Saint Louis University Political Science Department
Master’s Degree in Political Science

Requirements for the Law, Culture, and Politics concentration

*Two* Law, Culture, and Politics core courses, selected from the following (6 hours):
- POLS 570 Politics, Rhetoric, and Culture
- POLS 593 Structures of Power, Structures of Thought
- POLS 573 Contemporary Political Ideologies
- POLS 575 American Political Thought

*One* International Affairs core course, selected from the following (3 hours):
- POLS 551 Democratization
- POLS 593 Theories of World Politics
- POLS 562 International Organization
- POLS 585 Politics of the Future

*Four* seminars above the core level, selected with the assistance of the student’s advisor (12 hours). Students may select from graduate courses offered in Political Science, American Studies, Communication, English, Public Policy, Public Health, and other disciplines. These seminars should include *one* of the following:
- POLS 541 Administrative Law
- PPS 670 Law and Society
- POLS 593 Special Topics: Crime, Courts, and Public Policy

*One* research methods course, selected with the assistance of the student’s advisor (3 hours).

*Capstone project* (0-6 hours). All capstone options include an oral exam conducted by three faculty members. This exam will be tailored to fit each of the capstone options. There are four options:
- The M.A. thesis (6 credit hours)
- The capstone internship (6 credit hours)
- The professional quality paper (0 credit hours)
- The comprehensive exam (0 credit hours)

*Total hours.* All students will complete a total of 30 credit hours for the M.A. degree. If a student selects a capstone option involving less than 6 credit hours, he or she will take additional courses to bring the total to 30 hours.

No more than 12 hours of the 30 required hours for the M.A. degree can be outside Political Science. No more than 6 hours can be at the 400 level. No more than 6 hours can be in independent study classes. Unless the student is completing a 6 hour capstone internship, no more than 3 hours of internship credit will count for the degree.

Students in the M.A. program may choose to complete some of their course work in a cognate field. A cognate field is made up of three courses (9 credit hours) in departments other than Political Science that are relevant to the student’s area of interest.

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