

SEMESTER BY SEMESTER BREAKDOWN OF EXPECTED PROGRESS IN THE PH.D. PROGRAM

This document is intended to provide a guide for Ph.D. students as a means of marking successful progress through the graduate program in Political Science at the University of North Texas. During each semester in the first three years of graduate study, students are expected to be enrolled in at least three courses. Students entering with a Bachelor's Degree need to accumulate 72 credit hours prior to graduation. Students entering with a Master's Degree need to accumulate 60 credit hours prior to graduation. The required hours beyond the Master's degree can be reduced to as little as 42 hours with consent of the student's Advisory Committee and Graduate Advisor. Students entering with a Bachelor's Degree should take three to six hours of courses during each of their first three summers (as needed) and three to six additional hours of independent study during the fall of their fourth year (as needed).

ACADEMIC YEAR 1

Fall

Required Courses:

PSCI 5340	Political Science Scope and Methods
PSCI 6320	Quantitative Research Methods

Plus one of the following:

PSCI 5020	Proseminar in American Politics
PSCI 5810	Proseminar in International Relations

- October 31: deadline for annual meeting with Faculty Academic Advisor

Spring

One of the following two courses:

PSCI 5310	Proseminar in Political Theory
PSCI 5610	Proseminar in Comparative Politics

Highly Recommended Course for Students in Empirical Fields:

PSCI 6000	Regression Analysis
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PSCI XXXX	Advanced Courses in Major and Minor Fields
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- Form advisory committee with at least one member from each field
- File degree plan with Department of Political Science and Toulouse Graduate School

Summer

PSCI XXXX	Advanced Courses in Major and Minor Fields (if necessary)
PSCI 6900 or 6930	Special Problems (independent study courses) (if necessary)

ACADEMIC YEAR 2

Fall

PSCI XXXX Advanced Courses in Major and Minor Fields

Highly Recommended Course for Students in Empirical Fields:

PSCI 6000 Maximum Likelihood Estimation

Plus one of the following (if the course is not already completed and is needed for degree plan):

PSCI 5020 Proseminar in American Politics

PSCI 5810 Proseminar in International Relations

XXXX XXXX Language/ Research Tool Requirement

- October 31: deadline for annual meeting with advisory committees

Spring

PSCI XXXX Advanced Courses in Major and Minor Fields

PSCI XXXX Advanced Courses in Political Methodology

Plus one of the following (if the course is not already completed and is needed for degree plan):

PSCI 5310 Proseminar in Political Theory

PSCI 5610 Proseminar in Comparative Politics

XXXX XXXX Language/ Research Tool Requirement

- Begin presenting papers at academic conferences

Summer

PSCI XXXX Advanced Courses in Major and Minor Fields (if necessary)

PSCI 6900 Special Problems (independent study courses) (if necessary)

- Continue presenting papers at academic conferences
- Work on writing or revising seminar papers for journal submission

ACADEMIC YEAR 3

Fall

PSCI XXXX	Advanced Courses in Major and Minor Fields
PSCI XXXX	Advanced Courses in Political Methodology
XXXX XXXX	Language/ Research Tool Requirement (if necessary)

Optional (but advisable):

PSCI 6940	Practicum (three of required six hours)
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- October 31: deadline for annual meeting with advisory committees
- Notify Graduate Advisor of intention to take field examinations
- Continue presenting papers at academic conferences
- Begin writing dissertation prospectus
- Begin submitting manuscripts for publication

Spring

PSCI XXXX	Advanced Courses in Major and Minor Fields
PSCI XXXX	Advanced Courses in Political Methodology
PSCI 6940	Practicum (to be completed in the semester of field exams; may complete all six hours this term or complete three in Fall and three in Spring of the third year. The three hours taken during the spring semester will be taken jointly with other students under the supervision of one faculty member for the purpose of developing a dissertation proposal.)

- Take field examinations
- Defend dissertation prospectus
- Continue presenting papers at academic conferences
- Continue submitting manuscripts for publication

Summer

PSCI XXXX	Advanced Courses in Major and Minor Fields (if necessary)
PSCI 6900	Special Problems (independent study courses) (if necessary)

- Defend dissertation prospectus (if not already defended)
- Begin writing dissertation
- Continue presenting papers at academic conferences
- Continue submitting manuscripts for publication

ACADEMIC YEAR 4

Fall

PSCI 6950

Dissertation

PSCI 6900

Special Problems (independent study courses) (if necessary)

- October 31: deadline for annual meeting with advisory committees
- Defend dissertation prospectus (if not already defended)
- Write dissertation
- Continue presenting papers at academic conferences
- Continue submitting manuscripts for publication
- Prepare proposal for dissertation improvement grant (if applicable)

Spring

PSCI 6950

Dissertation

- Write dissertation
- Begin preparing for the job market
- Continue presenting papers at academic conferences
- Continue submitting manuscripts for publication

Summer

- Write dissertation
- Prepare and begin mailing job applications
- Continue presenting papers at academic conferences
- Continue submitting manuscripts for publication

ACADEMIC YEAR 5

Fall

PSCI 6950

Dissertation

- October 31: deadline for annual meeting with advisory committees
- Write dissertation
- Continue to mail job applications
- Go on job interviews
- Continue presenting papers at academic conferences
- Continue submitting manuscripts for publication

Spring

PSCI 6950

Dissertation

- Continue to mail job applications
- Go on job interviews
- Defend dissertation
- Graduate
- Continue presenting papers at academic conference
- Continue submitting manuscripts for publication