

**CUNY Graduate Center Political Science Program.
Checklist of M.A. Requirements.**

Course of Study

Required Credits

Students must complete a course of study consisting of 30 graduate credits, which includes 24 credits in political science and related disciplines, the 3-credit Core Seminar in Political Science, and a 3-credit thesis tutorial.

Concentration

Students must complete at least three courses in one of the five fields (American Politics, Comparative Politics, International Relations, Political Theory, and Public Policy).

Breadth of Study

Students are required to complete a course in a second field.

Course Level

Students are required to complete at least two 800-level courses.

Tools of Research

Depending upon the research tools appropriate to their field, students must demonstrate proficiency in one research tool from the following list: (1) quantitative research methods; (2) qualitative research methods; (3) other methods of inquiry; (4) a foreign language. Proficiency in a research method (options 1 through 3) may be demonstrated by passing a graduate course on that method with a grade of B or higher. Foreign language proficiency may be demonstrated by achieving a B grade or better in an approved foreign language course or by passing the Program's foreign language proficiency exam. Any advice about what courses count for each method can be obtained from the EO.

Thesis

Students are required to complete a master's thesis under the supervision of a member of the doctoral faculty in political science. This may take the form of a substantial revision of a research paper that was submitted in a course during a prior semester, and ordinarily will be done under the supervision of the instructor in that course. Students may also choose to undertake a new research project for the thesis.

Concentrations in American Politics or Public Policy (Optional)

The Political Science Department also offers special concentrations in either American Politics or Public Policy as a separate component of the M.A. in Political Science. M.A. students who intend to pursue either concentration are required to complete at least three courses in the concentration, two of which must be at the 800-level. Students pursuing either of these concentrations must satisfy the tools of research requirement through either quantitative or qualitative methods (1 or 2 above).

Source:

<https://politicalscience.commons.gc.cuny.edu/program/degree-requirements/#1469357198348-fa374776-f205>

Checklist for M.A. Program Requirements.

Worksheet is for illustrative purposes only. Please bring this to a program advisor every semester before registering for courses to ensure you are on track to graduate.

Course # & Title	Requirement	# Credits	Semester taken	Grade
	Core seminar	3		
	Concentration 1	3 or 4		
	Concentration 2	3 or 4		
	Concentration 3	3 or 4		
	Breadth of Study	3 or 4		
	800-level course 1	4		
	800-level course 2	4		
	Elective (if needed)	3 or 4		
	Tools of Research	3 or 4		
	Thesis tutorial	3		
	Transfer credits	12 max		
	Total credits	30 needed		
	Thesis advisor:			
Note: Courses can be used to satisfy more than one requirement, with the exception that cross-listed courses cannot be used to satisfy both a Concentration and Breadth of Study requirement. For example, a course taken to satisfy the 800-level course requirement can also satisfy the Tools of Research requirement. However, a cross-listed course in American Politics and International Relations can only count as either a Concentration or a Breadth of Study course, not both.				

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