

Master of Arts in Political Science

MA Degree Requirements Overview (32 SH)	
16 SH of core requirements + 12 SH of electives + 4 SH experiential learning = 32 semester hours total	
Core Requirements (16 SH)	Thematic Electives and experiential learning (16 SH)
INSH 6300 Research Methods in the Social Sciences or equivalent (4 SH) 3 concentration courses: 1 seminar, 2 concentration electives (see Catalog or Degree Audit for a list of courses)	<u>Electives:</u> Pursue general electives (12 SH). Choose from POLS 5408-POLS 7976. Other courses may be taken on the advice of your program director or faculty advisor.
	<u>Experiential learning (4 SH):</u> Choose from POLS 7980 (Capstone), POLS 7976 (Directed Study), POLS 7990 (Thesis) or POLS 8407 (Internship)
Optional: Six Month Co-operative Work Experience (+2 SH)	
Two consecutive Semesters of: INSH 6864 Experiential Integration POLS 6964 Co-op Experience	

MA Semester by Semester Breakdown (32 SH)

The MA degree is designed to be completed in two academic years. In order to complete the degree in two academic years, students must take two courses per semester. Below are the suggested degree plans for students who wish to take courses either on-ground or online. Students may deviate from what is suggested below but should be mindful that required courses may be only offered on-ground and/or online in particular semesters. Courses may be offered only online, on-ground, or both.

MA with Co-op Semester-by-Semester Breakdown (34 SH)

For students planning to pursue co-op, this extends the degree by six months and adds two SH to the degree plan. Students begin planning for co-op at the end of their first semester in the MS program. **Additionally, students must reserve one course (we recommend an online elective) to take while on co-op as students are prohibited from graduating on only co-op.** This translates to student taking one less course in either one of/the fall or spring semester.

16 SH of core requirements
12 SH of electives
4 SH experiential learning
+ 2 SH of co-op requirements
= 34 SH total

Plan to complete the degree in two academic years (Only take fall and spring classes)

First Semester	Second Semester
INSH 6300 Research Methods in the Social Sciences <u>or</u> equivalent Concentration course #1	Concentration course #2 Elective #1

Third Semester	Fourth Semester
Concentration course #3 Elective #2	Elective #3 (save if doing co-op) Experiential Learning: Choose from POLS 7980 (Capstone), POLS 7976 (Directed Study), POLS 7990 (Thesis) or POLS 8407 (Internship) * Note: This Semester would have part time status if doing co-op

Optional Six Month Co-op (July–December or January–June)
INSH 6864 Experiential Integration POLS 6964 Co-op Experience Thematic Elective #3