

M.A. Program Checklist (effective spring 2008)

Student Name: _____

Date of Graduation Recommendation: _____

Credit Hours: 30 (ten courses) _____

Courses: PS8000 Research Design _____
PS8001 Political Statistics I _____

Cores (3 out of four):

PS 8101 Core Seminar in American Politics _____
PS8201 Core Seminar in Comparative Politics _____
PS8301 Core Seminar in International Relations _____
PS8401 Core Seminar in Political Theory _____

Five Electives: Two elective courses in each of two main fields; one in a minor third field or PS8002 Qualitative Methods in Political Science or PS8003 Political Statistics II. Students receive credits for a third minor field by taking the core and one elective in that field.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

For terminal MAs: Research Design Paper completed as part of their coursework for PS 8000

MA Comprehensive/PhD Qualifying Exam: Only for students admitted directly into the PhD program or MA students interested applying for admission into the PhD Program

Results: Field #1 _____ Pass _____ Fail _____

Results: Field #2 _____ Pass _____ Fail _____

If interested in Ph.D., * advisor most likely to work with: _____

* If interested in Ph.D. program, student should ask most likely advisor to write letter of support.

Ph.D. Program Check List (effective spring 2008)

Credit Hours: A total of 55 credit hours (9 of which are dissertation related credits). Up to 30 credits may be transferred from the Temple MA program or another MA program.

Courses
(credit hours)

PS8401 Symposium in Political Science (3) _____

PS8601 Teaching Methods (1) _____

PS 8002 Qualitative Research Methods or
PS 8003 Political Statistics II

Electives: At least three (9) electives in the candidates Ph.D. field (American, Comparative, International Relations or Political Theory and/or Political Statics II and/or Qualitative Research Methods).

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

PS9998 Dissertation Proposal Preparation (3) _____

**This course is required and offered by graduate chair every spring.
It culminates in a prospectus defense.**

PS9999 Dissertation Preparation Submission (at least 6). _____

**You must register for this course to maintain your status as
an active graduate student.**

PS9082/9183/9283/9383: Directed Study Research. _____

**Students may not take more than 2 such independent study courses towards
the Ph.D. degree without special permission from the Graduate Chair**

Dissertation:

Dissertation Prospectus: Outline of the dissertation including: the question(s) to be investigated; the major theoretical argument; an explanation of the significance of the research within the particular field of inquiry; a literature review; a discussion of the research methodology to be employed; expected findings (where appropriate); a work plan; and a chapter outline.

Dissertation Prospectus and oral defense: Date passed _____

Dissertation: Full execution of the above.

Dissertation Defense: Oral defense before the dissertation committee and an outside reader.

Ph.D. Program Check List*

Credit Hours: A total of 55 credit hours (9 of which are dissertation related credits).[†] Up to 30 credits may be transferred from the Temple MA program or another MA program.

Courses (credit hours) PS8401 Core Seminar in Political Theory (3) _____
(this course is now optional)

PS8601 Teaching Methods (1) _____

PS 8000 Research Design (3) _____
(a.k.a. PS 405 Qualitative Methods prior to spring 2008)

Electives: At least three (9) electives in the candidates Ph.D. field (American, Comparative, International Relations or Political Theory).

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Ph.D. Exam: Results of Ph.D. exam (write date): Passed _____

Students will be examined (both in written and oral forms) in their major field (American, Comparative, International Relations or Political Theory). Students are expected to demonstrate mastery of the broad field as well as of their particular subfield (e.g. American Politics and Congress, or Comparative Politics and Western Europe).

* For students admitted into the Ph.D. program prior to the fall of 2006 and/or students admitted into the Ph.D. program after having completed the MA requirements in place prior to the spring of 2008.

[†] According to the Graduate Bulletin in place prior to the spring of 2008 there are 58 required credit hours required for the Ph.D. however, the new rules adopted by the University in December 2007 allow all grandfathered students to earn their Ph.D. with 55 credits (students can choose to take three (3) electives instead of four (4) or opt out of taking the Core in Political Theory). Academic Career Preparation for one-credit hours is no longer required.

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