The master’s degree requires the equivalent of at least two semesters of satisfactory graduate work and additional work as may be prescribed for the degree.

All coursework applied to the master’s degree must carry graduate credit.

Master’s degree programs which require a thesis consist of at least 30 credit hours. All non-thesis master’s degree programs require at least 32 credit hours.

Credit transferred from other institutions must meet specific criteria and is subject to certain limitations.

Courses completed through correspondence study may not be applied to the master’s degree.

To qualify for a graduate degree, students must achieve an overall grade point average of 3.0 or higher in the degree program coursework and in all resident graduate coursework attempted. A student must also have at least a 3.0 in all coursework (including undergraduate coursework if any).

A student who has done satisfactory graduate work and has earned a 3.0 grade point average may file for master’s candidacy.

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#### CORE COURSES (18 hours):

**Major Emphasis** (9 hours minimum)
At least nine hours in the emphasis (American Government and Politics, Political Theory, Comparative Government and Politics, International Relations, Public Administration, Public Policy).

**Secondary Emphasis** (non-examining, 9 hours minimum)
At least three hours (excluding P SC 5953) taken in each of three of the remaining emphases.

**ELECTIVES (3-6 hours):**
Hours as needed to meet the degree total requirement (36 hours) as approved by advisor and Graduate Liaison.

Note: A final oral comprehensive exam with a three-member committee is also required.