

THE UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA
SCHOOL OF POLITICAL SCIENCE & INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Program of Study for the PhD (Fast-Track)

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 course in a major field of study in which the student is not sitting for comprehensive exams (the “third-field course”).

Students must complete a minimum of five courses in their major field and three courses in their minor field. Additionally, they must take a “third-field course” to be chosen in consultation with the Director of Graduate Studies (DGS).

A full-time course load is 9 hours (18 for those on assistantship, including 1–9 hours of POLS 9000 and/or POLS 9300).

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

A typical Fast-Track 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 GRSC 7001 (GradFIRST seminar)	POLS 7014 Two seminars
Year 2	Two seminars POLS 8501	Three seminars
Year 3	Two seminars	POLS 9300 (Doctoral Dissertation) Comprehensive exams

		Defend dissertation prospectus either this semester or next.
Year 4	POLS 9300 (Doctoral Dissertation) INTL 7002 Dissertation prospectus defense, if not already completed.	POLS 9300 (Doctoral Dissertation) May defend dissertation
Year 5	POLS 9300 (Doctoral Dissertation) May defend dissertation	POLS 9300 (Doctoral Dissertation) Dissertation defense, if not already completed