GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS, DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (PH.D.)

Students are required to complete 42 credits of coursework, in addition to 12 credits of GVPT899. Students are also required to complete two comprehensive exams, a third year paper, and pass the Prospectus Defense.

The doctoral program is intended to provide students with the knowledge, methodological skills and research experience appropriate for persons who intend to enter the discipline of political science. Students must complete 42 hours of graduate work including courses in political theory and research methods and pass written comprehensive examinations in two fields. Although formal coursework and field examinations are important components of the doctoral program, the research component, especially in the form of the dissertation is paramount. Consequently students who are able to demonstrate an interest in quality research activities and desire to become creators as well as consumers of knowledge are appropriate for the doctoral program.

Course | Title | Credits
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GVPT622 | Quantitative Methods For Political Science | 3
GVPT700 | Scope and Method of Political Science | 3

Select one of the following courses:

GVPT741 | Ancient and Medieval Political Philosophy | 3
GVPT742 | Modern Political Theory | 3
GVPT743 | Contemporary Political Theory | 3

Complete courses in one of the following fields: 33

**American Politics**

GVPT770 | Seminar in American Political Institutions | 3
GVPT771 | Seminar in American Political Behavior | 3

Select 27 additional credits of GVPT courses at the 600 level or above 27

Total Credits 54

### Comparative Politics

**Course** | **Title** | **Credits**
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GVPT780 | Seminar in the Comparative Study of Politics | 3

Select 30 additional credits of GVPT courses at the 600 level or above 30

Total Credits 33

### Political Philosophy/Normative Political Theory

**Course** | **Title** | **Credits**
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Select 33 credits of GVPT courses at the 600 level or above 33

Total Credits 33

### Field Options

#### American Politics

**Course** | **Title** | **Credits**
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GVPT770 | Seminar in American Political Institutions | 3
GVPT771 | Seminar in American Political Behavior | 3

Select 27 additional credits of GVPT courses at the 600 level or above 27

Total Credits 33

#### International Relations

**Course** | **Title** | **Credits**
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GVPT708 | Seminar in International Relations Theory (GVPT708A - Seminar in International Relations Theory) | 3