



MA Program of Study

Student: _____

Date: _____

A student's program of study will be drawn up early in their first semester. Students should review the MA Handbook before completing this program, and contact the MA Program Coordinator if they have any questions. Once the program of study is finalized further changes to the program can be made in consultation with the MA Program Coordinator.

Required Core Courses—12 Credit Hours Students should take the required courses they intend to take as soon as they are available.

Semester:

POS 6736 Conduct of Political Inquiry _____

POS 6746 Quantitative Methods in Political Research _____

Choose two of the following four courses:

POS 6045 Seminar in American Politics _____

INR 6007 Seminar in International Politics _____

CPO 6091 Seminar in Comparative Politics _____

POT 6007 Seminar in Political Theory _____

Check One (you can change your mind later):

___ **Thesis Option.** Students taking the thesis option are required to complete 15 hours of elective credits, a public Thesis Prospectus Defense, and public Final Thesis Defense.

___ **Non-thesis Option.** Students taking the capstone paper option are required to complete 21 hours of elective credits, a Non-Thesis Proposal Approval Form, and a public Final Non-Thesis Defense.

Elective Courses. The program of study must include at least 33 credit hours of post-baccalaureate, graduate course work. At least 24 semester hours must be actual coursework (core and elective courses or independent study) earned exclusive of thesis and research. No course can serve as both core and elective, but a course in the core can be credited as an elective. Program graduate courses can be viewed at https://www.ucf.edu/catalog/graduate/#/programs/BJCiCg_id. Most elective courses are offered only once every two years. List up to seven that you would prefer to take if they are available for you:

| Courses | Semester planned (if known): |
|---------|---------------------------------|
| 1. | |
| 2. | |
| 3. | |
| 4. | |
| 5. | |
| 6. | |
| 7. | |

Approval of the MA Program Coordinator is needed to enroll in up to six credits of electives offered outside the School of Politics, Security, and International Affairs, or internship or independent study credits.

Once you have all required courses completed you can take the Comprehensive Exam.

Semester you plan on taking the Comprehensive Exam: _____

You should consult with MA Program Coordinator prior to making any changes to this program of study. **Please schedule an appointment to meet with the program assistant prior to the semester you intend to graduate to ensure you meet all graduation requirements.**

I acknowledge this as my program of study for the MA in Political Science

Student signature _____ Date _____

Print name _____

I approve of the student's program of study for the MA in Political Science

_____ Date _____

(MA Program Coordinator)

Submit form to Program Assistant graduatepolisci@ucf.edu

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