

**Timetable for the PhD Degree
(MA in Political Science and International Affairs from UGA)**

The PhD program of study must contain a minimum of 30 hours of graduate coursework beyond the MA, 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 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). PhD methods requirement beyond the 9 hours for the MA degree is 3 hours: POLS 8501

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

	Fall Semester	Spring Semester
Year 3	Three seminars GRSC 7770 for new TAs INTL 7001	Three seminars POLS 8501, if not already taken.
Year 4	1-3 seminars, depending on remaining credit requirements. Major professor and advisory committee established.	POLS 9300 (Doctoral Dissertation) Comprehensive exams Defend dissertation prospectus either this semester or next.
Year 5	POLS 9300 (Doctoral Dissertation) INTL 7002 Dissertation prospectus defense, if not already completed.	POLS 9300 (Doctoral Dissertation) Dissertation defense