



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. All courses taken prior to a student's program admit term are considered transfer credits and are subject to transfer credit policy. Only graduate-level courses completed with a grade of 'B' or higher can be transferred into a program. Transfer credit must be declared and approved in a student's first term. 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.

Transfer
Credit?
(Y/N)

Final
Grade

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 additional seminar courses can be credited as an elective. Program graduate courses can be viewed in the Graduate Catalog. 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 (Prefix, Number, Title)	Transfer Credit? (Y/N)	Final Grade	Semester planned (if known):
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
6.	or POS6971 - Thesis		
7.	or POS6971 - Thesis		

NOTE: Approval of the MA Program Coordinator is required to enroll in electives offered outside the School of Politics, Security, and International Affairs, internship, independent study, or directed research. No more than **6 credit hours total** can be from coursework outside the SPSIA, internship, independent study, or directed research. These courses require submission of a course syllabus to the program assistant in order for them to count towards the degree.

Students are eligible to take the Comprehensive Exam after successfully completing 18 credit hours of approved graduate coursework, including POS6736 Conduct of Political Inquiry and POS6746 Quantitative Methods in Political Research.

Semester you plan on taking the Comprehensive Exam: _____

Semester you plan on Graduating: _____

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 _____

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