POLITICAL SCIENCE - PH.D.

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Description
The Ph.D. degree in Political Science prepares students for research and teaching careers in higher education and for research-based careers in fields that are focused on political, economic and social issues. The degree program is broadly focused on the dynamics surrounding representation, equity, conflict, human rights, development and conflict resolution. Students develop their own research questions in an interdisciplinary and theoretically sophisticated way. Students work with faculty mentors throughout their degree program and often develop and present their own research at regional or national conferences.

The Political Science major comprises the following concentrations, from which students select two:

- American Politics and Policy
- Conflict Analysis and Management
- Transnational and Comparative Politics

FULLY OFFERED AT:
- Kent Campus

Admission Requirements
- Official transcript(s)
- Minimum 3.0 GPA
- GRE scores
- Goal statement
- Three letters of recommendation
- Writing sample

English Language Proficiency Requirements for International Students: All international students must provide proof of English language proficiency (unless they meet specific exceptions) by earning a minimum 550 TOEFL score (79 on the Internet-based version), minimum 77 MELAB score, minimum 6.5 IELTS score or minimum 58 PTE Academic score. For more information on international admission, visit the Office of Global Education's admission website. Effective spring 2018.

For more information about graduate admissions, please visit the Graduate Studies website.

Program Learning Outcomes
Graduates of this program will be able to:

1. Understand the theoretical underpinnings of political science and be able to address real world issues and problems.
2. Attain research and methodological skills that will further their research and make them attractive to future employers.
## Program Requirements

### Major Requirements

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**Research Tool**

Additional Approved Electives for Post-Bachelor’s Students 0-26

Advanced Research Methods, choose from the following: 3

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**Concentrations**

Choose two from the following: 3

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Minimum Total Credit Hours for Post-Bachelor’s Students 90

Minimum Total Credit Hours: 64

### Minimum Total Post Bachelor’s: 90

1. Dissertation is required. Doctoral students must complete additional approved electives, including research, to reach a minimum of 30 credit hours post-master’s (or equivalent advanced degree) or a minimum of 60 credit hours post-bachelor’s prior to enrolling in POL 81199. Upon completion of course requirements and candidacy exams, doctoral students must register for POL 81199 for two semesters for a total of 30 credit hours, and thereafter POL 81209, until all requirements for the degree have been met.

2. This requirement may be satisfied by demonstrating mastery of a foreign language (0 credit hours) or by successfully completing a graduate-level methodological course (3 credit hours) in any discipline (including qualitative methods, quantitative methods or other methodological skills) pertaining to the student’s proposed dissertation research.

3. Students select two concentrations. For the first concentration, students complete one proseminar and three elective courses (12 credit hours). For the second concentration, students complete one proseminar and two elective courses (9 credit hours).

### Residency Requirement

Students must spend two consecutive semesters pursuing doctoral studies.

### Graduation Requirements

- Passage of two field exams in their two areas of concentration
- Completion of a research tool requirement
- Write and defend both a dissertation prospectus and dissertation

### American Politics and Policy Concentration Requirements

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**Concentration Electives**

- POL 70102 AMERICAN POLICY PROCESS 6-9
- POL 70103 CONGRESS, THE PRESIDENCY AND THE COURTS
- POL 70105 FEDERALISM AND STATE POLICYMAKING
- POL 70106 URBAN POLICY AND POLITICS
- POL 70108 AMERICAN POLITICAL BEHAVIOR
- POL 70191 SEMINAR IN AMERICAN POLITICS AND POLICY
- POL 70302 BUREAUCRACY AND THE POLICYMAKING PROCESS

**Advisor-Approved Electives**

Minimum Total Credit Hours: 9-12

1. If first declared concentration, students complete three elective courses (9 credit hours). If second declared concentration, students complete two elective courses (6 credit hours).

### Conflict Analysis and Management Concentration Requirements

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**Concentration Electives**

- POL 70507 CONFLICT TRANSFORMATION AND RECONCILIATION 6-9
- POL 70902 POWER, CONFLICT AND THE POLITICS OF GENDER
- POL 70903 IDENTITY DRIVEN CONFLICTS
- POL 70904 SOCIAL MOVEMENTS AND NONVIOLENT CONFLICTS
- POL 70906 POLITICAL VIOLENCE
- POL 70907 TERRORISM AND HUMAN RIGHTS
- POL 70991 SEMINAR IN CONFLICT ANALYSIS AND MANAGEMENT

**Advisor-Approved Electives**

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### Transnational and Comparative Politics Concentration Requirements

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**Concentration Electives**

- POL 70502 GLOBAL GOVERNANCE 6-9
- POL 70503 FOREIGN POLICY ANALYSIS
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Advisor-Approval Electives

Minimum Total Credit Hours: 9-12

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