



School of Politics, Security, and International Affairs

PhD in Security Studies Program of Study

Student: _____ **Date:** _____

A student's program of study should be drawn up in the second semester in consultation with the Preliminary Advisory Committee. Questions should be directed to the Graduate Program Director. Once the program of study is finalized further changes to it can be made in consultation with the Advisory Committee and Graduate Program Director.

Required Courses—17 Credit Hours

<i>Course</i>	<i>Semester</i>
POS 7745 Advanced Quantitative Methods in Political Research	
POS 7707 Advanced Qualitative Methods in Political Research	
INR 7139 Issues in Domestic Security	
INR 7337 Issues in International Security	
INR 7332 Scientific Study of Security	
POS 7930 Professional Development: Academic Careers in Security Studies	
POS 7267 Professional Development: the Practice of Security Studies	

Modern Language or Methods Requirement

Prior to enrollment in dissertation hours, students are required to demonstrate proficiency in one modern language (other than English) or an additional methodological course dependent on the student's intended research area. The language requirement is two years (four semesters) of a single college-level modern language, which should normally be in an area relevant to the student's research. Students may meet the requirement by providing evidence of four semesters of enrollment or by passing a university-administered equivalent proficiency examination. The methods requirement is met by taking a methods course as part of the elective course requirements, with the approval of the Graduate Program Director. The requirement will be completed by doing the following:

Restricted Elective Courses—15 Credit Hours

Identify the 15 hours of Restricted Electives you have/will complete. See catalog for list of usable courses.

Course	Term

Unrestricted Electives—9 Credit Hours

Identify the 9 hours of Unrestricted Electives you have/will complete. *A syllabi will need to be provided to the program assistant upon completion of any courses external to SPSIA.

Course	Term

Note: Unrestricted electives may include regularly scheduled graduate courses in political science, graduate-level courses in programs outside the department, independent study courses, doctoral research courses with a highly focused student/faculty research component, and internships that enable students to gain valuable experience in a non-academic setting.

Unrestricted electives may be taken at any point in the student's program of study; however, no more than a total of nine hours of graduate course work can be from outside of the department, dissertation research, independent study, or internship combined; in addition, no more than a total of six hours can be from either independent study or internship. A student's faculty advisor and the department's Graduate Program Director must approve all graduate courses taken outside of the department as well as any internships.

Dissertation—Minimum of 15 Credit Hours

Before enrolling in dissertation research, students must complete 4 Responsible Conduct of Research workshops. Students must maintain enrollment in dissertation hours until the degree is awarded.

You must successfully defend your dissertation proposal in the first semester you enroll in dissertation hours. Identify the first semester you plan on enrolling in dissertation hours; *note that you must defend your **dissertation proposal** after entering candidacy but no later than the end of the first semester that you are registered for dissertation hours.*

First Semester of Dissertation: _____

Intended Graduation Term: _____

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Student Signature: _____ Date _____

I approve of this student's program of studies for the PhD in Security Studies.

Preliminary Advisory Committee Chair Date

Graduate Program Director Date

When completed, please submit form to graduatepolisci@ucf.edu