

**Timetable for the 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 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).

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

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. Each student's previous graduate coursework will be evaluated in order to plan out their program of study at UGA. Some courses from similar degree programs *may* count toward major, minor, and methodology requirements with approval from the Graduate Coordinator. The required number of hours in residence must be earned at UGA.

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	0-3 seminars	POLS 9300 (Doctoral Dissertation)

	<p>May take comprehensive exams</p> <p>May defend dissertation prospectus</p> <p>May be required to take one or more seminars to complete major or minor field requirements.</p>	<p>May take comprehensive exams</p> <p>May defend dissertation prospectus</p> <p>May defend dissertation</p> <p>INTL 7002</p>
Year 4	<p>POLS 9300 (Doctoral Dissertation)</p> <p>Dissertation prospectus defense, if not already completed.</p> <p>May defend dissertation</p>	<p>POLS 9300 (Doctoral Dissertation)</p> <p>Dissertation defense, if not already completed.</p>

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