

POLITICAL SCIENCE, M.A.

REQUIREMENTS

MINIMUM GRADUATE SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS

Review the Graduate School minimum academic progress and degree requirements (<http://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/#policiesandrequirements>), in addition to the program requirements listed below.

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

MODE OF INSTRUCTION

Face to Face	Evening/ Weekend	Online	Hybrid	Accelerated
Yes	No	No	No	No

Mode of Instruction Definitions

Accelerated: Accelerated programs are offered at a fast pace that condenses the time to completion. Students typically take enough credits aimed at completing the program in a year or two.

Evening/Weekend: Courses meet on the UW-Madison campus only in evenings and/or on weekends to accommodate typical business schedules. Students have the advantages of face-to-face courses with the flexibility to keep work and other life commitments.

Face-to-Face: Courses typically meet during weekdays on the UW-Madison Campus.

Hybrid: These programs combine face-to-face and online learning formats. Contact the program for more specific information.

Online: These programs are offered 100% online. Some programs may require an on-campus orientation or residency experience, but the courses will be facilitated in an online format.

CURRICULAR REQUIREMENTS

Requirement Detail

Minimum Credit Requirement 30 credits

Minimum Residence Credit Requirement 30 credits

Minimum Graduate Coursework Requirement 15 credits must be graduate-level coursework. Details can be found in the Graduate School's Minimum Graduate Coursework (50%) policy (<https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244>).

Overall 3.00 GPA required.

Graduate GPA Requirement This program follows the Graduate School's policy: <https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1203>.

Other Grade Requirements No other grade requirements.

Assessments and Examinations No formal examination required.

Language Requirements No language requirements.

REQUIRED COURSES

The M.A. is not offered as a standalone program, but is earned along the way to the Ph.D. To leave with a master's program, students must complete the minimum degree requirements listed above as well as follow the parameters below in consultation with the program.

Code	Title	Credits
	At least 18 of the 30 credits must be earned in graduate courses in Political Science at the 800 level or above.	18
	No more than 3 credits of POLI SCI 999 may count toward the degree.	

Courses taken outside the department must be chosen in consultation with a student's advisor and must be at a level (300 or above) for which graduate credit is available.