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INTRODUCTION

The faculty and staff welcome you to the graduate programs in the Department of Political Science. Your acceptance into graduate study signifies a high level of achievement in your previous academic efforts and demonstrates your commitment to intellectual and professional development. We hope your experience at Northeastern is both productive and rewarding.

Please do not hesitate to call upon any of the faculty or staff for further assistance. You are especially encouraged to consult with your academic advisor on a regular basis.

This publication serves as a companion to the official University graduate publications. These publications should be consulted regularly for information on pertinent college-wide rules, regulations, and graduate opportunities. These publications and more are available online at northeastern.edu/cssh/graduate/current_students

The CSSH Graduate Student Academic Services Course Description Website lists courses and their descriptions. This is available online at <http://www.neu.edu/registrar/cdr.html>.

Welcome to the Department of Political Science!

The Department of Political Science at Northeastern University is one of the leading political science departments in the country defining the experiential liberal arts. Our educational model and organizational philosophy in the experiential liberal arts frames and integrates our research, education, and outreach mission. Political Science at Northeastern incorporates our signature focus on experiential learning with the rigorous study of society, culture, politics, and ethics. As a community of scholars, our department is committed to understanding the domestic and international political landscapes in the discipline's subfields of **American Politics, Comparative Politics, International Relations, and Public Policy**.

Through our undergraduate and graduate programs, we prepare students for a future as leaders in the public, non-profit, and private sectors. A Northeastern education combines classroom and experiential learning by encouraging the application and transformation of knowledge and skills across a range of contexts from government agencies to nonprofit organizations to a wide range of industries. We equip our students with new capacities for the 21st century including new proficiencies such as text mining, data visualization, and network analysis. We encourage students to be global citizens by engaging in local communities. Our department is a national leader in the development of faculty-led, short-term study abroad programs known as *Dialogues of Civilization*, in which our faculty offer academic programs in Brazil, Israel, Germany, Japan, Jordan, Switzerland, among other countries.

We offer students a flexible and customizable educational experience through interdisciplinary undergraduate degree programs in Political Science and many combined majors. At the graduate level, we offer PhD and MA degrees in Political Science as well as the MS degree in Security and Resilience Studies. These programs are delivered by twenty-five faculty members with expertise in the major fields of Political Science as well as our research foci in security and resilience studies, network science and big data, international affairs, and public policy. Our faculty are leading scholars in their fields and share a commitment to excellent teaching and a passion for the public good. Please explore our faculty and connect with them through this website.

We welcome you to visit the main office of the Department of Political Science on the ninth floor of Renaissance Park. Our faculty are located on the second, third, and ninth floors of Renaissance Park. You may contact me at c.panagopoulos@northeastern.edu with any questions.

Costas Panagopoulos, PhD

Interim Department Chair

KEY CONTACTS

Department Contacts

In addition to your academic advisor, the following are several core faculty and staff who help administer our graduate programs. Please see the Faculty and Staff Directory on page 35 of this guide or <https://www.northeastern.edu/cssh/polisci/> for a full listing of our faculty and staff.

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Additional Northeastern Resources

The following is contact information for other Northeastern offices you may need to get in touch with as you transition to being a graduate student. You can find a full listing of Northeastern offices at <http://www.northeastern.edu>.

Bookstore

<http://northeastern.bncollege.com>
4 Ell Hall
617-373-2286

Campus Activities

<http://www.northeastern.edu/csi/>
434 Curry Student Center
617-373-2642

Career Services

<http://www.northeastern.edu/careers/>
Stearns Building, Suite 103
617-373-2430 or careerservices@neu.edu

Disability Resource Center

www.northeastern.edu/drc
20 Dodge Hall
617-373-2675

CSSH Graduate Student Academic Services

www.northeastern.edu/cssh/graduate
180 Renaissance Park
617-373-5990 or gradcssh@neu.edu

Information Services

<http://www.northeastern.edu/infoservices/>
1st Floor Snell Library
617-373-4357 or help@neu.edu

Center for the Advancement of Veterans

<https://www.northeastern.edu/military>
271 Huntington Avenue in Boston, MA
02115
617-373-2392 or nuvets@neu.edu

Office of Global Services

<https://www.northeastern.edu/ogs/>
405 Ell Hall
617-373-2310 or ogs@northeastern.edu

Office of the University Registrar

<http://www.northeastern.edu/registrar/>
271 Huntington Avenue Suite 276
617-373-2300 or registrar@neu.edu

Student Employment Office

<http://studentemployment.neu.edu>
271 Huntington Avenue Suite 271
617-373-3200

Student Financial Services

<http://www.northeastern.edu/financialaid/>
354 Richards Hall
617-373-5899 or sfs@neu.edu

University Health & Counseling Services

<http://www.northeastern.edu/uhcs/>
1st Floor, Forsyth Building, 135
617-373-2772 or uhcs@neu.edu

University Libraries

<http://library.northeastern.edu/>
Snell Library
617-373-2350

PHD IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

The Doctor of Philosophy in Political Science is grounded in the core fields of the discipline—American government and politics, comparative politics, international relations, and public policy. Students identify a primary and secondary field as areas of emphasis. The curriculum introduces students to all four fields and also develops their research skills through a series of methods courses. Students may develop a traditional, academic focus in one of the fields, or they may combine it with public policy to highlight a policy orientation. The program prepares students to be academic scholars and teachers as well as practitioners in research and public service.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

The PhD degree requires successful completion of required courses, as well as passing a written comprehensive examination, and an oral defense of both a dissertation proposal and a dissertation before a faculty committee.

Students who are entering the program with a bachelor's degree complete 56 semester hours (fourteen courses) of academic credit. Students who begin the program with Advanced Entry (i.e. a Master's degree from another university) are required to complete a minimum of 40 semester hours of credit at Northeastern. The program director will assess the academic record of each applicant entering with a Master's degree to determine whether an entering student qualifies for Advanced Entry.

Students who earned a Master of Arts or Master of Public Administration degree from the Department of Political Science at Northeastern University, and are subsequently admitted into the PhD program, must complete additional coursework to satisfy the overall course requirements of the PhD program (dependent on the relevant courses taken and their field of study). In general, all courses at the 7000-level taken at Northeastern will count towards the PhD. However, students must also satisfy course distribution requirements outlined below.

Satisfactory progress in the PhD program is defined as maintaining an overall grade point average of 3.500 and maintaining sufficient progress toward completion of one's dissertation during candidacy. Please see page 28 in this guide for the full academic progress policy for our graduate programs.

CURRICULUM

The following is an outline of all core, elective, and field requirements for the PhD in Political Science. You will also find at the end of this guide a useful "PhD Course Requirements Tracking Sheet" to help you monitor your progress toward candidacy.

Core Requirements: All doctoral students, regardless of their primary field concentration, must complete the following three required core courses:

- INSH 6300 Research Methods in the Social Sciences
- INSH 6500 Statistical Analysis
- INSH 7400 Quantitative Analysis

All doctoral students must complete three of the following core courses:

- POLS 7204 Seminar in Public Policy
- POLS 7205 Seminar in American Government and Politics
- POLS 7206 Seminar in Comparative Politics
- POLS 7207 Seminar in International Relations

Elective and Field Requirements: All doctoral students must also complete eight elective courses. At least three of these courses should be in the student's primary field and at least two courses should be in a secondary field. The only field that has a specific required course is the policy field, which stipulates that all students choosing this as a primary field must complete PPUA 6506, Techniques of Policy Analysis.

Elective courses may also include courses outside the department, directed studies, or internships. With permission, courses directly relevant to the student's area of study may be taken in other graduate programs within Northeastern University. Under normal circumstances, no more than six semester hours (two courses) may be taken outside the department. In addition, up to two courses may be taken as "directed study" in particularly specialized areas. Students may also find completing an internship is relevant toward completion of their degree. The internship program is outlined later in this guide under the *Academic Resources and Support* section.

Language proficiency: Students must demonstrate language proficiency as necessary for successful completion of the dissertation. Language courses do not count as electives and those taken at Northeastern University must be approved by the department, CSSH Graduate Student Academic Services, and Northeastern's World Languages Center.

DOCTORAL DEGREE CANDIDACY

Doctoral degree candidacy is attained after successfully completing all coursework, passing the comprehensive examination, and writing and successfully defending a dissertation proposal.

Comprehensive Examination: Following completion of required course work, doctoral students must pass a comprehensive examination. During the semester they take the comprehensive exams, students will register for POLS 8960, Doctoral Exam Preparation. Registration for this one course constitutes full-time status. Written examinations are based on the literature in the field as well as materials derived from completed coursework.

Comprehensive examinations are offered in the fall and spring semesters as agreed on by the candidate, the PhD program director, and the comprehensive examination committee. The examination format includes a choice of three questions per field covering a student's **two** major fields, some combination of International Relations, Comparative Politics, American Politics, Public Policy, and Methodology.

Oral Defense of Dissertation Proposal: Within six months of passing the comprehensive exams, students must complete and defend a dissertation proposal. Students must have a written proposal specifying the topic, approach, and research design, and describing the resources available for completing the research, approved by the dissertation committee. The department offers a series

of dissertation proposal, research, and professional development workshops to assist in the preparation of dissertation proposals. However, these workshops do not replace the need for a close working relationship with the dissertation advisor. The proposal should demonstrate the student's comprehension of the literature in the areas of research and should present a reasonably detailed plan for conducting research.

Upon agreement of the dissertation committee and graduate program director, a formal oral defense of the proposal will be scheduled. It will be open to the departmental community, and PhD students who are encouraged to attend and provide feedback. The oral defense, which should last approximately one hour in total, will include a 20-minute presentation of the proposal followed by rigorous question and answer period, with emphasis on theory, methodology, and research design. Students will either pass or fail this stage. If the latter, a revised dissertation proposal must be submitted within one month and another oral defense scheduled. Students will be advanced to candidacy following successful oral defense of the dissertation proposal.

Yearly Progress Reports: At the end of each academic year, doctoral candidates and their dissertation advisors will be asked for information regarding their progress.

DISSERTATION

A dissertation is required of all students. A student has five years to complete the dissertation once doctoral degree candidacy is attained. Once degree candidacy is attained, registration must be continuous until graduation requirements have been met.

For each of the first two semesters that a doctoral candidate is working on a dissertation the student must register for POLS 9990: Doctoral Dissertation. For each semester beyond the two Dissertation registrations, the student must register for POLS 9996: Doctoral Dissertation Continuation until the dissertation is approved by the CSSH Graduate Student Academic Services and is submitted electronically to the University Library. Students should not register for continuation during the summer unless that is when the defense is scheduled to take place.

Doctoral dissertation requirements are fulfilled in several stages:

Forming the Dissertation Committee: The dissertation committee is put together by the PhD candidate and academic advisor (who usually acts as the primary reader), based on consultation with and the approval of the Director of the PhD program. The committee is typically composed of three members and normally may include up to one faculty member from outside the department or the university, but must be chaired by a full-time, tenured member of the Department of Political Science. The committee approves the dissertation proposal and works with the student throughout the dissertation process, including the oral defense. Students should form their dissertation committees after passing the comprehensive exam and before the oral defense of the dissertation proposal.

Formats: There are two possible formats for a dissertation. One is the more traditional book-length manuscript. The other is composed of three, single-authored, journal-quality articles and two integrative essays (an introduction and a conclusion). Consult the Director of the PhD program

for more information on these options. The dissertation must meet all requirements of The CSSH Graduate Student Academic Services.

Research and Writing: The student thereafter writes a dissertation that presents an original approach or insight into the topic under investigation. It is based on research utilizing primary documents as well as secondary literature, and reflects the methodological approach established at the proposal stage. The student is advised to maintain constant contact with the chair of the dissertation committee throughout the process.

Defending the Dissertation: At a time when the dissertation committee so deems, the student will orally defend the dissertation before the committee and any other member of the University community who wishes to observe. *Three weeks* prior to defending the dissertation, students must submit the [PhD Petition to Schedule Dissertation Defense](#) and a flyer to circulate to the Department. Students should submit the flyer to the Graduate Program Administrator.

Submission: Once the dissertation has been successfully defended and is deemed complete by the committee, the student must submit the completed manuscript to the University, following the precise guidelines (<http://www.northeastern.edu/cssh/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/thesis.pdf>) for submission provided by the College. No degree can be granted until the University has formally accepted the dissertation.

PROGRAM STRUCTURE AND ADMINISTRATION

The PhD Committee is the chief policy-making body for the doctoral program. Decisions regarding curriculum and program direction and development are within the jurisdiction of this committee. Three members of the PhD Committee serve as the admissions committee for the doctoral program. Major changes must be approved by the Department of Political Science.

MASTER OF ARTS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

The Master of Arts Program focuses on the core scholarly areas of political science. Students specialize in one of five concentration areas: American government and politics, comparative government and politics, international relations, public policy, and security studies. Courses in the MA program serve as a foundation for work in a doctoral program or as preparation for careers in government, nonprofit organizations, or related work in the private sector.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

To earn the Master of Arts (MA) in Political Science degree at Northeastern, you must successfully complete 32 semester hours (typically 8 courses) of credit. Full-time students can expect to complete the degree within two academic years. Coursework is divided between 4 credits in a course required of all MA students, 12 credits within a chosen concentration, 4 credits outside the student's area of concentration, and a remaining 12 elective credits. In addition to in-class coursework, students must complete an experiential education component that advances their learning, research and/or career objectives. An experiential education opportunity will be satisfied with a *minimum of 4 credits* and a *maximum of 8 credits*.

These requirements are described in more detail below. Additionally, full course listings can be found under the section ***Graduate Courses in the Department of Political Science*** located later in this guide.

Satisfactory progress in the MA Program includes maintaining a grade point average of 3.0. Students must attain a final cumulative grade point average of at least 3.000 in all course work to qualify for the Master of Arts degree. In addition, MA degree candidates must also obtain a grade point average greater than 3.000 in their concentration area, and any course in which a student earns lower than a C grade cannot be used to fulfill concentration area requirements. Please see page 28 in this guide for the full academic progress policy for our graduate programs.

CURRICULUM

The following is an outline of all curriculum requirements for the MA in Political Science. You will also find at the end of this guide a useful ***MA Course Requirements Tracking Sheet*** to help you in monitoring your progress toward graduation.

Experiential education offers MA students a *direct and “real world” experience* with *focused reflection*, relevant to their academic studies. Students must fulfill the experiential education requirement through one of the following opportunities: **POLS 6966 Practicum; POLS 7407 Internship in Politics; POLS 7990 Thesis; POLS 7980 Capstone Project**

INSH 6500 Statistical Analysis: All MA students are required to take **INSH 6500 Statistical Analysis (or equivalent courses)**. We recommend students take this required course as early in the program as possible.

Concentration Requirements

All MA students are required to select one of five concentrations. Each concentration requires at least three courses. The following is an overview of each concentration and a brief description of its requirements.

American Government and Politics: The field of American government and politics studies the structure of the American system of governance, its institutions, processes for representation, and the broad dynamics of public policymaking. Students in this field will develop a thorough knowledge of the formal institutions of government, as well as an appreciation for the historical and philosophical foundations of the constitutional system, the societal factors that have shaped policymaking, and for the normative dimensions of democratic representation and effective government.

The following course is required of all students pursuing this concentration:

- **POLS 7205- Seminar in American Government and Politics:** Focuses on major research approaches and corresponding academic literature in U.S. politics. Examines the scholarly analysis of key actors in U.S. politics, including the presidency, Congress, the judiciary, and political parties.

Additionally, three other courses whose primary focus is American government must be chosen from the Department's offerings.

Comparative Politics: Comparative politics focuses upon politics within and across nations. It examines and compares political structures and institutions, political culture development and democratization, as well as many of the challenging issues facing states today. MA students develop a solid understanding of how different kinds of political systems function and how to assess their impact on public policy and normative questions. They study the impact of culture and international politics upon political processes within nations; and they study the theory and methods for comparing nations. Students have the opportunity to focus on specific areas of the world as well as to develop a broad understanding of all types of political systems.

The following course is required of all students pursuing this concentration:

- **POLS 7206- Seminar in Comparative Politics:** Focuses on major research paradigms within comparative politics, including political culture, structuralism, and rational choice. Examines major research fields in the discipline, including democratization, nationalism, ethnic politics, political economy, and political parties.

Additionally, three other courses whose primary focus is comparative politics must be chosen from the Department's offerings.

International Relations: The field of international relations is concerned both with relations that occur across national boundaries and with the patterns or structures according to which such relations take place. More specifically, international relations examines the actors, issues, and actions which have impacts beyond national boundaries. As an academic discipline, the field

attempts to define these phenomena, explain the historical and present patterns of their occurrence, and illuminate the contexts in which certain patterns are likely to be experienced. As such, international relations looks not just to the actors and the systems within which their interactions take place, but it also attempts to ascertain how the particular systems evolved, why particular actors at one time or another have somehow dominated international affairs, and how in their interactions various actors have contributed to shaping issues and patterns in international affairs.

The following course is required of all students pursuing this concentration:

- **POLS 7207- Seminar in International Relations:** Focuses on major research approaches and corresponding academic literature in international relations. Examines major fields of study, including international security, international regimes, international organizations, globalization, and international political economy.

Additionally, three other courses whose primary focus is international relations must be chosen from the Department's offerings.

Public Policy: The field of public policy focuses on the various strategies and actions that governments adopt to achieve broadly accepted goals. The public policy process often is conceptualized as a cycle of activities that include problem definition, agenda setting, enactment, implementation, and evaluation. Advanced study of public policy draws on perspectives and methods that are rooted in not only political science, but also law, history, economics, and other disciplines to allow for a comprehensive understanding of policy development as well as outcomes. Based equally on social scientific tools and an appreciation of politics, it equips the policy analyst with the ability to provide advice to public officials and advocates so that informed decisions can be made about public policy alternatives. While the focus of this field is on policymaking in the United States, a cross-national and international perspective is also included. Courses in this field cover the policymaking process, policy analysis, and substantive policy areas.

The following course is required of all students pursuing this concentration:

- **POLS 7204- Seminar in Public Policy:** Concentrates on the scope of the study of public policy, disciplinary contributions to policy analysis and the study of public policy, methods of policy analysis, and models of policy processes.

Additionally, three other courses whose primary focus is public policy must be chosen from the Department's offerings.

Security Studies: The field of security studies addresses the causes of war and peace within a nation state or the international system. Security studies is closely tied to the study of government, since security is a key public good that governments seek to provide for their citizens. Security failures are often the result of government failures to maintain a stable domestic environment or to address international challenges. International organizations also play an important role in establishing security, through conflict resolution, arms control, and deployment of various resources. Students at Northeastern further benefit from an innovative perspective on security that

forms the basis of the new MS in Security and Resilience Studies at Northeastern. This program seeks to strengthen societal and infrastructure resilience to natural and manmade disasters.

The following courses are required of all students pursuing this concentration:

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- **POLS 7207**- Seminar in International Relations [[
SEP]]
- **POLS 7341**- Security and Resilience Policy

Additionally, two other approved courses (from a specialized list) must be chosen from the Department's offerings.

Non-Concentration Requirement

In order to broaden the overall perspective of every student to all the fields of the discipline, we require every student to take at least one course outside their area of concentration. Those students pursuing a concentration in comparative politics or international relations are required to take at least one course in American government, or public policy. Those students pursuing a concentration in American government and politics or public policy, are required to take at least one course in comparative politics, or international relations. Those students pursuing a concentration in Security Studies, are required to take at least one course in American government and politics.

Elective Options

Beyond the requirements listed above, MA students are required to complete an additional 12 credits as electives. These can be done as course work through any of the above mentioned concentration areas or within a number of other options pursued under advisement with the Department.

Research Courses: Though not required, we strongly recommend that students interested in pursuing doctoral studies, whether at Northeastern or elsewhere, take the following doctoral program core course, **POLS 7201- Research Design**. In addition to this course are other research methodology courses both within the department as well as other departments in the college to help prepare students for doctoral level work.

Courses in other programs: With prior written permission from both departments, MA students may take up to eight semester hours relevant to the student's concentration in other graduate programs at Northeastern.

Directed study: MA students may take up to six semester hours as "directed study" in specialized areas. All directed studies are subject to the prior approval of the Department and CSSH Graduate Student Academic Services, and are generally not approved for subjects in which courses are offered.

Experiential Learning Requirement

Students who do not complete the Optional Co-Op Experience are required to complete 4-8 semester hours from POLS 7407, POLS 7976, POLS 7980, or POLS 7990 to complete the Experiential Education Requirement

Internship (POLS 7407 or POLS 8407): MA students, with prior approval, can earn academic credit through a supervised internship experience that carries an academic component. MA students can take up to 6 semester hours of internship credit. A petition with appropriate approvals is required for all internships.

MA Thesis (POLS 7990) : MA students may pursue, with prior approval, an optional thesis of six semester hours of total credit. Thesis proposals must be approved by a thesis committee comprised of two full-time members of the graduate faculty and the MA Program Director for the Department. This process generally begins at the beginning of the semester prior to when the student plans on completing their thesis.

Co-op -OPTIONAL

Requires two consecutive semesters of Co-op Work Experience and Experiential Integration:

Residence Requirement: MA students are required to take at least 24 semester hours of credit as on-campus courses.

PROGRAM STRUCTURE AND ADMINISTRATION

The Master of Arts Committee provides general oversight for the program. Decisions regarding individual courses and minor program changes are within the jurisdiction of this committee. Major changes must be approved by the Department of Political Science.

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN SECURITY AND RESILIENCE STUDIES

Security and Resilience Studies is an emerging field of inquiry that focuses on how global, national, and subnational actors manage a range of chronic transnational challenges that can be destabilizing to societies such as terrorism, organized crime, weapons proliferation, cyber attacks, bio-terrorism, climate change and catastrophic disasters, migration, and radicalization. It explores how strategic doctrines, organization processes, bureaucratic behaviors and security tools and tactics are adapting to these challenges by placing greater emphasis on resilience. Resilience is a concept rooted in multiple disciplines that is gaining widespread currency at the community, societal, and global levels given the prevalence of human-made and naturally-occurring threats that do not lend themselves to preventive and protective measures. Strategies for dealing with these threats emphasize measures that mitigate, respond to, recover from, and adapt to risk so as to safeguard essential functions and societal values. Many of these measures involve the role of technologies, system design, and engineering as well as policy, regulatory, and governance issues. Students at Northeastern who enroll in the MS in Security and Resilience Studies will be prepared to inform and support domestic and international efforts to deal with the major sources of turbulence in 21st Century.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

To earn the Master of Science (MS) in Security and Resilience Studies degree at Northeastern, you must successfully complete 30 semester hours of credit and maintain a minimum 3.000 GPA overall. Full-time students can expect to complete the degree within one calendar year. Coursework is divided between 12 credits in core courses required of all MS students, 12-15 elective credits within a chosen specialization, and a 3-6 credit Capstone (with some experiential component). These requirements are described in more detail below. Additionally, full course listings can be found in the graduate catalog online.

This program can be completed either in residence at Northeastern University's Boston campus or by students who live outside the Boston area. Online delivery of courses is available for selected courses in the core and among the electives.

Please see page 28 in this guide for the full academic progress policy for our graduate programs.

CURRICULUM

Required Courses

All students in the MS in *Security and Resilience Studies* will be required to complete 16 semester hours of core courses. POLS 7341 Security and Resilience Policy introduces students to concepts and theories of *Security and Resilience Studies* and provides a foundation for further coursework in the field.

Core Course

- POLS 7341 Security and Resilience Policy

Core Elective Courses

Complete 8 semester hours from the following:

- CRIM 7200 Criminology
- POLS 7343 Counterterrorism
- POLS 7346 Resilient Cities
- POLS 7369 International Security
- POLS 7441 Cyberconflict in the International System
- PPUA 5390 Energy Transitions and Climate Change

Research Methods

Complete 4 semester hours from the following:

- INSH 6300 Research Methods in the Social Sciences
- INSH 6500 Statistical Analysis
- INSH 7400 Quantitative Analysis
- INSH 7500 Advanced Quantitative Analysis
- INSH 7600 Advanced Methodological and Quantitative Techniques
- PPUA 5263 Geographic Information Systems for Urban and Regional Policy

Elective Courses

In addition, students will complete 12 credits of electives, from the interdisciplinary list of elective courses below. Electives are organized to allow students to think thematically. In addition to courses grounded in political science and public policy, this list also includes the opportunity for students to select from a wide variety of technical and scientific fields including cybersecurity policy, business sustainability, health care systems, urban sustainability, and infrastructure design. Students may petition the Program Director to include other elective courses on a case-by-case basis.

Capstone Project (POLS 7978 or PPUA 7673)

Students will have two options for completing their capstone project. First, students may conduct a capstone research or consulting project under the supervision of a faculty adviser during the Full Summer semester or another semester. Second, students may complete PPUA 7673 Capstone in Public Policy and Urban Affairs.

Co-op -OPTIONAL

Requires two consecutive semesters of Co-op Work Experience and Experiential Integration:

Elective Course List

Counterterrorism and Conflict Studies

- CRIM 7201 Global Criminology
- CRIM 7242 Terrorism and International Crime
- CRIM 7264 Immigration and Crime
- POLS 7343 Counterterrorism
- POLS 7344 Hard Power, Soft Power, and Smart Power
- POLS 7360 Ethnic Political Conflict
- POLS 7361 U.S. National Security Policy
- POLS 7363 Politics of Revolution and Change
- POLS 7364 Terrorism, Violence, and Politics
- POLS 7365 Totalitarianism and Oppressive Government
- POLS 7366 Genocide in a Comparative Perspective
- POLS 7369 International Security
- SOCL 7231 Sociology of Prejudice and Violence

Cybersecurity Policy

- CRIM 7246 Security Management
- CRIM 7260 Topics in Criminal Justice
- IA 5001 Cyberspace Technology and Applications
- IA 5010 Foundations of Information Assurance
- IA 5200 Security Risk Management and Assessment
- IA 5210 Information System Forensics
- IA 5240 Cyberlaw: Privacy, Ethics, and Digital Rights
- IA 5250 Decision Making for Critical Infrastructure
- POLS 7441 Cyberconflict in the International System

Resilient Cities

- CRIM 7200 Criminology
- CRIM 7270 Crime and Community Context
- CRIM 7312 Special Topics in Criminology and Public Policy
- CRIM 7316 Advanced Topics in Methods
- LPSC 7312 Cities, Sustainability, and Climate Change
- POLS 7346 Resilient Cities or PPUA 7346 Resilient Cities
- POLS 7704 Critical Infrastructure Resilience
- PPUA 5261 Dynamic Modeling for Environmental Decision Making
- PPUA 5262 Big Data for Cities
- PPUA 5263 Geographic Information Systems for Urban and Regional Policy
- PPUA 5265 Urban and Regional Policy in Developing Countries
- PPUA 5266 Urban Theory and Science

- PPUA 6201 The Twenty-First Century City: Urban Opportunities and Challenges in a Global Context
- PPUA 6205 Research Design and Methodology in Urban and Regional Policy
- PPUA 6206 Research Toolkit for Urban and Regional Policy: Geographic Information Systems
- PPUA 7237 Advanced Spatial Analysis of Urban Systems
- PPUA 7238 Climate Change and Urbanization in Developing Countries

Administration, Management, and Policy

- CRIM 7202 The Criminal Justice Process
- CRIM 7230 Police and Society
- CRIM 7404 Research Methods and Statistics
- POLS 7202 Quantitative Techniques
- POLS 7387 Global Governance
- POLS 7704 Critical Infrastructure Resilience
- PPUA 6502 Economic Institutions and Analysis
- PPUA 6503 Public Personnel Administration
- PPUA 6504 Organizational Theory and Management
- PPUA 6505 Public Budgeting and Financial Management
- PPUA 6506 Techniques of Policy Analysis
- PPUA 6507 Institutional Leadership and the Public Manager

PROGRAM STRUCTURE AND ADMINISTRATION

The Master of Science Committee provides general oversight for the program. Decisions regarding individual courses and minor program changes are within the jurisdiction of this committee. Major changes must be approved by the Department of Political Science.

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN SECURITY & RESILIENCE STUDIES

The goal of the Graduate Certificate in Security & Resilience Studies is to prepare students to manage contemporary transnational risks by gaining an understanding of the principles and policies for Security and Resilience of critical systems.

CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS

The certificate requires students to take four (3) courses for a total of 12 semester hours. Courses may be on ground, completely online, or in a hybrid format with four set face-to-face experiences per semester combined with an online component. Additional face-to-face experiences may be available for Boston-based students. This flexible experience offers interactive online course content and activities in tandem with structured live events that include a speaker series and interactive team project sessions.

CURRICULUM

Required Courses:

- POLS 7341 Security and Resilience Policy

Elective Courses:

Choose two from the following list:

- POLS 7369 International Security
- POLS 7442 Homeland Security and Resilience Law and Policy
- POLS 7346 Resilient Cities
- POLS 7343 Counterterrorism**
- POLS7441 Cyberconflict in the International System

All currently enrolled Northeastern CSSH graduate students can opt to complete any graduate certificate while concurrently enrolled in a degree program. Masters and doctoral students seeking a graduate certificate must (1) apply and be admitted to the certificate program and (2) must complete the course requirements of the certificate prior to meeting coursework requirements for the primary degree program. Certificate coursework cannot extend beyond the point in time when degree requirements are met. *Stand-alone certificate programs do not meet compliance eligibility requirements for F-1 and J-1 visa classifications.*

ACADEMIC RESOURCES AND SUPPORT

NU IDENTIFICATION CARDS

Your Husky card serves as a master key to the major processes and services of the University. You will need to show this card in order to cash checks, borrow books, make payments, use physical education facilities, purchase parking stickers, use the library and gain entrance to University events. If you are a full-time or part-time student, you may obtain a student picture I.D. at Speare Hall or at other published locations during the start of the semester. You will need to present a photo identification card, such as a state license or passport.

FINANCIAL AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Financial aid at Northeastern University is available through two major sources. First, the University's Office of Financial Aid, located at 354 Richards Hall, provides information and applications for a number of university-wide, state, and federal grant and loan programs. Second, the Department of Political Science nominates students for financial support through Student Graduate Assistantships (Teaching Assistantships), CSSH Scholarships (Political Engagement Scholarship or the 21st Century Resilience Scholarship), and Research Assistantships.

Students can find information on applying for loans, scholarships, and work-study opportunities through Northeastern University's Office of Student Financial Services in 354 Richards Hall or by calling (617) 373-5899.

Departmental Awards: Students with financial awards through the Department of Political Science must maintain the minimum grade point average mandated by their particular program at all times. In addition, if receiving an incomplete grade in a course, an incomplete grade contract must be on file with The CSSH Graduate Student Academic Services and Registrar's Office and all coursework to satisfy the incomplete must be completed within six weeks of the final exam week of the semester in which the incomplete was taken. Failure to comply with these rules will mean the loss of financial aid through the Department of Political Science. Additionally, students should refer to the specific terms of their award sent at the time the award is offered, including the maximum number of years a student is eligible for department controlled financial assistance.

Stipended Graduate Assistantships (SGAs) provide a tuition scholarship as well as a stipend in return for academic assistance to the department. Students with an SGA award typically serve as *teaching assistants* by leading discussion sections in introductory undergraduate courses, grading student exams, responding to student questions, and supporting faculty research and teaching. Also, students with an SGA award may serve as an *instructor* by assuming all responsibilities for a class as the official instructor-of-record. Generally, students must have achieved PhD candidacy (passed comprehensive exams) to be an instructor. SGA awards are for ten or twenty hours of work per week, depending upon the terms of the award. The SGA stipend is slightly higher for those students who have achieved PhD candidacy. Students must be a full-time PhD student to receive an SGA award.

CSSH Scholarships provide a tuition waiver covering a predetermined number of credits for each fall and spring semester. There is no work requirement. These waivers can only be awarded to full-time students.

Research Assistants (RAs) receive a tuition scholarship as well as a stipend in return for ten or twenty hours per week of research assistance to a faculty member in the department. RAs are funded through grants received by faculty and are not available every year.

ADVISING

Academic advising is a critical part of a student's experience in the graduate program. Advising is conducted by a designated faculty member and covers full-year planning of courses and general college and departmental policies. Advising will cover substantive questions in the student's field of study as well as long-term academic and career planning. New students are assigned faculty advisors according to their intended area of specialization and the overall availability of specific faculty members.

The Department of Political Science requires that all provisional students and students placed on academic probation meet with their advisor before registration.

INTERNSHIPS

Internships are intended to provide work-related experience for students in areas where they may wish to pursue their careers. Graduate-level interns normally participate in professional activities such as administration, planning, research, policy formulation and implementation, and budgeting. Clerical and support tasks, by contrast, are to be kept to a minimum. At the same time, the intern should be provided an agency-wide perspective and gain exposure to a variety of tasks rather than become absorbed in a single narrow activity.

The internship experience is valued chiefly for its contribution to the educational process. Accordingly, monetary compensation, while desirable, should not be a factor in deciding on the desirability or appropriateness of different assignments. While the sponsoring agency or organization is encouraged to provide a stipend, such arrangements are at their discretion and a matter of negotiation between the intern and the sponsor.

The internship coordinator will work with the student to identify and arrange an appropriate internship. The internship coordinator may serve as the faculty advisor for that internship experience, or another faculty member may be assigned to serve as the advisor. The site supervisor at the internship agency will also be involved in oversight and assessment of the student's internship experience.

Interns are expected to work a minimum of 300 hours over an academic semester. Interns are required to write a paper (minimum of 15 pages) on their experience in which they describe their internship activities and present an analytical discussion relating their internship to the academic curriculum. No credit will be given for work done in a professional position already held by a student. Internships must be approved in advance of the internship semester by the internship coordinator by completing an internship application (please see the Department's website).

Over the course of the academic semester, each intern will meet with his/her internship advisor at least four times to discuss the internship experience. If possible, several students engaged in internships may meet together with an internship advisor to share their experiences. Near the end of an internship the site supervisor will complete an evaluation and will be encouraged to submit a letter of recommendation to be included in the intern's academic file. The internship advisor will assign a final grade based on the student's performance in meetings and on the paper assignment as well as the appraisal by the site supervisor at the internship agency.

DIRECTED STUDY

A directed study is an individual reading and research course arranged between a student and faculty member. A directed study is an opportunity for more in-depth analysis of a particular topic or the study of a subject matter typically not covered in the department's curriculum. Directed studies typically carry three semester hours of academic credit.

Prior to the start of a directed study, the student should complete the Directed Study form available from the College. This form will list required readings, writing assignments, and other work to be performed by the student, as well as the criteria for determining the student's grade. This document represents a contract between the student and faculty member that clarifies the responsibilities and expectations of each party. The Directed Study form requires approval of the instructor, graduate program director, and College graduate office.

COLLOQUIA AND WORKSHOPS

The department, as well as other entities at Northeastern University, sponsors guest lectures on a wide range of academic topics, and offers occasional workshops to improve skills important for graduate student performance and post-graduate employment. Information on any such events will be distributed via e-mail and posters, posted on the Northeastern calendar, or announced in class.

CAREER SERVICES

Do not wait until the semester before you graduate to think about your career after graduate school. It might be too early to apply for positions but it is never too early to gather career advice, explore options, make connections, and develop the skills and experiences you need for your desired career. The following are some of the many services offered to graduate students through our Career Services Office:

- Interviewing Workshops
- Curriculum Vitae and Resume writing advice
- An Internship Database (accessible through your [MyNortheastern](#) account)
- Internship and Career Fairs
- Forums and recruiting events related to careers in Government
- Numerous workshops and small-group career advising sessions

Visit the Career Services website for more specific information on advising and events, www.northeastern.edu/careerservices/.

STUDENT GROUPS

There are over 200 student organizations at Northeastern University covering a wide range of activities and interests. Most of them welcome participation by graduate students. For a full listing and information on how to become involved, please visit, www.northeastern.edu/studentactivities/.

Of these organizations, the following are especially likely to be of interest to our graduate students.

Political Science Graduate Student Association: "Poli Tea" is the name of the luncheon hosted by the Political Science Department's graduate student association. Each week, (usually on Wednesdays at noon,) Political Science graduate students come together to have lunch (free food!), talk politics, and listen to guest speakers.

Graduate Student Government: Graduate Student Government (GSG) is the official voice for graduate students at Northeastern University. They address concerns, raise awareness, and promote graduate student life on Huntington Avenue and abroad. Additional information can be accessed from the GSG website at <http://www.northeastern.edu/gsg/>.

The Minority Graduate Student Association: The Minority Graduate Student Association (MGSA) serves as a catalyst in providing retention, support, and training for minority students currently pursuing a graduate degree as well as those interested in pursuing a graduate degree. For more information and questions, please visit <http://www.northeastern.edu/mgsa/>.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Graduate students are encouraged to participate in professional associations relevant to their particular career goals. These associations publish a variety of journals; bulletins announcing local, regional, and national meetings, panels, calls for papers, and general reports; and newsletters containing short articles of interest, not to mention career advice and networking opportunities.

- American Political Science Association: www.apsanet.org
- American Society for Public Administration: www.aspanet.org
- Association for Budgeting and Financial Management: www.abfm.org
- Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning: www.acsp.org
- International Studies Association: www.isanet.org
- Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs, and Administration: www.naspaa.org
- Urban Affairs Association: <http://urbanaffairsassociation.org/>
- Young Nonprofit Professionals Network: www.ynpnboston.org

The APSA and many of the regional political science associations have special graduate student membership fees. Dues for other organizations may be based upon gross income. Many offer resources at no cost.

PARTICIPATION IN PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES

The Department of Political Science encourages graduate students to attend and participate in flagship national conferences related to the discipline and their areas of interest. Since funds are limited, students are required to pursue all available avenues of funding. Preference will be given to students who have had papers accepted at the big field conferences (i.e. ISA and APSA), invitation-only workshops that will result in a publication, and presentations related to the students' dissertation research. In cases for which the paper is co-authored, funding preference will be given to students who will actually be presenting.

The Department maintains a travel fund to assist graduate students with this. Students seeking funding must complete and submit an application form, and other materials, available on the Department website. Matching funding may also be available through the PhD Network as well as other sources.

LOCAL LEADERSHIP AND NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES

Another way to become more involved, network, and have a positive influence on the community is to join locally based professional groups or to attend professional development training seminars. Our list below is far from exhaustive and you will find that many of these organizations have links to other opportunities that might better match your interests.

- **Boston Young Nonprofit Professionals Network** (<http://ynpnboston.org/>)
- **The Commonwealth Seminar** (www.masscs.org)
- **The Environmental Leadership Fellowship Program** (<http://www.elpnet.org>)
- **The Graduate Consortium on Women's Studies** (<http://web.mit.edu/gcws/>)
- **The New Leaders Council** (www.newleaderscouncil.org)
- **ONEin3 Boston** (<http://www.onein3boston.com>)

PROGRAM RULES AND REGULATIONS

NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY ACCREDITATION

Northeastern University is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, Inc., which accredits schools and colleges in the six New England states. Accreditation by the Association indicates that the institution has been carefully evaluated and found to meet standards agreed upon by qualified educators.

CHANGES IN PROGRAM RULES AND CURRICULA

The continuing development of the graduate programs in the Department of Political Science dictates occasional revision of curricula and program rules. When no hardship or disadvantage is imposed on the student because of changes, and when the offerings of the program permit, the student is expected to meet the requirements of the most recent Graduate Student Program Guide. However, if it can be demonstrated that doing so imposes a hardship or disadvantage, the requirements in the Graduate Student Program Guide of the year in which the student matriculated will be applicable.

STIPENDED GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIPS (SGAs)

Please note that in order to maintain your assistantship, you are required to be enrolled full-time in the program and must be available on-campus in order to support the program as a teaching or research assistant. You must also meet all program requirements and maintain satisfactory progress toward your degree requirements. Failure to fulfill these requirements will result in the termination of your award. Please note that your funding will not be extended if you choose not to accept your Stipended Graduate Assistantship for one or more terms. For general information on your responsibilities, please contact your Graduate Program Director.

STATEMENT ON ACADEMIC HONESTY

The Department of Political Science takes very seriously the issue of academic honesty. Any student who appears to violate the University's Academic Honesty and Integrity Policy (see <http://www.osccr.neu.edu/policy.html>) may be referred to the University's Office of Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution. If a proven violation involves an exam or course assignment, the student shall receive a failing grade for the assignment, in addition to sanctions imposed by the Office of Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution. Individual faculty, with the support of the Department, can impose harsher penalties as they deem necessary.

The Academic Honesty and Integrity Policy includes cheating, fabrication, plagiarism, and other types of dishonest activities. Plagiarism is defined broadly as taking ideas, concepts, or actual words of another person and passing them off as your own work. Of particular note in recent years is the increase in cut-and-paste plagiarism, which involves downloading phrases from websites or other Internet sources. Your instructor will clarify specific guidelines on fair use of material for this class, but you should regard this as your official warning.

SATISFACTORY PROGRESS AND ACADEMIC PROBATION

Satisfactory progress is defined as complying with the various procedures and requirements of the respective graduate programs. Among these requirements is grade point average in all three programs, and for the PhD program, timely progress in sitting for the comprehensive examination, completing an approved dissertation proposal, and submitting a dissertation. A student who fails to make satisfactory progress is placed on academic probation, which is a warning that the student may not be allowed to continue in the graduate program unless the deficiency is addressed.

As noted, satisfactory progress includes maintaining a specified grade point average. All master's level students must maintain an overall cumulative grade point average of 3.000. All doctoral students must maintain an overall cumulative grade point average of 3.500. Any student who falls below the applicable standard in one academic semester will be placed on academic probation and must consult with his or her academic advisor. Any student who falls below any applicable standard for two consecutive semesters is subject to dismissal from the graduate program.

Additionally, receipt of financial support administered by the Department, College, or University is contingent on satisfactory academic progress toward the degree and specific guidelines as published in the terms of award. Students who have ungraded courses or courses graded as incompletes risk no longer being eligible for financial aid awards.

TRANSFER CREDIT

Course work completed prior to attending Northeastern University: Students who earned graduate credit at U.S. accredited universities other than Northeastern prior to acceptance into a departmental graduate program may petition to have credits counted toward degree requirements at the University.

To receive transfer credit, a student must submit a written petition, including the appropriate Credit Transfer Request Form, to the Political Science Graduate Programs office along with a course description, official transcript and course syllabus. A grade of at least a "B" must have been received in the course in order for it to be considered for transfer credit. Also, transfer credit is granted only for graduate course work that is deemed to be relevant to the student's area of study and the course credits cannot have been used toward a prior degree. Final decisions for transfer credit are made by the Director of the CSSH Graduate Student Academic Services acting upon the recommendation of the department's graduate program committee.

Approval to take a course outside Northeastern University: Students wishing to take a graduate course outside Northeastern University must seek prior approval from the departmental director of the graduate program. A written petition, including a course description and syllabus, should be submitted at least four weeks prior to the beginning of the semester in which the course would be taken. The course must be deemed to be relevant to the student's field of study. Only courses that are not offered within the Department of Political Science or not comparable to those offered by the Department will be considered for transfer credit. **Please note, courses taken in Northeastern's College of Professional Studies are considered as external courses and will be adjusted based on a quarter to semester hour basis.**

A student seeking transfer credit for coursework completed at another university during the student's last semester should consult the graduate program administrator about timing issues. Northeastern has graduation clearance deadlines that may make it difficult to transfer credit during a student's final semester.

Master's level students are limited to nine transfer credits. Doctoral students should consult the curriculum section of their respective program description in the guidebook as well as their academic advisors.

UPPER LEVEL UNDERGRADUATE POLITICAL SCIENCE COURSES

With the prior approval of the graduate program director and CSSH Graduate Student Academic Services officials, Master's students may elect to take up to four undergraduate credits. Such undergraduate courses must be upper level and directly relevant to the student's graduate program. This arrangement is only offered in rare circumstances in which other options do not exist for a specific student. Final approval is at the discretion of the CSSH Graduate Student Academic Services and the Office of the Registrar.

REGISTRATION

Registration begins two to five months prior to the start of the semester. Students are required to register through their MyNortheastern accounts. You can activate your account by going to <https://my.northeastern.edu> where you will need to register for a username and password. Prior to registration, students should consult with their academic advisor regarding course selection. All students must be officially registered for each course by the end of the second week of classes but earlier registration is strongly recommended.

WITHDRAWALS

In order to withdraw from a course, a student must officially drop the course through their MyNortheastern accounts. Students should be cognizant of deadlines published at the registrar both regarding when a course is dropped and when it is a withdrawal with a 'W' grade. Ceasing to attend class, or simply notifying the instructor of intention to withdraw, does not constitute an official withdrawal. Upon withdrawing or dropping a course students should consult with the Student Financial Services Office to determine the effect of the withdrawal on their student bill or financial aid.

INCOMPLETES

A student who is unable to complete a course within the semester due to extraordinary circumstances may ask for an incomplete from the faculty member teaching the course. Granting an incomplete is at the discretion of the faculty member. The student and faculty member should agree on coursework required to complete the course. The Student and faculty person must fill out *an Incomplete-Grade Contract* available at <http://www.neu.edu/customerservice/form-inc-grade.pdf>. A copy of this form will be kept on file with the College and the department. Failure to fill out this form could have impacts on current and future financial aid, as well as a student's standing with his/her degree program.

All incompletes should be made-up within one calendar year. If an incomplete is made up after one calendar year, the student must petition the department as well as the Director of the CSSH

Graduate Student Academic Services to receive course credit. There is no guarantee or assurance that such credit will be granted.

In addition, if someone receiving an assistantship or scholarship receives an incomplete grade in a course, all coursework to satisfy the incomplete must be completed within six weeks of the final exam week of the semester in which the incomplete was taken. Failure to comply with these rules will mean the loss of financial aid through the Department of Political Science and possibly other sources.

TIME LIMITATION

For all Master's level students, course credits earned in the program of graduate study or accepted by transfer are valid for a maximum of seven years unless an extension is granted by the Director of the CSSH Graduate Student Academic Services, acting upon the recommendation of the Department of Political Science. Students may petition in writing through the department to the Director of the CSSH Graduate Student Academic Services for such extensions.

For PhD students who achieve candidacy, there is a five-year limit for completion of the dissertation.

COMMENCEMENT CLEARANCE

You must initiate the commencement process by registering for graduation via your MyNortheastern account. The process usually becomes available in the fall semester prior to the year in which the student plans to graduate. This will place your name on the commencement list and start the commencement process. You should register even if there is a chance that all your requirements will not be completed in time to graduate on a specific commencement date.

Students are responsible for ensuring that all grades have been recorded, all incomplete courses made up, and that petitions forwarded to the department or to the College have been acted upon prior to registration for graduation clearance. The student's departmental file must also be complete with official transcripts from all undergraduate and graduate programs attended.

PETITION PROCESS

The following table specifies actions that require a petition, application, or form, supporting materials for the petition, and who must approve the petition. Department petition forms are available in this guidebook. Other required forms can also be found online through the respective office requiring the form.

Completed forms should be submitted to the Graduate Program Administrator in 903 Renaissance Park. *Students petitioning the Department for special consideration should always include a statement regarding their reason for the special request.*

<u>Request</u>	<u>Supporting Materials</u>	<u>Approvals Required</u>
<i>Transfer Credit</i> for courses taken outside Northeastern (including those taken in Northeastern's College of Professional Studies)	CSSH Graduate Student Academic Services Request for Transfer Credit (http://www.northeastern.edu/cssh/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/TransferCredit.pdf), official transcripts, course descriptions and/or syllabi.	Graduate Program Director; CSSH Graduate Student Academic Services Officials; Registrar.
Credit for <i>graduate course outside the Department of Political Science</i> but at Northeastern	Department petition form (http://www.northeastern.edu/cssh/polisci/current-student-resources/); course description or syllabus	Academic Advisor or Graduate Program Director
Credit for <i>upper level undergraduate course</i>	<i>Petition Registration Form</i> (http://www.northeastern.edu/registrar/forms.html); course description or syllabus; Proof that similar course at graduate level is not an option.	Graduate Program Director; Undergraduate instructor; CSSH Graduate Student Academic Services officials; Registrar
<i>Course waiver</i> of a program requirement	Completed petition form; official transcript, course syllabus, and other material to justify waiver	Graduate Program Director
<i>Directed Study</i>	<i>Directed Study and Readings Form</i> (http://www.northeastern.edu/cssh/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/CSSH-Directed-Study.pdf); written proposal outlining expectations, projects and readings	Graduate Program Director; Sponsoring faculty member; CSSH Graduate Student Academic Services officials.
<i>Leave of Absence (Non-Medical)</i>	<i>Requests for all non-medical LOAs are submitted via myNortheastern prior to the start of the semester for which the leave is being requested.</i>	Graduate Program Director; CSSH Graduate Student Academic Services officials

<u>Request</u>	<u>Supporting Materials</u>	<u>Approvals Required</u>
Extension of <i>seven-year limit</i> to complete degree or Extension of five-year limit to complete Dissertation	Letter petitioning for extension; supporting documents; and detailed timeline outlining plan for timely completion of degree requirements	Advisor/ Readers; Graduate Program Director; CSSH Graduate Student Academic Services officials
<i>Master's Thesis</i>	Thesis proposal; Petition with necessary signatures	Graduate Program Director; Both members of thesis committee
<i>Comprehensive Exam (PhD)</i>	Department petition form (https://www.northeastern.edu/cssh/polisci/wp-content/uploads/sites/6/2017/03/POLS-Petition-Form1.pdf); list of courses taken	Advisor and Graduate Program Director
<i>Dissertation Proposal (must be submitted within 6 months of passing the comprehensive exam)</i>	Dissertation proposal with dissertation proposal cover page (signed)	Dissertation Committee Members (at least 2); PhD Program Director; Department Chair
<i>Petition to Schedule Dissertation Defense (must be completed at least 3 weeks prior to defense date)</i>	https://www.northeastern.edu/cssh/polisci/phd-petition-to-schedule-dissertation-defense/	
<i>Approval of Dissertation Defense</i>	https://www.northeastern.edu/cssh/wp-content/uploads/2014/10/Graduate-Approval-Record.pdf	Committee Members; Department Chair; CSSH Graduate Office

GRADING POLICY

The Department of Political Science follows the grading policy established by The CSSH Graduate Student Academic Services as published in its *General Regulations*. The grading scale is from an A to a C- if credit is earned, with an F indicating unsatisfactory performance and no credit. Each letter grade has a grade point average assigned to it, ranging from 4.000 for an A to 1.667 for a C-.

If a student seeks to raise his/her grade point average, the option is available to retake a class. The grade point average earned in the repeat class will be used in place of the previous grade. No more than two courses, or six semester hours of credit, may be repeated or taken as additional courses in order to satisfy the requirements of the degree.

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972

Northeastern University is committed to providing equal opportunity to its students and employees, and to eliminating discrimination when it occurs. In furtherance of this commitment, Northeastern University strictly prohibits discrimination or harassment on the basis of race, color, religion, religious creed, genetic information, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, national origin, ancestry, veteran, or disability status.

This policy applies to all members of the University community, including students and prospective students, employees and prospective employees, faculty, staff and volunteers in connection with University activities. It further applies to on- or off-campus behavior involving students. For additional information: <http://www.northeastern.edu/titleix>.

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

If you are a student who requires accommodations in compliance with the ADA, please consult with me at the beginning of the semester. As your instructor, I am required by law to provide “reasonable accommodation” to students with disabilities, so as not to discriminate on the basis of that disability. Your responsibility is to inform me of the disability at the beginning of the semester and provide me with documentation authorizing the specific accommodation. Please consult the Northeastern University Disability Resource Center, located at 20 Dodge Hall, 617.373.2675, or <http://www.northeastern.edu/drc>, for verification and implementation of accommodations to ensure equal opportunity in all courses, programs, and activities.

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DELIVERY OF SERVICES

The University assumes no liability, and hereby expressly negates the same, for failure to provide or delay in providing educational or related services or facilities or for any other failure or delay in performance arising out of or due to causes beyond the reasonable control of the University, which cases include, without limitation, power failure, fire, strikes by University employees or others, damage by the elements and acts of public authorities. The University will, however, exert

reasonable efforts, when in its judgment it is appropriate to do so, to provide comparable or substantially equivalent services, facilities or performance, but its ability or failure to do so shall not subject it to liability.

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TRACKING SHEETS

PHD COURSE REQUIREMENTS TRACKING SHEET

Total Required Semester Hours: 56 credits

Core Courses (12 Credits)	Semester taken	Grade
INSH 6300 (Research Methods in the Social Sciences)		
INSH 6500 (Statistical Analysis)		
INSH 7400 (Quantitative Analysis)		
Choose Three Seminars (12 Credits)	Semester taken	Grade
POLS-7204 (Seminar in Public Policy)		
POLS-7205 (Seminar in American Gov't and Politics)		
POLS-7206 (Seminar in Comparative Politics)		
POLS-7207 (Seminar in International Relations)		
Elective Field Courses (32 credits)	Semester taken	Grade
Primary Field:		
Primary Field:		
Primary Field:		
Secondary Field:		
Secondary Field:		
Elective:		
Elective:		
Elective:		

MA COURSE REQUIREMENTS TRACKING SHEET

Total Required Semester Hours: 32 Credits (34 Credits with Co-op)

Core Requirement (Total of 4 Credits)	Semester taken	Grade
INSH 6500 Statistical Analysis		
Concentration (Total of 12 Credits)	Semester taken	Grade
Seminar (4 Credits)		
POLS-7204 (Seminar in Public Policy)		
POLS-7205 (Seminar in American Gov't and Politics)		
POLS-7206 (Seminar in Comparative Politics)		
POLS-7207 (Seminar in International Relations)		
POLS-7341 (Security and Resilience Policy)		
Concentration Courses (8 Credits)	Semester taken	Grade
Elective Field Courses (Total of 12-16 Credits)	Semester taken	Grade
Experiential Learning Component	Semester taken	Grade
Capstone (4 Credits)		
Thesis (4 Credits)		
Optional (Satisfies Experiential Learning)	Semester taken	Grade
Co-op (2 Credits)		

MS COURSE REQUIREMENTS TRACKING SHEET

Total Required Semester Hours: 32 credits

Required Courses (Total of 16 Credits)	Semester taken	Grade
POLS-7341 (Security and Resilience Policy)		
Complete 8 Semester Hours from the following	Semester taken	Grade
POLS 7343 (Counterterrorism)		
POLS 7346 (Resilient Cities)		
POLS 7369 (International Security)		
POLS 7441 (Cyberconflict in the International System)		
CRIM 7200 (Criminology)		
POLS 5390 (Energy Transitions and Climate Resilience)		
Complete 4 Semester Hours from the following	Semester taken	Grade
INSH 6300 (Research Methods)		
POLS 7201 (Research Methods)		
SOCL 7211 (Research Methods)		
PPUA 6205 (Research Design and Methodology)		
CRIM 7404 (Research Methods and Statistics)		
LPSC 7305 (Research and Statistical Methods)		
PPUA 5262 (Big Data for Cities)		
Elective (Total 12 Credits)	Semester taken	Grade
Capstone (Total 4 Credits)	Semester taken	Grade
Co-op OPTIONAL (2 Credits)	Semester taken	Grade