

THE UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA

POLITICAL SCIENCE & INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Timetable for the MA Degree Non-thesis Option

The MA Non-Thesis program of study must contain a minimum of 33 hours of graduate coursework.

In addition, students choosing the non-thesis option are required to complete one of the following two options: 1) Take and pass the general field component of the PhD comprehensive exam in the student's area of concentration or 2) Orally present and defend an article-length seminar paper before a two person faculty committee.

A full-time course load is 9 hours (12 for those on assistantship, including 3 hours of POLS 7005).

MA Non-Thesis methods requirement is 9 hours: POLS 7010, 7012, 7014

A typical MA Non-Thesis 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	Three seminars Sign up for Comprehensive Exams or establish a two-person faculty committee for defense of research manuscript. Students planning to go on to the PhD program must apply. Students planning to advance to the PhD should take POLS 8501 at this juncture.	Two seminars Comprehensive Examination or Defense of Research Manuscript