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Student Name: _____ Perm: _____

# MASTER OF ARTS (M.A.) AND DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (Ph.D.) POLITICAL SCIENCE – 2019-20

*In addition to departmental requirements, candidates for graduate degrees must fulfill University requirements described in the "Graduate Education" section of the UCSB General Catalog.*

## Master of Arts – Plan I: Thesis and Plan II: Comprehensive Examination or Project

The Master's degree is not designed as a terminal professional degree, but as an interim step toward the Ph.D. degree.

**The unit requirement for a Master's degree – Plan I:** Thesis is **36.0** units. At least 24 of the 36 units must be in graduate seminars in Political Science. Students must take a minimum of three seminars each from three fields. The thesis itself is a major scholarly undertaking reflecting extensive research and original analysis. It is prepared under the supervision of a faculty committee with which the candidate is expected to work closely. The supervising committee must judge the thesis to be of passing quality before the candidate can attain the M.A. degree.

**The unit requirement for a Master's degree – Plan II:** Comprehensive Examination or Project is **40.0** units. At least 28 of the 40 units must be in graduate seminars in Political Science. Students must take a minimum of four seminars from three fields. Candidates under Plan II must also either pass one written qualifying examination, or write a passing qualifying field paper.

Field papers are comprehensive, critical reviews of the literature in a sub-field. Both exams and field papers are graded on the following scale: Distinction, High Pass, Pass, Not Passing or Fail. The candidate must receive a grade of Pass or above in order to attain the M.A. degree.

All students must pass their coursework with a "B" or better.

## CORE COURSES

**Field 1:_____ 3 seminars (12 units)**

| Course # | Course Name | Units | Grade |
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**Field 2:_____ 3 seminars (12 units)**

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**Field 3:_____ 3 seminars (12 units)**

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**Additional courses used toward the M.A. unit requirement**

| Course # | Course Name | Units | Grade |
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**Total Units_____ (36 needed for Plan I, 40 needed for Plan II)**

## CAPSTONE REQUIREMENT

Students may choose to pursue Plan I (Thesis) or Plan II (Comprehensive Examination or Project):

**Plan I – Thesis**

The thesis itself is a major scholarly undertaking reflecting extensive research and original analysis. It is prepared under the supervision of a faculty committee with which the candidate is expected to work closely. The supervising committee must judge the thesis to be of passing quality before the candidate can attain the M.A. degree.

Thesis completed: _____

**Plan II - Comprehensive Examination or Project**

Candidates under Plan II must also either pass one written qualifying examination, or write a passing qualifying field paper (project). Field papers are comprehensive, critical reviews of the literature in a sub-field. Both exams and field papers are graded on the following scale: Distinction, High Pass, Pass, Not Passing or Fail. The candidate must receive a grade of Pass or above in order to attain the M.A. degree.

Comprehensive exam completed (mm/dd/yy): _____ OR
Field paper completed (mm/dd/yy):_____

M.A. Committee: Chair: _____

Member: _____

Member: _____

**M.A. DEGREE REQUIREMENTS SATISFIED**: _____ _____
Quarter/Year

**DEPT GRADUATE ADVISOR SIGNATURE:** _____

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Print Name

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| Residence requirement-minimum 3 quarters *(verify departmental requirement)* | |
| Required units completed | |
| Language requirement Satisfied *(if required)* | |
| No grades of I, NR, or NG | |
| 3.0 or better GPA overall | |
| Registered quarter of degree or Filing Fee LOA: _____ | |
| Master's Form I / COI and committee entered | |
| Master's Thesis date received *(signature page/e-filed and entered in SReg)*: _____ | |
| Master's Thesis Submission Fee: _____ | |
| ProQuest ID _____ Permission Ltrs uploaded? | |
| **Master's Degree Awarded *(mm/dd/yy)*** | |

# Doctor of Philosophy in Political Science

The Ph.D. program a minimum of **68.0** units of coursework as follows:
- 4 Courses from the Primary field
- 4 Courses from the Secondary field
- 5 Methods Courses
- 4 Breadth Courses

The Ph.D. program requires preparation in either two written examination fields. The primary field, which requires a comprehensive exam, must come from the following list: political theory (PT), American politics (AP), international relations (IR), and comparative politics (CP). The second field, which may be completed by exam or field paper, may be in any of those fields or in either of the two exclusively secondary fields, environmental politics (EP) and politics of identity (IP). Alternatively, the requirement for a second field may be fulfilled through a self-defined field paper.

Time-to-degree: 4 years to advance to candidacy, 7 years to complete the degree.

## Primary Field Requirements

- Complete four graduate seminars in the field.
- Student should not have any “no grade”, “incompletes” or “lapse incompletes”.
- Courses need to be taken for a letter grade and passed with a B or better

**Primary Field :_____ 4 seminars (12 units)**

| Course # | Course Name | Units | Grade |
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**Written exam for Primary Field**
- Consult core reading lists when available.
- Consult previous Ph.D. Comprehensive Exam questions or Field Papers.
- During the period of preparation for the exam, students may enroll in POL S 597, MA/Ph.D. Examination Preparation.

**Written exam completed:** _____

## Secondary Field Requirements

- Complete four graduate seminars in the field.
- Student should not have any “no grade”, “incompletes” or “lapse incompletes”.
- Courses need to be taken for a letter grade and passed with a B or better

**Secondary Field :_____ 4 seminars (12 units)**

| Course # | Course Name | Units | Grade |
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The secondary field can be completed with a written exam or a field paper.

1. **Written Exam Option:**
   - Consult core reading lists when available.
   - Consult previous Ph.D. Comprehensive Exam questions or Field Papers.
   - During the period of preparation for the exam, students may enroll in POL S 597, MA/Ph.D. Examination Preparation.

**Written exam completed:** _____

2. **Field Paper Option:**

The purpose of the field paper is to demonstrate knowledge of a secondary field. A field paper in either a standing field (AP, CP, IR, PT, EP, IP) or in a self-defined field must be approved by the chair of the field paper committee, the second member of the field paper committee, the student's advisor in the Primary Field, and the Graduate Advisor. A field paper proposal must include:

- The topic of the paper and a one page abstract.
- In a standing field, a list of the four graduate courses that will count towards the field paper.
- In a self-defined field, a statement explaining how four graduate seminars fit together into an intellectually coherent field in political science.
- In both a standing field and in a self-defined field, none of the four graduate seminars for the field paper may be used for the Primary Field or Breadth Requirement.
- In both a standing field and in a self-defined field, the field paper will be due no later than the beginning of the student's seventh quarter.

**Field Paper completed:**_____

## Breadth Requirement

In addition to the primary field and second field, the student must complete a breadth requirement that involves courses outside those fields. Two options are available:

Distributed Breadth Option: Four courses from any field other than the Primary and Secondary Fields, with at least one core course in each of two fields. The 2 non-core courses may be outside the Department, and by advance petition may be language courses.

Concentrated Breadth Option: Four courses in one field outside the Primary and Secondary Fields

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**Breadth Option :**_____ **4 courses (12 units)**

| Course # | Course Name | Units | Grade |
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### Research Methods Requirement

| Course # | Course Name | Units | Grade |
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| POLS 205 | | | |
| POLS 206 | | | |
| POLS 207 | | | |
| POLS 210 | | | |

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| POLS 211 | | | |

## **Oral Qualifying Exam** (Advancement to Candidacy)

The student is ready for the oral qualifying exam on the dissertation prospectus upon having fulfilled the requirements for the written comprehensive exams (or a combination of exam and field paper) in the primary field and second fields, the breadth requirement, the core quantitative methods requirement (POL S 205, 206, 207), or three elective courses for students whose primary field is PT, and the design of research sequence (POL S 210 & 211).

The next step is submission of a complete draft of the dissertation prospectus approved by the committee chair.

During the exam study period, students may enroll in POL S 597, M.A./Ph.D. Examination Preparation. Students advance to candidacy upon passing the oral qualifying exam defending the prospectus.

Qualifying Exam Committee

Chair: _____

Member: _____

Member: _____

## **Dissertation Completion**

The dissertation must be completed within seven years of starting the program. It is essential that doctoral students maintain regular contact with members of their dissertation committee. The committee advises students on both conducting research and preparing the Ph.D. dissertation.

While working on the dissertation, students may enroll in POL S 599, Ph.D. Dissertation Preparation.

An oral defense of the dissertation is not required.

Dissertation Committee

Chair: _____

Member: _____

Member: _____

Member: _____ (Optional)