

Requirements for an additional non-thesis MA in Political Science or Statistics

A student in one department who wishes to receive a **non-thesis** MA in the other department must:

- Fulfill all requirements of the PhD program in their home department.
- Satisfy the general university requirements for residency and total hours to receive a second non-thesis MA degree. The second non-thesis MA degree shall not be conferred prior to conferral of the Ph.D. degree in the home department.
- No course may count for credit for both MA degrees; however, POLI 504, 505, 506, and 507 will continue to count toward the hours required for a PhD in Political Science when used to fulfill the requirements for an MA in Statistics.
- To earn a **non-thesis MA in Statistics**, students in the PhD program in Political Science must additionally:
 - Obtain written approval from the head of the Methods field and the Director of Graduate Studies in the Political Science department.
 - Have their plan of study for the MA in Statistics pre-approved by the Director of Graduate Studies in the Department of Statistics (or another person designated by the chairperson of the Statistics department). Note: A maximum of ten Political Science PhD students will be allowed to be enrolled in the MA in Statistics at one time.
 - Earn a grade of B+ or better in four courses in statistical methodology in the Political Science department, which must include POLI 504, POLI 505, POLI 506, and POLI 507.
 - Earn a grade of B or better in each of six courses from the Department of Statistics. Four of these courses must be STAT 605, 518, 519 and 615. Other acceptable courses are STAT 616 and 500-level and above, subject to the approval by the Director of Graduate Studies in the Department of Statistics (or another person designated by the chairperson of the Statistics department). Courses that are joint listed between two departments are counted as a course in the home department. Note: completion of POLI 504 and 505 will be considered as meeting the prerequisite requirements for STAT 519.
 - Complete a major project that has strong statistical content. The project may be directed by faculty in Political Science, but must be pre-approved by the Director of Graduate Studies in the Department of Statistics (or another person designated by the chairperson of the Statistics department). The doctoral proposal in Political Science may satisfy this requirement, but must be successfully defended.
- To earn a **non-thesis MA in Political Science**, students in the PhD program in Statistics must additionally:
 - Obtain written approval from the Director of Graduate Studies in the department of Statistics (or another person designated by the chairperson of the Statistics department).
 - Have their plan of study for the MA in Political Science pre-approved by the Director of Graduate Studies in the Department of Political Science. Note: A maximum of ten Statistics PhD students will be allowed to be enrolled in the MA in Political Science at one time.

- Earn a grade of B+ or better in each of four courses from the following list: STAT 518, STAT 519, STAT 605, STAT 615, STAT 616, STAT 542, STAT 552, STAT 532, STAT 533, STAT 553, STAT 581, STAT 621, and STAT 622.
- Complete a total of six courses from the Department of Political Science, earning a B or better in each course. At least three of these courses must be in the same subfield (American, Comparative, or International Relations). Acceptable courses are POLI 500-level and above, and must be approved in writing by the Director of Graduate Studies in the Department of Political Science. Courses that are joint listed between two departments are counted as a course in the home department.
- Earn a grade of B or better in POLI 500, POLI 501, and at least one of the following introductory subfield courses (POLI 520, 530, or 540). These three courses count toward the student's six-course requirement in Political Science.
- Complete a major project that has strong substantive political content in American Politics, Comparative Politics, or International Relations. The project may be directed by faculty in Statistics, but must be pre-approved by the Director of Graduate Studies in the Department of Political Science. The doctoral proposal in Statistics may satisfy this requirement, but must be successfully defended.

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