MASTER OF ARTS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

Students enrolled in the Ph.D. program can usually earn a Master of Arts in Political Science within three semesters. It entails the completion of 32 graduate hours and the achievement of a 3.0 GPA in all courses taken. A master's paper is required.

**Thesis Option**

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Total Hours: 32

**Other Requirements**

Other requirements may overlap

A concentration is not required.

Minimum Hours Required Within the Unit: 24

Minimum 500-level Hours Required Overall: 24

Minimum GPA: 3.0

1 For additional details and requirements refer to the department’s graduate handbook (http://www.pol.illinois.edu/graduates/handbook) and the Graduate College Handbook (http://www.grad.illinois.edu/gradhandbook).

**Non-Thesis Option**

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