

**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), and 4 semester hours of UGA courses open only to graduate students. Coursework should also include one preseminar course in a major field of study in which the student is not sitting for comprehensive exams.

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. Courses taken at the MA level at UGA may count toward these field requirements if approved by 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	One core seminar <i>and</i> POLS 7010  POLS 7012  GRSC 7770 for new TAs  INTL 7001	POLS 7014  Two seminars
Year 2	Two seminars  POLS 8501	Three seminars
Year 3	Two seminars	POLS 9300 (Doctoral Dissertation)  <b>Comprehensive exams</b>  <b>Defend dissertation prospectus either this semester or next.</b>

Year 4	POLS 9300 (Doctoral Dissertation)  INTL 7002  <b>Dissertation prospectus defense, if not already completed.</b>	POLS 9300 (Doctoral Dissertation)  <b>Dissertation defense</b>
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