Summary of Requirements for MA in Political science

- All graduate students must be **continuously enrolled** in the program & maintain a **3.0 GPA** average. Exception: must file a leave of absence form with the graduate school & get their approval.

- **See MA advisor before signing up for classes & check in regularly.**

### MA Thesis Option

- 30 Semester Credits required, at least half of credits @graduate 500 level
- Complete PSC 520, 530, 540, 550
- PSC 491 (3 cr) Research Goals - recommended
- Complete 4 Field Exams
  - {Must get a passing grade on each; may retake any exam once if unsatisfactory grade received}
- Additional course work: **9 elective credits**
  - (6 credits may be taken outside the PS dept.)
- 6 credits max. can be used for internships
- 6 credits max. can be independent study
- >400 level UG courses can be used for credit
- 6 credits max. can be PSC 599 thesis
- Complete two oral exam: a thesis prospectus oral and thesis defense (*Must deliver complete thesis to grad school before oral exam.)
  - Thesis Committee: 3 faculty members (2 from the PS dept. and one from outside.)

### MA Comprehensive Study Option

- 36 Semester Credits required, at least half of credits @graduate 500 level
- Complete PSC 520, 530, 540, 550
- PSC 491 (3 cr) Research Goals - recommended
- Complete 4 Field Exams
  - {Must get a passing grade on each; may retake any exam once if unsatisfactory grade received.}
- Additional course work: **24 elective credits**
  - (12 credits may be taken outside the PS dept.)
- 6 credits max. can be used for internships
- 6 credits max can be independent study
- > 400 level UG courses can be used for credit
- Complete 3 professional research papers
  - (@ 25 pages with references) in at least 2 sub-fields of political science.

### All M.A. Students:

- Usual course load per semester: 12 credits, 16 credits max.
- Consider Tompkins winter session course: PSC 495 Public Policy
- Consider summer school for independent study
- **TAs are required to register for 9 credits min. each semester**
- Keep an eye on graduate calendar & **not** miss deadlines for filing graduation papers, caps/gowns etc. (I’ll remind you when you come for advising as well.)
- Be sure to read the Graduate School’s Degree Standards & Masters Degree Policies (on graduate school website.)

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