

# THE UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA

## POLITICAL SCIENCE & INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

### Timetable for the Fast Track PhD Degree (No prior graduate work)

The Fast Track PhD program of study must contain a minimum of 45 hours of graduate coursework, 3 of which must be POLS 9300 (Doctoral Dissertation).

These 45 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 five courses in their major field and three courses in their minor field. Additionally, they must take at least one class in a major field other than the two fields in which comprehensive exams are taken, to be chosen in consultation with the Graduate Coordinator.

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

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

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	Two seminars	POLS 9300 (Doctoral Dissertation) <b>Comprehensive exams</b> Defend dissertation prospectus either this semester or next.
Year 4	POLS 9300 (Doctoral Dissertation) Dissertation prospectus defense, if not already completed.	POLS 9300 (Doctoral Dissertation) <b>Dissertation defense</b>