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The Department of Politics and International Relations offers four advanced degrees: a Master of Arts in International Studies, a Master of Arts in Political Science, a Doctor of Philosophy in International Relations, and a Doctor of Philosophy in Political Science.

The Department emphasizes a multi-disciplinary approach to graduate education. This emphasis reflects the many disciplines and perspectives represented in the Department, and it results in a vital and challenging exchange of ideas among students and faculty members. Together they investigate a stimulating range of topics, from the traditional concerns of foreign policy and national security to contemporary global issues such as democratization, the environment, human rights, refugees, and social movements. These scholarly inquiries are generally informed by an engagement with social and political theory, to which students are exposed through a closely coordinated set of graduate reading seminars. Many members of the Department have longstanding regional interests, as do many other members of the University faculty. The program boasts of strengths in Africa, Central Asia, East Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean, the Middle East, and Europe.

The Department of Politics and International Relations is an affiliate member of the Association of Professional Schools of International Affairs.

Master of Arts in International Studies

The M.A. program is designed to prepare students for careers in government, the private sector, or international agencies, or for professional and doctoral studies.

The Steven J. Green School of International and Public Affairs offers certificate programs in African and African Diaspora Studies, Asian Studies, Latin American and Caribbean Studies, and Transnational and Regional Studies, among others. The graduate program encourages its M.A. students to pursue regional certification in conjunction with their work in the M.A. program.

Admission Requirements

To be considered for admission to the M.A. program, applicants must have a GPA of 3.0 in upper-level work, or its equivalent, from a recognized institution of higher education, and verbal and quantitative sections of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores. International graduate student applicants whose native language is not English are required to submit a score for the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or for the International English Language Testing System (IELTS). A total score of 80 on the iBT TOEFL or 6.5 overall on the IELTS is required. Admissions requirements are minimums and even if the minimums are met, admission is not assured.

Degree Requirements

The M.A. program requires a minimum of 36 semester hours of credit at the graduate level. Undergraduate courses taken to satisfy prerequisites for graduate courses will not count toward the 36 hour minimum requirement. The Graduate Advisory Committee may approve the transfer of a maximum of six graduate credits earned in another recognized institution of higher education.

Core Sequence: (15 credits)

All MA students must complete a core sequence of five courses (15 credits), each of which reflects a distinctive disciplinary point of view. These courses are:
 GEO 6473 Space, Place and Identity

INR 6706	Political Economy of International Relations
INR 5609	Contemporary Dynamics of International Relations
INR 5615	Research Design in International Relations
INR 5017	Approaches to Area Studies

Major Field: (9 credits)

M.A. students also must select a major field of study in either (1) Global Institutions and Issues, or (2) International Relations and Foreign Policy, by taking three courses (9 credits) from an extensive list of approved courses in the social sciences. Students must take at least two courses offered by the Department of Politics and International Relations to satisfy the field requirement.

Electives: (6 credits)

To satisfy the program's elective requirement, students may take two additional courses (6 credits) from the field lists. Students wishing to elect other graduate-level courses offered by the University may do so with permission of the Graduate Program Director.

Thesis and Alternatives (6 credits)

To complete degree requirements, M.A. students have the option of (a) writing a thesis or (b) taking a comprehensive examination. Before electing either of these options, students must demonstrate competence in the use of a foreign language other than English.

Any student electing (a) to write a thesis will normally take 6 credit hours of thesis supervision and prepare a thesis proposal subject to the approval of three members of the University graduate faculty. A graduate faculty member of the Department of Politics and International Relations must chair any thesis committee thus constituted. No thesis may be approved until the writer has defended it in a public examination. Any student electing (b) to take a comprehensive examination must have 6 semester hours of course work in preparation for the exam. One half of the comprehensive examination will cover the core sequence of courses, and the other half will cover the student's major field.

Combined B.A. in International Relations/M.A. in International Studies

The combined B.A./M.A. degree program allows highly qualified undergraduate students to pursue an accelerated M.A. degree in International Studies. Students accepted into this program will be able to complete the M.A. degree as much as one year sooner that would otherwise be possible. Students accepted into the International Relations Honors Track are particularly encouraged to apply for this program.

To be considered for admission to the combined bachelor's/master's degree program, students must have completed at least 75-90 credits in the bachelor's degree program at FIU and meet the admissions criteria for the graduate degree program to which they are applying. Students need only apply once to the combined degree program, but the application must be submitted to Graduate Admissions before the student starts the last 30 credits of the bachelor's degree program. A student admitted to the combined degree program will be considered to have undergraduate status until the student applies for graduation from their bachelor's degree

program. Upon conferral of the bachelor's degree, the student will be granted graduate status. Only 5000-level or higher courses, and no more than the number of credits specified by the program catalog, may be applied toward both degrees.

To be accepted into the combined B.A./M.A. degree program, students must submit an M.A. program application by March 15 in their junior year (to apply, students must already have completed 75-90 credits in their undergraduate degree program). A complete application requires:

1. Current enrollment in the B.A. program in International Relations at FIU
2. GRE scores
3. Minimum GPA of 3.5
4. Two letters of recommendation
5. Statement of purpose discussing research interests

All components of the application must be complete by the March 15 application date. Students should consult the graduate catalog and the International Relations Program website for a more comprehensive discussion of admission requirements. Students in the combined B.A./M.A. degree program must apply for their undergraduate degree as soon as possible after having satisfied the degree requirements.

The program gives students the opportunity to take up to 9 credits of graduate coursework in their senior year that will count towards both the B.A. and the M.A. Successful completion of the B.A./M.A. program will therefore require a total of 147 credit hours. Students will take three 5000-level graduate courses in their senior year and follow the regular M.A. curriculum after they earn their B.A. degree. A typical course of study is as follows:

Undergraduate Junior Year: apply to the program (March 15 deadline)

Undergraduate Senior Year

Fall Semester – take 12 credits, including one 5000-level course

Spring Semester – take 12 credits, including two 5000-level courses

Graduate Program

Summer – take 3 graduate credits (5000-level or higher)

Fall – take 9 graduate credits (5000-level or higher)

Spring – take 9 graduate credits (5000-level or higher)

Summer – take 6 graduate credits (thesis or comps preparation)

Students in the combined B.A./M.A. program in International Studies must complete all other requirements for the M.A. degree in International Studies. Please consult the graduate catalog and the Department's online graduate handbook.

Master of International Business/Master of Arts in International Studies Joint Degree Program

The Department of Politics and International Relations and The Alvah H. Chapman Jr. Graduate School of Business at Florida International University offer a joint degree program culminating in both a Master in International Business (MIB), and a Master of Arts in International Studies (MAIS). Under the joint degree program, a student

can obtain both degrees in significantly less time than it would take to obtain both degrees if pursued consecutively. The joint degree program will use existing faculty, courses, and resources. Important criteria relating to the joint degree program are as follows:

1. Candidates to the joint degree program must meet the entrance requirements established by each individual program. Candidates must indicate on the application their intention to pursue the joint degree option. Students deciding to pursue the joint degree option after having been admitted to one program will indicate this intention only on their second application.
2. Applications for a joint degree will not be accepted from candidates who have already graduated with either degree. MIB or MAIS students must apply and be admitted no later than the second to last semester in which they are expected to complete their original degree requirements, including the comprehensive examination for the MAIS degree.
3. Candidates must satisfy all requirements for each degree. The two degrees will have four common courses. All courses transferred between degrees must be completed with a grade point average of 3.0 or higher. Courses transferred to meet elective credits must be 5000 or 6000 level courses. Directors of the MAIS and MIB degree programs may adjust these exact course requirements as a result of future changes to the MAIS or MIB curriculums.

3.1. To obtain the MIB degree, MAIS students who have successfully completed the required 36 credits must, additionally, complete 24 credit hours in the MIB program as follows:

MAN 6617	Managing Global Production and Technology	3
MAR 6158	International Marketing	3
MAN 6635	International Business Policy	3
MAN 6679	Master's Project in International Business	3
MAN 6601	International Management	3
FIN 6644	Global Financial Strategy	3
ACG 6255	International Accounting	3
MAN 6930A	Master's Seminar in Management 1	1
MAN 6930B	Master's Seminar in Management 2	1
MAN 6930C	Master's Seminar in Management 3	1

In order to satisfy the 36 credits hours required by the MIB program, 12 credit hours will be transferred from the MAIS program as follows:

INR 5017	Approaches to Area Studies	3
INR 5409	International Law	3
Elective 1		3
Elective 2		3

3.2. To obtain the MAIS degree, MIB students who have successfully completed the required 36 credits must, additionally, complete 24 credit hours in the MAIS program as follows:

INR 6706	Political Economy of International Relations	3
INR 5615	Research Design and International Relations	3
GEO 6473	Space, Place and Identity	3
INR 5609	Contemporary Dynamics of International Relations	3
INR 5017	Approaches to Area Studies	3
Field course 1		3

Field course 2	3
Field course 3	3

In order to satisfy the 36 credits hours required by the MAIS program, 12 credit hours will be transferred from the MIB program as follows:

MAN 6606	International Business Environment	3
BUL 6850	International Business Law	3
Elective 1		3
Elective 2		3

All MAIS students coming into the MIB program will be required, during the first month of classes, to take a 16-hour workshop in Accounting and a 16-hour workshop in Quantitative Methods. The purpose of these workshops is to ascertain whether that students have the necessary background in both of these fields. Students must pass each workshop with at least a B grade (there is no charge for this workshop). Otherwise, they must register, and pay the corresponding tuition for the Accounting class (ACC 6026) and/or the Quantitative Methods class (QMB 6357) in the Evening MBA program, and earn a grade of B or higher.

Joint degree candidates will not receive either degree until all requirements for both programs have been satisfied. Students deciding against completing a second degree must satisfy all of the program requirements for the first degree program as if they had never been a joint degree candidate.

Doctor of Philosophy in International Relations

The Ph.D. program is designed to prepare students for careers as scholars and teachers. It provides students with a solid theoretical foundation while allowing individual latitude for rigorous research on a wide range of subjects. Students work closely with dedicated, internationally recognized scholars.

Admission Requirements

To be considered for admission to the Ph.D. program, all applicants must have a bachelor's degree, or its equivalent, from a recognized institution of higher education, or have received a bachelor's degree before they matriculate in the program.

Applicants should have a minimum undergraduate grade point average of 3.2, or its equivalent, a minimum grade point average of 3.5 for all combined graduate work, and verbal and quantitative portions of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE). International graduate student applicants whose native language is not English are required to submit a score for the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or for the International English Language Testing System (IELTS). A total score of 90 on the iBT TOEFL (equivalent to 575 on the paper-based version of the Test of English as a Foreign Language) or 6.5 overall on the IELTS is required.

Applications will be reviewed only in the spring term for fall admission. Students who wish to be considered for graduate assistantships must submit an application by January 15 in the year in which they wish to begin their studies.

Degree Requirements

The Ph.D. requires a minimum of 75 semester hours of credit at the graduate level.

Undergraduate courses taken to satisfy prerequisites for graduate courses will not count toward the 75 hour minimum requirement. Students earning a M.A. degree within the last five years may count 36 credits toward the 75 hour minimum requirement. The Graduate Advisory committee may approve the transfer of a maximum of 12 graduate credits earned in a non-degree capacity at FIU.

Ph.D. students who have satisfied all other requirements for the M.A. apart from the exit requirement (i.e. all coursework and the foreign language competency) are eligible to receive an M.A. degree. Passing the doctoral comprehensive examinations serves as equivalent to the M.A. comprehensive examination. Ph.D. students who have satisfied their requirements should consult with the Graduate Program Director about the necessary paperwork and procedures to receive the M.A. degree in the course of their Ph.D. studies.

Core Sequence (18 credits)

All Ph.D. students must complete a core sequence of six courses (18 credits). These courses are:

GEO 6473	Space, Place, and Identity
INR 5609	Contemporary Dynamics of International Relations
INR 5615	Research Design in International Relations
INR 6604	International Relations Theory I
INR 6608	Contemporary International Relations Theory
INR 6706	Political Economy of International Relations

Major and Minor Fields: (21 credits)

Students must select a major field of study in (1) Global Institutions and Issues (2) Comparative Area Studies (3) Foreign Policy and Security Studies, or (4) International Law by taking four courses (12 credits) from a list of approved courses. Students must also select a minor field of study consisting of at least three courses (9 credits), (a) by choosing a second field from the above list, (b) by taking a Ph.D. field in some other teaching unit of the University, or (c) by creating a field in consultation with the Graduate Program Director and three members of the University faculty.

Electives: (21 credits)

To satisfy the Ph.D. program's elective requirement, students must take 21 credits of additional course work, including independent study courses. Students wishing to elect a course or courses offered elsewhere in the University may do so with permission of the Graduate Program Director. Students must demonstrate the ability to use a foreign language other than English for scholarly purposes.

Comprehensive Exams

Within 6 months of completing the foreign language requirement and 60 hours of course work, students must sit for written comprehensive examinations on the core sequence and in both of their fields. Students may sit for their comprehensive examination during the term in which they complete these requirements.

Dissertation

Within 3 months of passing the comprehensive examinations, students should publicly present a dissertation proposal that is acceptable to a committee of at least four qualified scholars. Three members of the committee, including the dissertation supervisor, must be graduate faculty members of the Department of Politics and International Relations. One must be from outside the department, but inside FIU. Other members must be approved by the Graduate Program Director.

To complete program requirements, Ph.D. degree candidates must enroll for a minimum of 15 dissertation credits and maintain matriculation until the degree is awarded.

Combined Master of Arts in Asian Studies/Doctor of Philosophy in International Relations

The combined M.A. in Asian Studies/Ph.D. in International Relations program allows qualified graduate students to pursue both degrees simultaneously. To be accepted into this program, students must submit an application for the M.A. in Asian Studies/Ph.D. in International Relations by January 15 in the year in which they wish to begin their studies. Applicants must meet the admission eligibility requirements and follow the admission procedures for both programs.

Students must fulfill the requirements for both programs, and up to 33 credits may count for both degrees. To graduate, students must complete the requirements of the International Relations doctoral program, including the required 75 hours.

In addition to the requirements for the two degrees, during their first two years of enrollment in this dual degree program, students will enroll in the following course which fulfills the M.A. in Asian Studies methods requirement:

INR 5615	Research Design in International Relations
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The following International Relations courses will also be taken by M.A. in Asian Studies students during the first two years of the program and will count toward the M.A.:

INR 5609	Contemporary Dynamics of International Relations
INR 6706	Political Economy of International Relations

Master of Arts in Asian Studies Requirements

(30 credits Thesis Option/33 credits Non-Thesis Option)

Core Courses: (24 credits)

- 3 credits Topics in Modern Asia (ASN 5315)
- 3 credits Methods in Asian Studies (ASN 5050)
- 3 credits in Advanced Research
- 9 credits pertaining to main concentration
- 6 credits in other concentration

MAAS offers two exit options, Thesis or Non-Thesis

Thesis Exit Option (6 credits):

ASN 6972	Master's Thesis
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Non-Thesis Exit Option (9 credits):

ASN 6912	Master's Essay (3 credits and two additional courses (6 credits))
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Doctor of Philosophy in International Relations (75 credits)

Core Courses: (18 credits)

GEO 6473	Space, Place, and Identity	3
INR 5609	Contemporary Dynamics of International Relations	3
INR 5615	Research Design in International Relations	3
INR 6604	International Relations Theory I	3
INR 6608	Contemporary International Relations Theory	3

Major and Minor Fields: (21 credits)

12 credits in major field of study

9 credits in minor field of study

Electives: (21 credits)

Additional elective coursework

Comprehensive Exams

Once students have achieved 60 credits, they must sit for written examination on the core sequence of their fields

Dissertation: (15 credits)

INR 7980 Ph.D. Dissertation

M.A. in African and African Diaspora Studies/Ph.D. in International Relations Combined Degree Program

The dual African and African Diaspora Studies M.A./International Relations Ph.D. program allows qualified graduate students to pursue both degrees at the same time.

Admission Requirements

To be accepted into this program, students must submit an application for the M.A. in African and African Diaspora Studies/Ph.D. in International Relations by January 15 in the year in which they wish to begin their studies.

To be considered for admission, students must meet the following requirements:

1. Minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.2 in undergraduate work.
2. Minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.5 in any prior graduate work.
3. Official Graduate Record Exam (GRE) scores.
4. International graduate student applicants whose native language is not English are required to submit a score for the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or for the International English Language Testing System (IELTS). A total score of 90 on the IBT TOEFL (equivalent to 575 on the paper-based version of the Test of English as a Foreign Language) is required.

Applicants must follow the admission procedures for both programs (see the appropriate sections in this graduate catalog). Only applications to begin studies in the fall semester will be considered. This designation will appear in the menu of programs in the graduate application, and students must indicate their intention to apply for this dual program.

Each applicant must complete an online graduate application form and arrange to send transcripts of all prior college (undergraduate and graduate) work and official

reports of the Graduate Records Exam (GRE) and TOEFL (if applicable) to FIU's Office of Graduate Admissions.

Each applicant should also submit a separate statement of purpose, along with copies of the above material. The letter of application should include a statement expressing the applicant's academic and professional objectives. Applicants must include writing samples and other relevant professional work that may support their applications. Applicants must request three letters of recommendation from university professors who are able to comment on the various aspects of the student's academic ability. The letters of recommendation should be sent directly to the Director of the African and African Diaspora Studies Graduate Program. AADS will photocopy the recommendation letters once they are all in and send them to the International Relations Graduate Program Director.

The application file must be complete before the African and African Diaspora Studies/International Relations Graduate Program Committees will consider the applicant for admission. We encourage applicants to send their application material sooner.

Required Credits

Students must fulfill the requirements for both programs. The 36 credits for the M.A. in AADS earned by students will count toward the 75 credits required for the Ph.D. in INR.

Prescribed Required Courses and Other Requirements

In addition to the requirements for the two degrees, during their first two years of enrollment in this dual degree program, students will enroll in the following course which fulfills the African and African Diaspora Studies M.A. methods requirement:

INR 5615 Research Design in International Relations

The following International Relations courses will also be taken by African and African Diaspora Studies M.A. students during the first two years of the program and will count toward the M.A.:

INR 5609 Contemporary Dynamics of International Relations

INR 6706 Political Economy of International Relations

Language Requirement

Students must demonstrate proficiency in a language other than English according to the nature of their thesis or research paper/proposal and professional interests. The AADS Graduate Program Director will ask a university faculty member fluent in the language of interest to the student, to evaluate the student's fluency by asking her/him to summarize or synthesize the content of a text of between 10 to 20 pages, published in that language, in no more than one page. That exercise will have to take place at the university during a limited period of time. The text will be given to the student at the beginning of the exercise. The chosen text will have some connection to the student's research interest. Once a student has demonstrated proficiency for the M.A. in African and African Diaspora Studies, that proficiency will be recognized by the International Relations Ph.D. program. Therefore, proficiency in a foreign language will not be

part of the candidacy exam. Credit hours earned in meeting the language requirement will not count towards the 36 credit hours required for the M.A. degree.

Students should apply for graduation with the M.A. in African and African Diaspora Studies as soon as they have completed all requirements for the degree – including the exit requirements, as specified for the M.A. in African and African Diaspora Studies. Ordinarily, students will complete these requirements and earn their M.A. before advancing to candidacy for the Ph.D. in International Relations. The research paper/proposal option is the only option available for students enrolled in this dual M.A./Ph.D. program.

Masters of Arts in African and African Diaspora Studies Requirements

(36 credits Research Paper/Proposal Option)

Courses to be taken in addition to INR 5615, INR 5609, and INR 6706 (for 24 credits):

AFA 5005	African and African Diaspora Studies Theory	3
AFA 6911	Research Paper/Proposal Writing in African and African Diaspora Studies	3
AFA 6920	African and African Diaspora Studies Graduate Colloquium	3
1 semester of graduate colloquium		

18 credits of elective from the lists of elective courses (see M.A. in AADS):

6 to 12 credits from the Humanities list
and

6 to 12 credits from the Social Sciences list

Total credits for the M.A.: 36

Doctor of Philosophy in International Relations (75 credits)

The following courses in addition to all 36 M.A. credits:

GEO 6473	Space, Place, and Identity	3
INR 6604	International Relations Theory I	3
INR 6608	Contemporary International Relations Theory	3

Major and Minor Fields: (12 credits)

Major field of study	9
Minor field of study	3

Electives: (3 credits)

Additional elective course work according to the specific information about elective courses indicated in the Ph.D. in INR section of the catalog.

Comprehensive Examinations

Once students have achieved 60 credits of course work, they must sit for written examinations on the core sequence of their fields as per the Ph.D. in INR section of the catalog.

Dissertation: (15 credits)

See the university catalog for relevant sections of the Ph.D. Program in International Relations for details.

Combined M.A. in Latin American and Caribbean Studies (MALACS)/Ph.D. in International Relations

The Combined Latin American and Caribbean Studies M.A./International Relations Ph.D. program allows

qualified graduate students to pursue graduate degrees in both areas simultaneously rather than sequentially. Students must fulfill the requirements for both programs, and up to 36 credits completed as part of the M.A. in MALACS will be counted toward the 75 credit Ph.D. in International Relations.

To be considered for admission, students must meet the following requirements:

Admission Requirements

Applicants must meet the following minimum requirements to be considered for admission.

1. Baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution for higher education (or equivalent);
2. Minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.2 on a 4.0 scale (or equivalent) for the last two years of undergraduate work and/or a GPA of 3.5 on any previous graduate work;
3. Verbal and Quantitative portions of the Graduate Record Exam (GRE) scores;
4. International graduate student applicants whose native language is not English and who have not obtained a degree from an English-speaking academic institution are required to submit a score for the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or for the International English Language Testing System (IELTS). A total score of 90 on the internet-based TOEFL (equivalent to 575 on the paper-based version) or 6.5 overall on the IELTS is required.

Although admissions decisions typically are made in the spring, decisions for students who have not yet received their bachelor's degree will be conditional, pending confirmation of the B.A. Meeting the minimum requirements does not guarantee admission into the program. All applications are subject to review by the members of the Department of Politics and International Relations and the MALACS admissions committee.

Admission Procedures

To be accepted into this program, students must submit an application to the Ph.D. in International Relations with a sub-plan for a M.A. in LACS. This designation will appear in the menu of programs in the graduate application. The application must be submitted by January 15 in the year in which they wish to begin their studies.

The following documents must be submitted and will be reviewed by the Admissions Committees from both units.

The following must be submitted as part of the on-line application:

1. Online application and application fee;
2. Official transcripts for all undergraduate and graduate coursework;
3. Official GRE scores;
4. Official TOEFL scores, if applicable.
5. A statement of research interests, including reasons for seeking the M.A./Ph.D., future career goals, and a summary of scholarly preparation for this program;
6. Three letters of reference from academic sources or others able to judge academic abilities and potential; and
7. A curriculum vitae.

Masters of Arts in Latin America and Caribbean Studies Degree Requirements (36 credits)

During their first two years of enrollment in the Combined Degree Program, students must complete 36 credits for an MA in Latin America and Caribbean Studies with depth or focus courses in International Relations.

MALACS Core Courses (9 credits)

During their first two years of enrollment in this dual degree program, students take three core courses as follows:

LAS 6003	Survey of Latin America and the Caribbean (first year, fall semester)	3
LAS 6934	Research Seminar (first year, spring semester)	3
INR 5615	Research Design in International Relations	3

MALACS Focus Courses (12 -15 credits)

Students will take a minimum of 12-15 credits within the Department of Politics and International Relations with a Latin American and/or Caribbean focus.

MALACS Elective Courses (6-9 credits)

Student may take courses from other areas.

MALACS Exit Options for Combined Degree Program (6 credits)

Students may choose one of three exit options:

LAS 6970	Thesis	6
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See the MALACS program description for more information. The thesis is publicly defended and approved by a committee of three graduate faculty members.

LAS 6905	Directed Research in Latin American and Caribbean Studies	3
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Preparation of two directed research papers. Both papers require an oral presentation and approval by a committee of three graduate faculty members.

LAS 6942	Internship in Latin American and Caribbean Studies	6
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Supervised internship leading to a major research paper in Latin American and Caribbean Studies. The research paper requires an oral presentation and approval by a committee of three graduate faculty members.

Each student is required to demonstrate proficiency in either Spanish or Portuguese, or in another language such as French or Haitian Creole when justified by research interests. Proficiency demonstrated by scoring an advanced level on the ACTFL exam for Spanish, Portuguese, or French administered by FIU's Department of Modern Languages. Other tests of proficiency may be accepted upon approval of the graduate advisor.

Students should apply for graduation for the MALACS M.A. as soon as they have completed all requirements for the degree – including the exit requirements. Ordinarily, the M.A. will be conferred before the student advances to candidacy for the Ph.D. in International Relations.

Doctor of Philosophy in International Relations Degree Requirements

Students will begin study towards the Ph.D. in International Relations immediately following their satisfactory completion of MALACS requirements. A

minimum of 39 credits beyond the 36 credits required for the MALACS degree will be necessary to satisfy the requirements of the Ph.D. Program in International Relations.

Program Requirements

15 Core Course credits:

GEO 6473	Space, Place and Identity	3
INR 6604	International Relations Theory I	3
INR 6608	Contemporary International Relations Theory	3
INR 5609	Contemporary Dynamics of International Relations	3
INR 6706	Political Economy of International Relations	3

12 Major Field credits in either:

1. Global Institutions and Issues,
2. Comparative Area Studies,
3. Foreign Policy and Security Studies, or
4. International Law.

With advisor approval, these 12 credits may include some or all of the coursework (except INR 5615) taken in satisfaction of the requirements for the MALACS degree.

9 Minor Field credits in either:

1. a second field from the above major field list, or
2. a field offered within another Ph.D. program at FIU (with approval of the Graduate Program Director), or
3. a petition field (with approval of the Graduate Program Director).

With advisor approval, these 9 credits may include some or all of the coursework (except INR 5615) taken in satisfaction of the requirements for the MALACS degree.

Elective Credits:

Elective credits necessary to bring total credits earned beyond the MALACS degree to a minimum of 24.

Dissertation:

15 credits of dissertation research.

Comprehensive Exams

After completing 60 hours of course work (or in the semester in which they expect to do so), students may take their written comprehensive examinations on the core sequence and in both of their fields. Students must sit for these examinations within 6 months of completing the minimum 60 hours of coursework unless granted an extension by the International Relations Graduate Program Director.

Dissertation

Within 3 months of passing the comprehensive examinations, students should publicly present a dissertation proposal that is acceptable to a committee of at least four qualified scholars. Three members of the committee, including the dissertation supervisor, must be graduate faculty members of the Department of Politics and International Relations. One must be from outside the department, but inside FIU. Other members must be approved by the International Relations Graduate Program Director. To complete program requirements, Ph.D. degree candidates must enroll for a minimum of 15 dissertation credits and maintain enrollment for 3 credits every semester until the degree is awarded.

Combined M.A. in Religious Studies/Ph.D. in International Relations

The combined M.A. in Religious Studies/Ph.D. in International Relations program allows qualified graduate students to pursue both degrees simultaneously. Students must fulfill the requirements for both programs, and up to 36 credits completed as part of the M.A. in Religious Studies will be counted toward the 75 credit Ph.D. in International Relations.

Admission Requirements

Applicants must meet the following minimum requirements to be considered for admission.

1. Baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution for higher education (or equivalent);
2. Minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.2 on a 4.0 scale (or equivalent) for the last two years of undergraduate work and/or a GPA of 3.5 on any previous graduate work;
3. Verbal and Quantitative portions of the Graduate Record Exam (GRE);
4. Minimum 156 GRE verbal score or a minimum 3.5 on a 4.0 scale (or equivalent) for the last two years of undergraduate work.
5. International graduate student applicants whose native language is not English and who have not obtained a degree from an English-speaking academic institution are required to submit a score for the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or for the International English Language Testing System (IELTS). A total score of 90 on the internet-based TOEFL (equivalent to 575 on the paper-based version) or 6.5 overall on the IELTS is required.

Although admissions decisions typically are made in the spring, decisions for students who have not yet received their bachelor's degree will be conditional, pending confirmation of the B.A. Meeting the minimum requirements does not guarantee admission into the program. All applications are subject to review by the members of the Department of Politics and International Relations and the Religious Studies Department.

Admission Procedures

To be accepted into this program, students must submit an application to the Ph.D. in International Relations with a sub-plan for a M.A. in Religious Studies. This designation will appear in the menu of programs in the graduate application. The application must be submitted by January 15 in the year in which they wish to begin their studies.

The following documents must be submitted and will be reviewed by the Admissions Committees from both units.

The following must be submitted as part of the on-line application:

1. Online application and application fee;
2. Official transcripts for all undergraduate and graduate coursework;
3. Official GRE scores;
4. Official TOEFL scores, if applicable;
5. A statement of research interests, including reasons for seeking the M.A./Ph.D., future career goals, and a summary of scholarly preparation for this program;

6. Three letters of reference from academic sources or others able to judge academic abilities and potential; and
7. A curriculum vitae.

Masters of Arts in Religious Studies Degree Requirements (36 credits)

REL 6935	Seminar in Sacred Sources	3
RLG 6013	Modern Analysis of Religion	3
RLG 5038	Advanced Fieldwork in Religious Studies	3
12 credit hours of electives approved by the Graduate Program Director		12
RLG 6971	Thesis or 6 additional hours of elective credits	6
INR 5615	Research Design in International Relations	3
INR 5609	Contemporary Dynamics of International Relations	3
INR 6706	Political Economy of International Relations	3

Students who choose the thesis exit option must include at least one Politics and International Relations faculty member, though the majority must be from Religious Studies.

Doctor of Philosophy in International Relations Degree Requirements

Students will begin study towards the Ph.D. in International Relations immediately following their satisfactory completion of M.A. in Religious Studies requirements. A minimum of 39 credits beyond the M.A. degree in Religious Studies will be necessary to satisfy the requirements of the Ph.D. Program in International Relations.

Degree Requirements beyond the M.A. in Religious Studies are the following:

9 Core Course credits:

GEO 6473	Space, Place and Identity	3
INR 6604	International Relations Theory I	3
INR 6608	Contemporary International Relations Theory	3

12 Major Field credits in either:

1. Global Institutions and Issues,
2. Comparative Area Studies,
3. Foreign Policy and Security Studies, or
4. International Law.

With advisor approval, these may include 3 credits taken in satisfaction of the requirements for the M.A. in Religious Studies.

9 Minor Field credits in either:

1. a second field from the above major field list, or
2. a field offered within another Ph.D. program at FIU (with approval of the Graduate Program Director), or
3. a petition field (with approval of the Graduate Program Director).

With advisor approval, these may include 3 credits taken in satisfaction of the requirements for the M.A. in Religious Studies.

Elective Credits:

Elective credits necessary to bring total credits earned beyond the M.A. in Religious Studies to a minimum of 24.

Dissertation Credits:

15 credits of dissertation research.

Comprehensive Exams

After completing 60 hours of course work (or in the semester in which they expect to do so), students may take their written comprehensive examinations on the core sequence and in both of their fields. Students must sit for these examinations within 6 months of completing the minimum 60 hours of coursework unless granted an extension by the International Relations Graduate Program Director. Before advancing to candidacy, students must also demonstrate an ability to use a foreign language other than English for scholarly purposes.

Dissertation

Within 3 months of passing the comprehensive examinations, students should publicly present a dissertation proposal that is acceptable to a committee of at least four qualified scholars. Three members of the committee, including the dissertation supervisor, must be graduate faculty members of the Department of Politics and International Relations. One must be from outside the department, but inside FIU. Other members must be approved by the International Relations Graduate Program Director. To complete program requirements, Ph.D. degree candidates must enroll for a minimum of 15 dissertation credits and maintain enrollment for 3 credits every semester until the degree is awarded.

Joint Certificate in Integrated Marketing Communications: Latin American Certification

The Joint Graduate Certificate in Integrated Marketing Communications: Latin American Certification is an 18-hour program with two required courses each from ICAP and International Relations, plus several electives from both areas. The objective of this graduate level certificate program is to prepare working communications professionals with the skills necessary to develop and implement communications programs in Latin America. It is also appropriate to provide international relations professionals who have gained communications responsibilities with a broad overview of the basic concepts and tasks of mass communications.

Required Courses – ICAP Program

PUR 6806	Global Account Planning (Prerequisite: Permission of the instructor)	3
PUR 6607	Global Strategic Communication Management (Prerequisite: PUR 6806)	3

Elective Courses – ICAP Program

MMC 6402	Theories of Mass Communication (Prerequisite: Permission of the instructor)	3
PUR 6935	Advanced Communications Seminar (Prerequisite: Permission of the instructor)	3

Required Courses – International Relations

INR 6107	U.S. Foreign Policy: Processes and Institutions	3
INR 6609	Dynamics of International Relations in the 20th Century	3

Elective Courses – International Relations

INR 4031	The Media and International Relations	3
INR 6089	International Relations and Human Rights	3
INR 6209	Comparative Foreign Policy of Latin America	3
INR 6604	International Relations Theory I	3
INR 6606	Political Psychology of International Relations	3

Current selections from the Latin American and Caribbean Center as offered.

Master of Arts in Political Science

The Master of Arts degree in Political Science at Florida International University is designed to provide students with a comprehensive knowledge of the discipline. The department's graduate program in Political Science builds on faculty strengths and distinguishes itself by stressing a comparative approach to the study of politics. The program is designed to equip its graduates with a solid foundation in the basic theories and methods of Political Science, in conjunction with an in-depth education in selected traditional subfields.

Admission Procedures

Applicants seeking admission for the Fall semester must submit all application materials by March 15th (February 15 for international students). Incomplete applications cannot be considered by the Graduate Admissions Committee. Admission decisions will be announced no later than April 15th. Applicants must apply online using the website of the FIU University Graduate School. The following items should be submitted to the FIU University Graduate School:

1. Official transcripts of all university-level work, including undergraduate or professional school courses.
2. An official report of Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores.
3. For International graduate student applicants whose native language is not English, a score for the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or for the International English Language Testing System (IELTS).

It is advised to send copies of the above items to the Political Science Graduate Admissions Committee at the following address: Department of Politics and International Relations, Modesto A. Maidique Campus, 11200 S.W. 8th Street, SIPA 436, Miami, Florida 33199. Telephone: (305) 348-1077; Fax: (305) 348-3765. In addition, applicants must submit the following directly to the Political Science Graduate Admissions Committee:

1. Two letters of reference from former instructors who are able to evaluate the applicant's potential for graduate study. Applicants should ensure that each letter is signed by the author along the sealed flap of the envelope.

- A personal statement of intent, including a discussion of education and career objectives and the specific relationship of a Master's degree in Political Science to the achievement of those objectives. The personal statement should not exceed three typewritten, double-spaced pages.

Admission Requirements

Admission to the Master's program is competitive. Meeting the minimum requirements does not guarantee acceptance.

The minimum requirements for admission to the M.A. program include:

- A baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university.
- A minimum 3.2 grade point average (on a 4.0 scale) during the last two years of a student's undergraduate program (students with graduate or professional course work will be evaluated individually).
- Verbal and Quantitative sections of the GRE.
- Graduates of non-U.S. institutions must be academically eligible for further study in the country where the degree was earned.
- International graduate student applicants whose native language is not English are required to submit a score for the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or for the International English Language Testing System (IELTS). A total score of 80 on the iBT TOEFL or 6.5 overall on the IELTS is required.

Degree Requirements

The course of study for the M.A. in Political Science requires 30 credit hours. A final research project and research seminar are required components:

Required Courses: (9 credits)

POS 5716	Foundations of Political Science	3
POS 5706	Research Methodology	3
POS 6976	Research Seminar	3

Core Courses: (9 credits)

Each student is required to take three of the following four core courses:

POS 5045	Seminar in American Politics	3
CPO 5091	Seminar in Comparative Politics	3
INR 5007	Seminar in International Politics	3
POT 5007	Seminar in Political Theory	3

Electives: (12 credits)

Students are required to take four elective courses. A student may take a maximum of six credit hours in a cognate field or in an approved cognate program.

Combined B.A./M.A. in Political Science

To be considered for admission to the combined bachelor's/master's degree program, students must have completed at least 75-90 credits in the bachelor's degree program at FIU and meet the admissions criteria for the graduate degree program to which they are applying. Students need only apply once to the combined degree program, but the application must be submitted to Graduate Admissions before the student starts the last 30 credits of the bachelor's degree program. A student admitted to the combined degree program will be considered to have undergraduate status until the student applies for graduation from their bachelor's degree

program. Upon conferral of the bachelor's degree, the student will be granted graduate status and be eligible for graduate assistantships. Only 5000-level or higher courses, and no more than the number of credits specified by the program catalog, may be applied toward both degrees.

Admission Requirements

- Students must have completed 75-90 credit hours.
- Students must have been admitted to the Steven J. Green School of International and Public Affairs.
- A 3.5 GPA overall in college work, and a 3.75 GPA in Political Science courses taken at FIU, are required.
- Three letters of recommendation, at least two of which must be from FIU Politics and International Relations faculty, are required.
- Students must meet admissions requirements for the M.A. in Political Science.
- Finally, a favorable decision into the 4+1 program by the Political Science graduate committee is required.
- Students will be awarded the B.A. degree upon completion of the B.A. requirements, prior to completing the requirements for the M.A. degree.

Common Prerequisites and Departmental Requirements (3 courses/9 credits)

The Common Prerequisites are required introductory courses for the undergraduate major and should be among the first Political Science courses taken. The department requires one additional 2000-level course beyond the Common Prerequisites. In order to conform with both state and departmental requirements, students must take the following:

POS 2041	American Government (or its equivalent)
and two of the following three courses:	
CPO 2002	Introduction to Comparative Politics (or its equivalent)
INR 2001	Introduction to International Relations (or its equivalent)
POT 2002	Introduction to Political Theory (or its equivalent)

Some transfer students will have already taken these or equivalent courses at other institutions, and should not repeat them at FIU. Students with questions about course equivalencies should contact the Political Science undergraduate advisor.

Breadth Requirement (8 courses/24 credits)

The Breadth Requirement is intended to expose majors to each of the four major sub-fields of Political Science. Two three-hour courses must be taken in each of the following subfields, for a total of 24 semester hours. These courses may not include independent studies, internships or POS 4784 Analytic Writing in Political Science.

American Politics - Any two 3000-level or above courses with a POS prefix, except POS 4784. PUP 4004 may be used as one of the required two American Politics courses. (6 credits)

Comparative Politics - Any two 3000-level or above courses with a CPO prefix. (6 credits)

International Politics - Any two 3000-level or above courses with an INR prefix. (6 credits)

Political Theory - Any two 3000-level or above courses with a POT prefix. (6 credits)

II. Political Science Electives Requirement (6 credits)

Two upper division courses with POS, CPO, INR, or POT prefixes, for a total of 6 credits. Independent studies, internships and/or POS 4784 can be applied toward the Political Science Electives Requirement.

Political Science Graduate/Undergraduate Electives Requirement (3 courses/9 credits)

Students in the 4+1 program will take three 3-credit graduate Political Science courses at the 5000-level to satisfy this requirement. Students must be advised by the departmental Graduate Program Director before enrolling in these 5000-level courses.

The 9 hours of graduate credit taken to satisfy the undergraduate Political Science major requirement will also count as 9 credit hours toward the 30 hours of graduate courses required for the M.A. degree.

M.A. Courses

A total of 30 hours of graduate-level courses is required for the successful completion of the M.A. degree. Nine of these 30 hours will have been completed at the undergraduate level by students in the 4+1 program.

Required Core Graduate Courses

POS 5706	Research Methodology
POS 5716	Foundations of Political Science
POS 6976	Research Seminar (to be taken during last term)

Secondary Core Graduate Courses – Choose three of the following:

CPO 5091	Seminar in Comparative Politics
INR 5007	Seminar in International Politics
POS 5045	Seminar in American Politics
POT 5007	Seminar in Political Theory

Electives – Four courses (12 credit hours)

Any 5000- or 6000-level Political Science courses. Two courses (6 credit hours) may be taken from outside the Department, with prior approval from the Graduate Program Director.

Research Project

A final research project must be completed in POS 6976 under the supervision of a Politics and International Relations faculty member. M.A. candidates are required to formally present the results of their research to faculty and peers at the end of the semester. The M.A. project will be evaluated by a three-member faculty panel.

Doctor of Philosophy in Political Science

The Doctor of Philosophy degree in Political Science at Florida International University is designed to provide students with a comprehensive knowledge of the discipline. The department's graduate program in Political Science builds on faculty strengths and distinguishes itself by stressing a comparative approach to the study of politics. The program is designed to equip its graduates with a solid foundation in the basic theories and methods of Political Science, in conjunction with an in-depth education in selected traditional subfields.

Admission Requirements

Admission to the Ph.D. program is competitive. Meeting minimum requirements does not guarantee acceptance.

The minimum requirements for admission to the Ph.D. program include:

1. A baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university;
2. An undergraduate GPA of 3.2 and/or a graduate GPA of 3.25;
3. Verbal and Quantitative sections of the GRE.
4. Graduates of non-U.S. institutions must be academically eligible for further study in the country where the degree was earned.
5. International graduate student applicants whose native language is not English are required to submit a score for the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or for the International English Language Testing System (IELTS). A total score of 80 on the iBT TOEFL or 6.5 overall on the IELTS is required.

Degree Requirements

The Ph.D. program requires a minimum of 76 credit hours beyond the Bachelor's degree.

The Doctor of Philosophy in Political Science is conferred based on satisfactory completion of required coursework, a demonstrated mastery of a broad field of knowledge, and successful completion and defense of the dissertation. The degree provides graduates with a solid foundation in the basic theories and methodologies of Political Science in conjunction with specialization in traditional subfields. Students will, in consultation with their faculty advisors, determine the contents of their course work. Students will specialize in two examination fields drawn from the four principal subfields of Political Science: American Politics, Comparative Politics, International Politics, and Political Theory. Students are also required to take additional coursework in a third, non-examined field of specialization. The third specialization field is satisfied by a minimum of 9 credit hours in a regionally or topically defined area.

Students' proposed programs must be approved by their advisors and the Political Science Graduate Studies Committee.

Ph.D. students who have satisfied all other requirements for the M.A. apart from the exit requirement (i.e. all coursework and the foreign language competency) are eligible to receive an M.A. degree. Passing the doctoral comprehensive examinations serves as equivalent to the M.A. comprehensive examination. Ph.D. students who have satisfied these requirements should consult with the Graduate Program Director about the necessary paperwork and procedures to receive the M.A. degree in the course of their Ph.D. studies.

Required Courses: (10 credits)

POS 5702	Teaching Political Science	1
POS 5706	Research Methodology	3
POS 5716	Foundations of Political Science	3
POS 6918	Seminar in Political Science Methodology	3

Common Core Courses: (12 credits)

CPO 5091	Seminar in Comparative Politics	3
INR 5007	Seminar in International Politics	3
POS 5045	Seminar in American Politics	3
POT 5007	Seminar in Political Theory	3

Two Examination Fields (minimum 12 credits)**Third Specialization (minimum 9 credits)****Approved Electives (minimum 9 credits)**

Language Requirement

The Political Science Ph.D. program requires competency in one foreign language or demonstrated competency in computer and methodological techniques when considered more appropriate. Language competency must be demonstrated prior to taking the comprehensive examinations.

Comprehensive Examination

After satisfactory completion of course work, students will take comprehensive exams in their two chosen subfields before being admitted to candidacy and defending a dissertation proposal. The comprehensive exams will cover core courses and broad knowledge of the two examination fields. They will be written and oral.

Comprehensive examinations are given twice yearly, in mid-September and in mid-January.

Dissertation: (minimum 24 credits)

After passing the comprehensive exams, students are admitted to candidacy and enroll for dissertation credits under the supervision of their dissertation advisors. Candidates will prepare and defend a dissertation proposal. Upon completion of the work, a public defense of the dissertation will be scheduled in accordance with university policy.

Financial Aid

The program has a limited number of graduate assistantships available for qualified students.

Assistantships are awarded on a competitive basis only to full-time students. Students applying for full-time status are considered automatically for these awards.

Assistantships are renewable each year for up to four years based on satisfactory progress and performance.

Combined M.A. in Latin American and Caribbean Studies (MALACS)/Ph.D. in Political Science

The Combined M.A. in Latin American and Caribbean Studies/ Ph.D. in Political Science program allows qualified graduate students to pursue graduate degrees in both areas simultaneously. Students must fulfill the requirements for both programs, and up to 36 credits completed as part of the M.A. in MALACS will be counted toward the 76 credit Ph.D. in Political Science.

Admission Requirements

Applicants must meet the following minimum requirements to be considered for admission.

1. Baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution for higher education (or equivalent);
2. Minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.2 on a 4.0 scale (or equivalent) for the last two years of undergraduate work and/or a GPA of 3.25 on any previous graduate work;
3. Verbal and Quantitative portions of the Graduate Record Exam (GRE);
4. International graduate student applicants whose native language is not English and who have not obtained a degree from an English-speaking academic institution are required to submit a score for the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)

or for the International English Language Testing System (IELTS). A total score of 80 on the internet-based TOEFL (equivalent to 550 on the paper-based version) or a 6.5 overall on the IELTS is required.

Although admissions decisions typically are made in the spring, decisions for students who have not yet received their bachelor's degree will be conditional, pending confirmation of the B.A. Meeting the minimum requirements does not guarantee admission into the program. All applications are subject to review by both the members of the Department of Politics and International Relations and the MALACS Graduate Committee.

Admission Procedure

To be accepted into this program, students must submit an application to the Ph.D. in Political Science with a sub-plan for a M.A. in LACS. This designation will appear in the menu of programs in the graduate application. The application must be submitted by February 1 in the year in which they wish to begin their studies.

The following documents must be submitted and will be reviewed by the Admissions Committees from both units.

1. Online application and application fee;
2. Official transcripts for all undergraduate and graduate coursework;
3. Official GRE scores;
4. Official TOEFL scores, if applicable.
5. A statement of research interests, including reasons for seeking the M.A./Ph.D., future career goals, and a summary of scholarly preparation for this program;
6. Three letters of reference from academic sources or others able to judge academic abilities and potential.
7. A curriculum vitae; and
8. A writing sample (such as a seminar paper) which demonstrates the ability to conduct research and write effectively.

Masters of Arts in Latin America and Caribbean Studies Degree Requirements (36 credits)

During their first two years of enrollment in the Combined Degree Program, students must complete 36 credits for an M.A. in Latin America and Caribbean Studies with depth or focus courses in Political Science.

MALACS Core Courses (9 credits)

During their first two years of enrollment in this dual degree program, students take three core courses as follows:

LAS 6003	Survey of Latin America and the Caribbean (first year, fall semester)	3
LAS 6934	Research Seminar (first year, spring semester)	3
POS 5706	Research Methods	3

MALACS Focus Courses (12-15 credits)

Students will take a minimum of 12-15 credits within the Department of Politics and International Relations with a Latin American and/or Caribbean focus.

MALACS Elective Courses (6-9 credit)

Student can take courses from other areas

MALACS Exit Options for Combined Degree Program (6 credits)

Students may choose one of three exit options:

LAS 6970 Thesis 6
See the MALACS program description for more information. The thesis is publicly defended and approved by a committee of three graduate faculty members.

LAS 6905 Directed Research in Latin American and Caribbean Studies 6
Preparation of two directed research papers. Both papers require an oral presentation and approval by a committee of three graduate faculty members.

LAS 6942 Internship in Latin American and Caribbean Studies 6
Supervised internship leading to a major research paper in Latin American and Caribbean Studies. The research paper requires an oral presentation and approval by a committee of three graduate faculty members.

Each student is required to demonstrate proficiency in either Spanish or Portuguese, or in another language such as French or Haitian Creole when justified by research interests. Proficiency demonstrated by scoring an advanced level on the ACTFL exam for Spanish, Portuguese, or French administered by FIU's Department of Modern Languages. Other tests of proficiency may be accepted upon approval of the graduate advisor.

Students should apply for graduation for the M.A. in LACS as soon as they have completed all requirements for the degree – including the exit requirements. Ordinarily, the M.A. will be conferred before the student advances to candidacy for the Ph.D. in Political Science.

Doctor of Philosophy in Political Science Degree Requirements

Students will begin study towards the Ph.D. in Political Science immediately following their satisfactory completion of MALACS requirements. A minimum of 40 credits beyond the 36 credits required for the MALACS degree will be necessary to satisfy the requirements of the Ph.D. Program in Political Science.

The total of 76 credits for a Ph.D. in Political Science include the following:

Program Requirements:

7 Required Course Credits:

POS 5702	Teaching Political Science	1
POS 5716	Foundations of Political Science	3
POS 6918	Seminar in Political Science Research Methods	3

12 Common Core Course credits:

CPO 5091	Seminar in Comparative Politics	3
INR 5007	Seminar in International Politics	3
POS 5045	Seminar in American Politics	3
POT 5007	Seminar in Political Theory	3

12 Credits in Two Examination Fields from the following:

1. American Politics,
2. Comparative Politics,
3. International Politics, and
4. Political Theory.

With advisor approval, these 12 credits may include some or all of the coursework (except POS 5706) taken in satisfaction of the requirements for the MALACS degree.

9 Credits in Third Area Specialization:

With advisor approval, these 9 credits may include some or all of the coursework (except POS 5706) taken in satisfaction of the requirements for the MALACS degree.

Elective Credits:

Elective credits necessary to bring total credits earned beyond the MALACS degree to a minimum of 40.

Dissertation:

24 Dissertation course credits.

Comprehensive Examination

After satisfactory completion of course work, students will take comprehensive exams in their two chosen subfields before being admitted to candidacy and defending a dissertation proposal. The comprehensive exams will cover core courses and broad knowledge of the two examination fields. They will be written and oral. Comprehensive examinations are given twice yearly, in mid-September and mid-January.

Dissertation (Minimum 24 credits)

After being admitted to candidacy, students enroll for dissertation credits under the supervision of their dissertation advisors. Candidates will prepare and defend a dissertation proposal. Upon completion of the dissertation itself, a public defense of the dissertation will be scheduled in accordance with University policy.

Course Descriptions

Definition of Prefixes

CPO-Comparative Politics; INR-International Relations; POS-Political Science; POT-Political Theory; PUP-Public Policy.

CPO 5036 Politics of Development (3). This course examines divergent explanations for development and underdevelopment. Of central importance are the concepts and theories that emphasize the political dimensions of development processes of development, and actors in the development process.

CPO 5091 Seminar in Comparative Politics (3). A foundation in the development of the field of comparative politics and in the major schools of thought that have molded perspectives on comparative political analysis.

CPO 5325 Politics of the Caribbean (3). Examines the structural and institutional aspects of the politics of the Caribbean. Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

CPO 5745 Political Economy of Disaster Risk Reduction (3). Examines the political economy of attempts, or lack thereof, to reduce the exposures and vulnerabilities to natural and/or technological hazards of communities across world regions. Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

CPO 5934 Topics in Comparative Politics (3). A rigorous examination of a topic in comparative politics. Subject matter varies according to instructor. Topic will be announced in advance.

CPO 5936 Seminar in Comparative Political Parties (3). Students read and discuss major works on parties by conservative, liberal, and Marxist authors.

CPO 6062 Seminar in Comparative Judicial Politics (3). An examination of judicial structures, legal traditions, judicial behavior and judicial power cross culturally.

CPO 6066 Comparative Constitutional Law (3). An examination of constitutionalism in both established and developing democracies. Particular emphasis on the role of courts, judicial review and judicial remedies using doctrinal, contextual and theoretical analysis.

CPO 6084 War, Peace and the Military (3). Examines theories of the relationship between societies, governments and their militaries. Emphasis on relationship between militaries and a nation's experience with peace and participation in war. Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

CPO 6092 Seminar in Comparative Political Culture (3). Examines culturalist theories in comparative politics, including postmaterialism, social capital, and civic culture. Students test hypothesis using survey data from prominent cross-national datasets. Prerequisites: POS 5706 or equivalent.

CPO 6105 Politics of the European Union (3). Examines the development and operation of the world's most successful experiment in regional cooperation, the European Union (EU), including political economy, institutions, and policy-making. Prerequisite: Graduate Standing.

CPO 6106 Seminar on European Politics (3). Advanced discussion of major themes in European politics. Topics include corporatism, post-materialism, democratization, and European integration.

CPO 6206 Seminar in African Politics (3). Studies the crisis of African development. Topics include colonialism, internal cleavages, and impact of the global economy.

CPO 6307 Seminar on South American Politics (3). Explores the realities and myths of the democratization experience of South America.

CPO 6316 Seminar in Latin American Democratic Institutions (3). Reviews the role of institutional design in promoting accountability in Latin American democracy, including presidentialism, party systems, legislatures, electoral laws, and federalism. Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

CPO 6350 Seminar in Brazilian Politics (3). The political development of Brazil, focusing on alternation between authoritarianism and democracy. Emphasis on clientelism, patrimonialism, civil-military relations, and political institutions.

CPO 6376 Seminar in Central American Politics (3). Central America's socio-political evolution. Attention is given to both the national and international politics of the region.

CPO 6407 Seminar in Politics of the Middle East (3). In depth analysis of comparative theoretical perspectives of political processes in the Middle East.

CPO 6546 Chinese Politics (3). The course examines key issues and challenges in contemporary Chinese politics, including corruption, economic inequality, state-society relations, and China's integration into the world economy.

CPO 6771 Politics of Disaster (3). Examines disaster and other extreme events as political system shocks. Analyzes disasters as crises of values, legitimacy, and agenda control. Evaluates policy alternatives in prevention, mitigation, and response. Prerequisite: Graduate Standing.

INR 5007 Seminar in International Politics (3). An advanced graduate course designed to give students a specialized knowledge of the classics in international politics. The course traces the development of international politics from Thucydides to the present.

INR 5012 Global Issues and Human Rights (3). Identification, articulation and clarification of global issues that affect Human Rights and the global strategies used to challenge and overcome obstacles. Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

INR 5017 Approaches to Area Studies (3). Provides students the necessary tools to approach global issues from the comparative perspective of how they play out in different regions of the world.

INR 5036 Politics of Globalization (3). Intensive examination of state and global institutions that have shaped process of economic globalization. Topics include impact on sovereignty, human rights, labor and agenda-setting of large and small nation-states.

INR 5062 War, Peace and Conflict Resolution in INR (3). Explores the genesis of interstate conflict, the evolution of crisis, the outbreak of war and peace. Analyzes conflict resolution and post-conflict reconstruction processes in international relations.

INR 5066 Global and Human Security (3). Global and human security is an emerging paradigm intensified by the process of globalization and epitomized by transnational issues affecting the individual, state, region, and global system.

INR 5072 The Media and International Relations (3). Explores impact of visual and print media on practice and theory of international relations. Encourages students to question how representation of international relations issues are produced by everyday media culture. Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

INR 5086 Islam in International Relations (3). Analysis of the role of Islam in shaping the dynamics of contemporary international relations. Emphasis on the ideological, cultural, and political role of Islamic movements and states, and their relations with the West.

INR 5087 Ethnicity and the Politics of Development (3). This course examines the conceptual and substantive dimensions of ethnicity in the context of world politics and political development. The course will highlight ethnicity and ethnic groups as critical factors in North-South politics.

INR 5088 Feminism and International Relations (3). Familiarizes students with major theoretical traditions of feminist thinking and surveys feminist literature in the sub-fields of security studies, political economy, and global governance. Prerequisites: Graduate standing or permission of the instructor.

INR 5105 American Foreign Policy (3). Compares different perspectives in foreign policy analysis. Provides a

comprehensive understanding of major issues in U.S. policy.

INR 5255 Seminar in African Development (3). Examines political, economic and social development in Sub-Saharan Africa in an international context. Introduces students to sources for research in African international development. Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

INR 5256 Conflict and Peacemaking in Africa (3). An examination of the root and proximate causes of national and transnational conflict in Africa, and the range of approaches used to attempt to restore peace to such conflicts. Prerequisites: Graduate standing or permission of the instructor.

INR 5275 International Relations of the Middle East (3). Focuses on IR of the contemporary Middle East, the foreign policy of major regional states, regional conflicts, and the US and other great powers' involvement, and dynamics of social and religious movements and revolutions. Prerequisites: Graduate standing or permission of the instructor.

INR 5276 Graduate Seminar The International Relations of Iran and the Persian Gulf (3). Study of the contemporary international relations of Iran and the Persian Gulf since the Islamic Revolution in 1979, relations with the Middle East, Eurasia, the Western World and the United States.

INR 5315 Foreign Policy Analysis (3). Comparative examination of theories of foreign policy making, emphasizing the international, domestic, and organizational contexts in which national policies are formulated and enacted. Prerequisites: Graduate standing or permission of the instructor.

INR 5352 Environment and Security (3). Examines the relationship between environmental issues and international security. Surveys such topics as resource scarcity, environmental degradation, and deforestation and their implications for national and regional security. Considers such topics as international environmental law, and international environmental regimes.

INR 5409 International Law I (3). Role of international law in the relations of states; nature, development, theory, sources of law; international personality; jurisdiction, including territory and nationality; dispute settlement.

INR 5507 International Organizations I (3). Study of international organizations and their role in international relations. Emphasis on their legal status, rule-making capacities and role in dispute settlement and maintenance of peace.

INR 5543 International Political Economy of East Asia (3). Introduction to the international political economy of East Asia with a focus on different paradigms that explain the rise and fall of the economy of a number of states in East Asia.

INR 5544 The New Asian Century (3). Critically examines Asian regional identity, Asia's role in the modern world economy, national and regional institution building, new security challenges, and the legacy of the past. Prerequisites: Graduate standing or permission of the instructor.

INR 5607 International Relations and Development (3). An analysis and conceptualization of the process of development as it takes place in the international context. Special attention given to the role of international organizations in promoting development and the manner in which differences in developmental levels conditions international relations.

INR 5609 Contemporary Dynamics of International Relations (3). Surveys the 20th century's large events and important tendencies decade by decade, as registered by intellectual and policy elites at the time.

INR 5615 Research Design in International Relations (3). Introduces graduate students to the principles of formulating and defending a compelling research design, gathering and analyzing evidence, and producing scholarship.

INR 5906 Independent Study (VAR). Directed independent research. Requires prior approval by instructor. Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

INR 5934 Topics in International Politics (3). A rigorous examination of a topic in international politics. Subject matter varies according to instructor. Topic to be announced in advance.

INR 5935 Topics in International Relations (3). Varies according to the instructor. Prerequisites: Graduate standing or permission of the instructor.

INR 5943 Internship in International Relations (1-6). Opportunity to gain practical experience in analysis and conduct of international relations by working at a consulate, governmental agency, non-governmental organization, or non-profit organization. Prerequisites: Graduate standing and permission of the instructor.

INR 5945 Graduate Pedagogy (1). The development of teaching skills required by graduate assistants, including classroom skills, designing examinations, etc. Prerequisite: Graduate Assistants.

INR 6008 Colloquium in International Studies (3). A systemic and International Relations theory supplemented with a consideration of legal, institutional and developmental issues. Prerequisite for MIB students: INR 6603 (World Politics).

INR 6010 Global Governance (3). Surveys contemporary writings on international regimes, global civil society, the relationship of global economics and politics, changing models of world order, and intergovernmental organizations. Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

INR 6019 Seminar in Comparative Area Studies (3). Examines contemporary issues in area studies, with focused attention on the interplay between domestic and international forces and the conditioning effects of global structures. Topics vary by instructor. Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

INR 6056 Environment and Development (3). Examines the relationship of development and the environment from a social theory perspective. Emphasizes Third World problems such as deforestation and soil erosion.

INR 6067 Human Security (3). Explores the debates and dilemmas of human security with an emphasis on the processes and policies actors develop in response to global threats.

INR 6080 Seminar on Non-State Actors (3). Explores the nature of non-state actors in international politics, including cities, interest groups, multi-nationals, and individuals.

INR 6089 International Relations and Human Rights (3). Examination of national and international factors affecting respect for human rights. Special emphasis on international human rights groups, foreign policy, and politics of policy implementation.

INR 6107 U.S. Foreign Policy: Processes and Institutions (3). Examines the structures and processes that shape U.S. policy toward other nations. Topics include: systemic constraints, state/society relations, interest groups, bureaucracy, and leadership.

INR 6209 Comparative Foreign Policy of Latin America (3). Theories, history, and political-economic dynamics of Latin American foreign policies and international relations. (S)

INR 6245 The Military, Latin America and International Security (3). Explores the supra-nationalization of the military institution in Latin America and how this has caused a transformation of its functional missions in the international and regional security and peace. Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

INR 6266 Seminar in Russian Foreign Policy (3). Close analysis of the theoretical foundation and policy evolution of the Soviet/Russian role in international affairs of the 20th century.

INR 6338 Seminar in Strategic Studies (3). Close analysis of key traditional and non-traditional concepts of the field of Strategic Studies, i.e. the genesis of power, war and peace, security and their relevance to and impact on International Relations.

INR 6406 International Law II (3). The course, which is the second of a two course graduate sequence, focuses on special topics, e.g., treaties, state responsibility, force and jurisdiction. Prerequisites: INR 5409 or permission of the instructor.

INR 6604 International Relations Theory I (3). An analysis of the traditional approaches to international relations theory, beginning with the classic works in the field. Emphasizes the philosophical and normative underpinnings of realism, idealism, liberalism and radicalism.

INR 6605 Contemporary International System (3). Study of synthetic review of theories of development and approaches to the study of development as a process of social, political, and economic change. Prerequisites: CPO 5036 and ESC 5025.

INR 6606 Political Psychology of International Relations (3). Study of psychological explanations for political behavior in international relations. Topics include: cognitive, motivational, and bureaucratic decision theories; leadership; and public opinion.

INR 6608 Contemporary International Relations Theory (3). Surveys contemporary theories of International Relations, including neorealism, theories of cooperation among states, approaches to international political economy, and critical theories.

INR 6705 Seminar in International Political Economy (3). Theories of economic cooperation and conflict among nation-states. Liberal, economic nationalists and Marxist theoretical paradigms are explored in an examination of the internationalization of capital, trade and investment and the role of the State in the global economy.

INR 6706 Political Economy of International Relations (3). Examines contemporary theoretical and policy debates in the area of international political economy. Reviews key concepts, theories and approaches used in the study of IPE. Prerequisites: INR 6604 or permission of the instructor.

INR 6936 Seminar in Inter-American Politics (3). Focus on U.S.-Latin American relations. Attempts to link the theoretical literature on U.S. foreign policy with empirical developments.

INR 6967 Preparation: Comprehensive Examination (1-9). Students prepare for comprehensive examination under the direction of a faculty member.

INR 6975 Thesis (1-6). Registration for students working on their thesis. Prerequisite: All other course work for the Master's in International Studies.

INR 7910 Pre-Dissertation Research (1-9). Students develop a dissertation proposal under the direction of a faculty member.

INR 7980 Ph.D. Dissertation (1-12). Supervised research on an original research project to be submitted in partial fulfillment of doctoral degree requirements. Prerequisites: Permission of the Major Professor and Doctoral Candidacy.

POS 5045 Seminar in American Politics (3). The advanced study of U.S. politics. Students read and discuss major works and theories concerning American politics and government.

POS 5146 Seminar in Urban Politics (3). Examination of processes by which urban areas are governed. Emphasis is on conflicts over structures, power, policy and the politics of ethnicity and class.

POS 5158 Topics in Politics (3). Subject matter varies according to instructor.

POS 5208 Seminar in Political Behavior (3). Analyzes the literature in political behavior. Special emphasis is on voting, socialization, attitudes, partisanship, campaigning, the media, and political participation in the developed democracies. Prerequisite: POS 5706.

POS 5447 Seminar in U.S. Political Parties (3). Students read and discuss the major works and theories on U.S. political parties.

POS 5638 Topics in Public Law (3). A rigorous examination of a topic in public law. Subject matter varies according to instructor. Topic will be announced in advance.

POS 5702 Teaching Political Science (1). Introduces graduate students to the pedagogical and practical aspects of teaching political science. Topics will include selecting books, writing a syllabus, lecturing, running discussion groups, and testing and grading. Covers professional ethics, and student rights and responsibilities.

POS 5706 Research Methodology (3). This course is an introduction to the principal concepts and techniques of quantitative and non-quantitative methodology in the social sciences. It is designed to familiarize the student with the language and format of quantitative and non-quantitative applications in order to permit students to deal effectively with the literature of their field.

POS 5716 Foundations of Political Science (3). Prepares students for the advanced study of politics. Areas of study include history of political science as a discipline, comparison of classical and modern sciences of politics and realpolitik, epistemological foundations.

POS 5728 Comparative Racial Politics (3). This course explores the ways race is socially constructed globally. It will discuss how race and racism are framed by states and different racial norms and patterns of mobilization in each country.

POS 5785 Writing Professionally in Political Science (3). Focus on inductive research process. Refines technical skills for effective written communication. Best practice examples for preparing briefing papers, articles, books, and grant applications.

POS 5909 Independent Study (1-6). Designed for advanced students who wish to pursue specialized topics in political science. Arrangements must be made with instructor during prior semester.

POS 5932 Topics in Urban Politics (VAR). An extensive examination of the processes by which social conflicts in American urban areas are represented and regulated. Emphasis is on the ways in which urban problems are identified and proposed solutions formulated, legitimized, and administered by urban policy-making processes. Includes a discussion of urban political culture.

POS 6286 Judicial Research (3). Examination of the methodological approaches used to study courts in a political context. Special attention to seminal works that focus on individual, small group and institutional behavior, and extra-legal influences.

POS 6415 Seminar on the U.S. Presidency (3). Examines the most important works on the U.S. Presidency and the evolution of the office since 1789.

POS 6427 Seminar on the U.S. Congress (3). Discussion of the scholarly literature on Congress. Students analyze trends in congressional power and possible reforms.

POS 6612 Seminar on U.S. Supreme Court (3). Seminar covers literature, both current and classic, on U.S. Supreme Court. Topics covered typically include the major paradigms, appointment process, access, agenda setting, decision making and impact.

POS 6639 Seminar in Public Law (VAR). Graduate seminar on special topic in public law. Topic to be announced in advance.

POS 6725 Formal Political Modeling (3). Introduces students to the foundations of public choice. Particular topics may include decision theory, social choice, spatial voting models, and game theory, among others.

POS 6918 Seminar in Political Science Research Methods (3). Examines the methods used to design, execute, and critique empirical research in political

science, addressing a variety of methodological issues. Prerequisites: POS 5706 and POS 5716.

POS 6937 Seminar in Politics (VAR). Subject matter varies according to instructor.

POS 6971 Thesis (1-6). Requires students to enroll for thesis or dissertation research for at least one credit hour every semester in which they are engaged in such research. Prerequisite: All other course work for the Master's.

POS 6976 Research Seminar (3). Required course for all M.A. candidates during completion of their major research project. Also required for second-year Ph.D. students. The course guides student research while in progress. Prerequisite: POS 5706.

POS 7910 Pre-Dissertation Research (1-9). During the term in which students take Ph.D. comprehensive exams, this course enables them to concentrate on completion of their dissertation prospectus. Prerequisite: Completion of all other Ph.D. coursework.

POS 7980 Ph.D. Dissertation (1-12). Supervised research and writing of an original research project. Prerequisites: Permission of Major Professor and Doctoral Candidacy.

POT 5007 Seminar in Political Theory (3). An examination of writings from a diverse list of some of the major political theorists in the Western tradition from antiquity to the present.

POT 5307 Feminist Political Theory (3). Examines feminist political theory in the second half of the twentieth century with a focus on the work of U.S. scholars.

POT 5615 Political Theory and Modernity in a Transnational Perspective (3). Explores and critically evaluates late modern (20th and 21st century) social and political theories central to the thought and practice of international politics.

POT 5635 Islamic Political Thought (3). Intensive study of major thinkers and primary texts of Islamic civilization form the development of Islamic political thought in Late Antiquity to the contemporary era.

POT 5934 Topics in Political Theory (3). An intensive examination of selected topics dealing with political theory. Subjects will vary, depending upon the desires of students and faculty. Allows the student to choose topics of particular interest to him or her.

POT 6015 Seminar in Classical Political Thought (3). Examination of key elements of classical political thought from the Hellenic to early Christian periods.

POT 6056 Seminar in Modern Political Thought (3). Examines important works and theories of political thought from the renaissance to the early 19th century.

POT 6067 Seminar in Contemporary Political Thought (3). Examines political theories of the 19th and 20th centuries. Special emphasis on the tension between modern and post-modern theory.

POT 6208 Seminar in American Political Thought (3). Students read and discuss classic and contemporary interpretations of U.S. political thought, and apply those ideas to modern U.S. politics.

POT 6315 Democratic Theory (3). Examines various theories of democracy in modern and contemporary political thought, including liberal, civic republican, deliberative, and cosmopolitan conceptions of democracy. Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

POT 6416 Seminar in Marxism (3). Analysis of the evolution of Marxism from Marx to the present. Particular attention is given to contemporary Marxist debates.

POT 6603 Political Theory of the Modern State (3). Analyzes evolution and theories of the modern state from the high middle ages to the present. Pre-state formations, classical states, and social science theories of the state are also discussed.

PUP 5934 Topics in Public Policy (1-6). A rigorous examination of a topic in public policy. Subject matter varies according to instructor. Topic will be announced in advance.

PUP 6007 Seminar in Public Policy (1-6). Graduate seminar on special topic dealing with public policy analysis. Subject matter varies according to instructor. Topic to be announced in advance.