Requirements for the Public Law track

The Public Law track requires 30 hours of coursework, including the following:

Core courses - 6 hours

- POLS 5100 Seminar in American Politics: Meanings of Citizenship
- POLS 5750 American Political Thought

Research methods - 3 hours

- POLS 5020 Advanced Topics in Research Methods

Other required courses - 9 hours  Three of the following:

- POLS 5300 Law, Politics, and Regulatory Policy
- POLS 5171 Law, Policy and Society
- POLS 6100 Judicial Policy Making
- Either POLS 5930 Women and the Law or POLS 5930 Sexuality and the Law
- Law school seminars pre-approved by the Graduate Coordinator

Political Science electives

- 12 hours of electives, 6 of which may be an internship or MA thesis

Field exam - 0 hours, taken at the start of the final semester of coursework

All students must complete a total of 30 credit hours for the M.A. degree. No more than 12 hours of the M.A. may be taken outside the Political Science department; no more than 6 hours may be taken at the 4000-level; and no more than 6 hours may be independent study classes or internships.

Some classes have prerequisites. Depending on their undergraduate programs, students may be required to take specific undergraduate classes prior to enrolling in graduate classes.

Exceptions will be allowed only with the approval of the Coordinator of Graduate Studies for the department.