# UCI Political Science Graduate Program Requirements

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<td>Qualifying Undergrad Stats (equivalent to 3 quarters) or 2 grad level stats courses</td>
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<td>Advanced Research Skills</td>
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<td>3 of 4 Field Seminars</td>
<td>American Politics, Comparative Politics, Int'l Relations, Political Theory</td>
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<td>FIELD 1</td>
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<td>2 Major Fields</td>
<td>Min 12 pol sci courses (48 units) Max 6 non-pol sci courses (24 units)</td>
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UCI POLITICAL SCIENCE GRADUATE PROGRAM
PROGRESS TIMELINE: YEARS 1 TO 4

Coursework
- 18 courses / 72 units
- 2 fields
- 3 of 4 Field seminars
- Stats (by end of year 2)
- Advanced research skills *

Advancement to Candidacy
- Dissertation Proposal Defense
  (w/in 6 mo of candidacy exam)

Year 1
- F Q1
- W Q2
- S Q3
- Su1
- F Q4

Year 2
- W Q5
- S Q6
- Su2
- F Q7
- W Q8
- S Q9
- Su3
- F Q10

Year 3
- W Q11
- S Q12
- Su4

Year 4
Qualifying Paper #1
- expected end W Yr2
- latest end F Yr3

Qualifying Paper #2
- expected end W Yr3
- latest end S Yr3

* Language option deadline is by degree completion.
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PROGRESS TIMELINE: YEARS 3 TO 6

- Year 3:
  - F Q7
  - W Q8
  - S Q9
  - Su3

- Year 4:
  - F Q10
  - W Q11
  - S Q12
  - Su4

- Year 5:
  - F Q13
  - W Q14
  - S Q15
  - Su5

- Year 6:
  - F Q16
  - W Q17
  - S Q18
  - Su6

- Coursework Complete
- Advancement to Candidacy
- Dissertation Proposal Defense (w/in 6 mo of candidacy exam)
- Department Colloquium
- Dissertation Defense
- QP #1 latest
- Qualifying Paper #2 expected end W Yr3 latest end S Yr3