to the doctoral advisory committee referred to as
the final defense. The appropriateness of the journal
publication(s) must be evaluated by the committee.
At least 30 days prior to the scheduled final defense,
the student must provide each member of his or her
doctoral advisory committee with a copy of his or
her completed dissertation and a copy of the requi-
site journal article(s), which must be either already
published or accepted for publication—in the latter
case, copies of the letter(s) of acceptance for publi-
cation should be included. The doctoral advisory
committee must approve the granting of the PhD
degree before the student may submit the dissertation
to the graduate dean for final approval.

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Research

The Department of Political Science has a
number of research focuses, including the following:
American political parties and behavior (including
public opinion, mass political behavior, legisla-
tive politics, judicial politics and American political
economy); comparative politics (including conflict
and political violence, democratization, political insti-
tutions, parties and party systems, political behavior,
political economy, Latin American politics, Asian
politics, African politics and European politics);
international relations (including conflict studies,
foreign policy, international political economy, peace
studies and human rights); political theory (including
ancient, modern and American political thought;
international ethics; and leadership and democracy);
and research methodology.

The department's research has been supported
recently by a variety of external sources, including
the Fulbright fellowship program, the National
Science Foundation, the National Endowment for the
Humanities, the Ford Foundation, the International
Human Rights Law Group and the Olin Foundation.
As of 2003, the department houses the
International Studies Quarterly, a premier journal of
international studies in the world.

Of special importance to graduate education in
political science is the university's membership in
the Inter-University Consortium for Political and
Social Research (ICPSR), the world's most impor-
tant repository of social science research data, and
the department's membership in the European
Consortium for Political Research. The Willis Library
has an excellent collection of legal materials, serves as
an official repository for U.S. government documents
and has a collection of United Nations and related
international agency documents.
Graduate students in political science have access to state-of-the-art micro- and mainframe computer resources and have full, free access to the extensive data resources of the ICPSR for use in their areas of research interest. The development of all graduate students is encouraged through regular student and faculty colloquia.

**Admission Requirements**

All general admission requirements to the Toulouse School of Graduate Studies, as outlined in the Admission section of this catalog, must be fulfilled.

Applicants for graduate programs must submit scores on the Graduate Record Examination general test. Applicants for the Master of Arts, Master of Science or PhD programs who have not completed the GRE requirement will not be admitted to graduate courses in political science.

**Degree Programs**

The Department of Political Science offers programs leading to the following degrees:

- Master of Arts,
- Master of Science, and
- Doctor of Philosophy degrees, each with a major in political science.

Concentrations at the doctoral level are available in American government and public law, comparative government and politics, international politics, political theory and methodology, and public administration and management.

**Master of Arts, Master of Science**

**Admission**

To be admitted to the Master of Arts or Master of Science programs, a student must have:

1. a bachelor's degree awarded by an accredited college or university;
2. a minimum of 24 hours of undergraduate or graduate work in political science;
3. a minimum grade point average of 3.2 on the last 60 hours and acceptable GRE scores; for standardized admission test requirements, contact the department or the Toulouse School of Graduate Studies;
4. three letters of recommendation, preferably from professors; and
5. a 500-word statement of purpose.

**Degree Requirements**

The master's degree in political science requires a minimum of 30 semester hours, at least 24 of which must be taken in the Department of Political Science, including PSCI 5340, Seminar in Political Science Scope and Methods, and PSCI 6320, Quantitative Political Research Methods. A minor of 6 hours outside the department is optional. If an outside minor is chosen, the master's degree will include two fields in political science and the outside minor. If an outside minor is not chosen, the program must include two fields in political science.

The fields of political science available for inclusion are American government and politics, public administration, comparative politics, international relations, public law, political theory, and research methodology.

Candidates for the Master of Arts degree must present evidence that they have a reading knowledge of at least one foreign language. Candidates for the Master of Science degree must present evidence that they have achieved competence in a non-language research tool, typically by showing evidence of having completed courses at the graduate level for one of the non-language research tools listed in “Courses that Will Satisfy Non-Language Research Tools in Political Science.” This document is posted on the department's web site.

Graduate credit course requirements are identical for the two degrees.

Successful completion of a thesis and satisfactory performance on an oral comprehensive examination complete the requirements for the master's degree.

Additional program information is contained in the document “Information for Master's Students,” posted on the department's web site. The student is responsible for knowing its contents.

**Doctor of Philosophy**

**Admission**

To be admitted to the PhD program, the following are required:

1. a bachelor's degree awarded by an accredited college or university;
2. a minimum of 24 hours of undergraduate or graduate credit in political science. With the advance approval of the admissions subcommittee of the department's graduate studies committee, one of the following may be substituted for the 24 hours in political science:
   a. 30 combined hours of credit in political science or other disciplines relevant to the proposed course of graduate study; or
   b. a combination of credit in disciplines relevant to the proposed course of graduate study and substantial work experience in a position or occupation relevant to the proposed course of graduate study;
   c. a minimum grade point average of 3.2 on the last 60 hours and acceptable GRE scores; for standardized admission test requirements, contact the department or the Toulouse School of Graduate Studies;
4. three letters of recommendation, preferably from professors; and
5. a 500-word statement of purpose.

Degree Requirements

The doctoral degree requires a minimum of 90 semester hours beyond the bachelor’s degree if the student does not choose to earn a master’s degree. If the student already holds a master’s degree in political science, a minimum of 60 hours beyond the master’s degree is required, including:

1. PSCI 5340, Seminar in Political Science Scope and Methods (3 hours) and PSCI 6320, Quantitative Political Research Methods (3 hours); and
2. completion of a dissertation with a maximum credit of 12 hours.

A student must elect three areas of study for the Doctor of Philosophy degree. The student must pass qualifying examinations in three political science areas. The three areas must include a major area and two supporting areas in political science. Additional course work will be taken in other areas of political science or a related field.

The student plans a program with an advisory committee that consists of a major professor, one professor from each of the student’s two other areas in political science, one professor representing the student’s other course work, and one departmental representative. The departmental representative is appointed by the political science graduate adviser. This committee advises the student on the program, arranges for all departmental examinations, approves the dissertation topic and judges the completed dissertation as a work of original research and writing justifying the awarding of the degree.

If a student elects a minor outside political science, it must be supportive of the study within the discipline. The outside minor cannot replace either of the political science areas for the qualifying exams. The areas available within political science are:

- political theory, research methodology
- American government and public law
- public administration
- comparative government and politics
- international relations

Additional program information is contained in the document “Doctoral Degree Program Guide,” posted on the department’s web site. The student is responsible for obtaining a copy of the document from the department and for knowing its contents.

Foreign Language/Tool Requirement

Candidates for the PhD must present evidence that they have a reading knowledge of at least one foreign language or that they have achieved competence in a non-language research tool. Language competency is typically defined as two years of language study or the equivalent. The non-language tool requirement is typically fulfilled by completing courses listed in “Courses that will Satisfy Non-Language Research Tools in Political Science.” This document is posted on the department’s web site.

Research Practicum

The student must complete a 6-hour research practicum prior to taking the qualifying examinations. The research practicum is an exercise in original research carried out under a faculty member’s guidance.

Qualifying Examinations

The qualifying examinations will be taken when all course work and language or research tool requirements have been satisfied. These examinations consist of both oral and written examinations covering both the major and minor areas in the student’s degree plan. Successful completion of these examinations is a prerequisite to admission to candidacy for the degree.

Admission to candidacy is granted by the dean of the School of Graduate Studies upon recommendation of the advisory committee and the department chair; admission is based upon the academic record of the student, approval of a dissertation topic and completion of language or research tool requirements and qualifying examinations.

Research and Dissertation

The doctoral candidate must submit a dissertation demonstrating original and meaningful research that is a significant contribution to the major field. The major professor and other members of the advisory committee must approve the dissertation prior to the final examination, which will be primarily a defense of the dissertation.

In the event that all requirements for the degree are not completed within eight years after admission to the program, the advisory committee may require the student to take additional course work. The student also must observe the 10-year time limit for completion of all work toward the doctorate, set forth in the Doctoral Degree Requirements section of this catalog.

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