

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

Students are required to complete 42 credits of coursework, in addition to 12 credits of GVPT899. 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.

**Advance to Candidacy:** In addition to course requirements, students are also required to complete two comprehensive exams, a research paper, and pass the Prospectus Defense.

**Post-Candidacy:** Complete at least 12 credits of GVPT899 as well as successfully defend and submit an original dissertation.

Course	Title	Credits
Required courses:		
GVPT622	Quantitative Methods For Political Science	3
GVPT722	Advanced Quantitative Methods For Political Science	3
Complete courses in one of the following fields:		36
American Politics		
International Relations		
Comparative Politics		
Political Philosophy/Normative Political Theory		
<b>Dissertation Research Requirements</b>		
GVPT899	Doctoral Dissertation Research	12
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>54</b>

## Field Options

### American Politics

Course	Title	Credits
GVPT770	Seminar in American Political Institutions	3
GVPT771	Seminar in American Political Behavior	3
Select 30 additional credits of GVPT courses at the 600 level or above		30
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>36</b>

### International Relations

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

Select 33 additional credits of GVPT courses at the 600 level or above 33

**Total Credits** 36

### Comparative Politics

Course	Title	Credits
GVPT888	Selected Topics in Comparative Governmental Institutions	12

Select 24 additional credits of GVPT courses at the 600 level or above 24

**Total Credits** 36

### Political Philosophy/Normative Political Theory

Course	Title	Credits
Select 36 credits of GVPT courses at the 600 level or above		36

**Total Credits** 36