content, but will not double count in both categories.

Additional Coursework

Students must take additional 5-12 hours of graduate-level courses from the all of the electives listed above, or the courses below.

Students completing a Thesis may count no more than 3 hours from the following courses, and students completing the Capstone Project may count no more than 6 hours from the following courses.

PLS 5980 - Administrative Internship. Credits: 1 to 6
PLS 5990 - Independent Study. Credits: 1 to 6
PLS 5997 - Study Abroad. Credits: 3 to 6

Proposed Catalog Language/MA in Political Science

Degree Requirements

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Required Courses

Required courses. Total Credits 6-9

PLS 5053 - Research Methods in Political Science Credits: 3

and

PLS 5950 - Thesis. Credits: 3 to 6

OR

PLS 5940 - Political Science Capstone Project Credits: 3

Proseminars

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PLS 5023 - Proseminar in International Politics. Credits: 3

PLS 5433 - Proseminar in Comparative Politics. Credits: 3

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PLS 4853 - The Supreme Court Credits: 3

PLS 5073 - Seminar in Political Behavior. Credits: 3

PLS 5173 - Congress and the Presidency Credits: 3

PLS 4933 - Ideologies of the Developing World. Credits: 3

PLS 5033 - Comparative Institutional Analysis. Credits: 3

PLS 5533 - Seminar in Political Modernization. Credits: 3

PLS 4903 - Classic Political Theory. Credits: 3

PLS 4913 - Contemporary Political Theory. Credits: 3

PLS 4923 - African American Political Thought Credits: 3

PLS 4943 - American Political Thought Credits: 3

PLS 5153 - Cities and Urban Policy in the U.S. Federal System Credits: 3

PLS 5163 - State Governments and Policy in the U.S. Federal System Credits: 3

PLS 4823 - International Policy Issues Credits: 3

PLS 5900 - Special Topics in Political Science, Public Administration and Public Policy Credits: 1-3

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PLS 4893 - Budgeting in Government and Nonprofit Organizations Credits: 3

PLS 5153 - Cities and Urban Policy in the U.S. Federal System Credits: 3

PLS 5163 - State Governments and Policy in the U.S. Federal System Credits: 3

PLS 4823 - International Policy Issues Credits: 3

PLS 5900 - Special Topics in Political Science, Public Administration and Public Policy Credits: 1-3

PLS 4763, 4823; 5153; and 5163 may satisfy either elective category, but will not double-count.

PLS 5900 will count in the elective category appropriate to course content, but will not double count in both categories.

Additional Coursework

Students must take additional ~~5-126-13~~ hours of graduate-level courses from ~~the~~ all of the electives listed above, or the courses below.

Students completing a Thesis may count no more than 3 hours from the following courses, and students completing the Capstone Project may count no more than 6 hours from the following courses.

PLS 5980 - Administrative Internship. Credits: 1 to 6

PLS 5990 - Independent Study. Credits: 1 to 6

PLS 5997 - Study Abroad. Credits: 3 to 6

Current Catalog Language/MA in Political Science with the Public Administration/Public Policy Option

Degree Requirements

Degree Requirements: Degree requirements include those outlined for the master's degree by the Graduate School (see "Requirements for the Master's Degree"). Additional requirements include a total of 32 semester hours, including research methods, a capstone project, required courses, and electives.

PLS 5054 - Research Methods in Public Administration and Public Policy Credits: 3

PLS 5940 - Political Science Capstone Project Credits: 3

Proseminars

Complete both of the following courses. Total Credits 6

PLS 5843 - Proseminar in Public Policy Research and Analysis Credits: 3

PLS 5543 - Proseminar in Public Administration Credits: 3

Public Administration and Public Policy Electives

Choose two of the following. Total Credits 6

PLS 4763 - Environmental Politics and Policy Credits: 3

PLS 4793 - Civic and Nonprofit Leadership Credits: 3

PLS 4873 - Human Resource Management in Public and Nonprofit Organizations Credits: 3

PLS 4893 - Budgeting in Government and Nonprofit Organizations Credits: 3

PLS 4823 - International Policy Issues Credits: 3

PLS 5153 - Cities and Urban Policy in the U.S. Federal System Credits: 3

PLS 5163 - State Governments and Policy in the U.S. Federal System Credits: 3

PLS 5900 - Special Topics in Political Science, Public Administration and Public Policy Credits: 1-3

Political Science Electives

Choose two of the following. Total Credits 6

PLS 4763 - Environmental Politics and Policy Credits: 3

PLS 4774 - American Constitutional Law. Credits: 3

PLS 4853 - The Supreme Court Credits: 3

PLS 5073 - Seminar in Political Behavior. Credits: 3

PLS 5173 - Congress and the Presidency Credits: 3

PLS 4933 - Ideologies of the Developing World. Credits: 3

PLS 5033 - Comparative Institutional Analysis. Credits: 3

PLS 5533 - Seminar in Political Modernization. Credits: 3

PLS 4903 - Classic Political Theory. Credits: 3

PLS 4913 - Contemporary Political Theory. Credits: 3

PLS 4923 - African American Political Thought Credits: 3

PLS 4943 - American Political Thought Credits: 3

PLS 5373 - Proseminar on American Politics Credits: 3

PLS 5023 - Proseminar in International Politics. Credits: 3
PLS 5433 - Proseminar in Comparative Politics. Credits: 3
PLS 4823 - International Policy Issues Credits: 3
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Additional Coursework

Students must take an additional 8-12 hours of graduate-level courses from the electives lists above or the courses listed below.

Students may count no more than 6 hours from the following courses.

Total Credits 8-12

PLS 5980 - Administrative Internship. Credits: 1 to 6

PLS 5990 - Independent Study. Credits: 1 to 6

Proposed Catalog Language/MA in Political Science with the Public Administration/Public Policy Option

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PLS 5054 - Research Methods in Public Administration and Public Policy Credits: 3

PLS 5940 - Political Science Capstone Project Credits: 3

Proseminars

Complete both of the following courses. Total Credits 6

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PLS 5543 - Proseminar in Public Administration Credits: 3

Public Administration and Public Policy Electives

Choose two of the following. Total Credits 6

PLS 4763 - Environmental Politics and Policy Credits: 3

PLS 4793 - Civic and Nonprofit Leadership Credits: 3

PLS 4873 - Human Resource Management in Public and Nonprofit Organizations Credits: 3

PLS 4893 - Budgeting in Government and Nonprofit Organizations Credits: 3

PLS 4823 - International Policy Issues Credits: 3

PLS 5153 - Cities and Urban Policy in the U.S. Federal System Credits: 3

PLS 5163 - State Governments and Policy in the U.S. Federal System Credits: 3

PLS 5900 - Special Topics in Political Science, Public Administration and Public Policy Credits: 1-3

Political Science Electives

Choose two of the following. Total Credits 6

PLS 4763 - Environmental Politics and Policy Credits: 3

PLS 4774 - American Constitutional Law. Credits: 3

PLS 4853 - The Supreme Court Credits: 3

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PLS 5173 - Congress and the Presidency Credits: 3

PLS 4933 - Ideologies of the Developing World. Credits: 3

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Additional Coursework

Students must take an additional ~~8-129-13~~ hours of graduate-level courses from the electives lists above or the courses listed below.

Students may count no more than 6 hours from the following courses.

Total Credits ~~8-129-13~~

PLS 5980 - Administrative Internship. Credits: 1 to 6

PLS 5990 - Independent Study. Credits: 1 to 6

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