

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

Course	Title
Required courses	
POLI_SCI 403-0	Introduction to Probability and Statistics ¹
POLI_SCI 405-0	Linear Models ¹
Other courses approved by the Director of Graduate Studies: 16 units	

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