

THE UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA

POLITICAL SCIENCE & INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Timetable for the Transfer PhD Degree (MA from another institution)

The PhD program of study must contain a minimum of 30 hours of graduate coursework, 3 of which must be POLS 9300 (Doctoral Dissertation).

These 30 hours must also include 16 hours of coursework at the 8000/9000 level, exclusive of POLS 9000 (Doctoral Research) and POLS 9300 (Doctoral Dissertation).

Students must complete a minimum of six courses in their major field and four courses in their minor field.

A full-time course load is 9 hours (12 for those on assistantship, including 3 hours of POLS 9005).

PhD methods requirement is 12 hours: POLS 7010, POLS 7012, POLS 7014, POLS 8501

Transfer PhD students often need to take more than the required 30 hours of coursework in order to complete major field, minor field, and methodology sequence requirements. Therefore a transfer PhD program of study may span three or four years. Each student's previous graduate coursework will be evaluated in order to plan out their program of study at UGA. Similar coursework (to courses listed below) from other institutions may be transferred with approval from the Graduate Coordinator.

A typical PhD program of study is outlined below. Individual student programs may vary.

	Fall Semester	Spring Semester
Year 1	POLS 7010 POLS 7012 One core seminar POLS 7770 for new TAs	POLS 7014 Two seminars
Year 2	Two seminars POLS 8501	Three seminars
Year 3	0-3 seminars May take comprehensive exams May defend dissertation prospectus May be required to take one or more seminars to complete major or minor field requirements.	POLS 9300 (Doctoral Dissertation) May take comprehensive exams May defend dissertation prospectus May defend dissertation
Year 4	POLS 9300 (Doctoral Dissertation) Dissertation prospectus defense, if not already completed. May defend dissertation	POLS 9300 (Doctoral Dissertation) Dissertation defense, if not already completed.