# POLITICAL SCIENCE PHD

## Degree Requirements

The following requirements are in addition to, or further elaborate upon, those requirements outlined in The Graduate School Policy Guide (https://catalogs.northwestern.edu/tgs/academic-policies-procedures).

### PhD

**Total Units Required:** 18

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1. Political Theory students are occasionally exempt from the requirement to take POLI_SCI 403-0 Introduction to Probability and Statistics and POLI_SCI 405-0 Linear Models.

### Other PhD Degree Requirements

- **Research Paper Requirement:** Scholarly paper in first or second year
- **Second Field Requirement** (https://www.polisci.northwestern.edu/graduate/program-areas): Five courses in a student's second field, or optional qualifying examination
- **Examination:** One written qualifying examination in student's first field; optional examination in student's second field
- **Prospectus:** Dissertation research design presented during the quarter after passing the qualifying examination
- **Final Evaluations:** Oral defense of dissertation
- **Other:** Teaching requirement begins in second year in an undergraduate course