

POLITICAL SCIENCE (THESIS): EUROPEAN STUDIES (M.A.) (45 CREDITS)

Offered by: Political Science (Faculty of Arts)

Degree: Master of Arts

Program credit weight: 45

Program Description

The European Studies Option (ESO) is an option offered within existing M.A. programs in the Departments of Political Science, History, and Sociology, as well as in the Faculty of Law. This option is open to students whose work is focused on Europe, in particular on issues relating to European integration, broadly understood. Students take an interdisciplinary capstone seminar and two other courses on European themes and issues as part of their M.A. program. They write an M.A. thesis on a topic relating to European Studies, approved by the ESO Coordinating Committee

Note: For information about Fall 2025 and Winter 2026 course offerings, please check back on May 8, 2025. Until then, the "Terms offered" field will appear blank for most courses while the class schedule is being finalized.

Thesis Courses (24 credits)

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Course	Title	Credits
POLI 697	M.A. Thesis Proposal.	12
POLI 698	Master's Thesis Submission.	12

Required Courses (6 credits)

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Course	Title	Credits
POLI 659	The European Union and Europe .	3
POLI 694	Research Preparation 1.	3

Complementary Courses (15 credits)

6-9 credits at the 500, 600, or 700 level in courses in political science. A course list is available from the Department.

3-6 credits, either of the following 3-credit options, or preferably both:

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Course	Title	Credits
POLI 612	Research Methods in Political Science.	3

or a more suitable more advanced 500- or 600-level course.

or one of the following courses:

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Course	Title	Credits
POLI 561	Seminar: Political Theory.	3
POLI 613	Selected Themes: Political Theory.	3
POLI 614	Proseminar in Political Theory.	3
POLI 616	Modern Political Analysis.	3
POLI 617	Problems in Political Theory.	3

3-6 credits from the following group of courses on European politics:

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Course	Title	Credits
POLI 619	Race, Ethnicity, and Politics .	3
POLI 628	Comparative Politics.	3
POLI 629	Politics of Eurasia.	3
POLI 630	Topics in European Politics.	3
POLI 639	Themes in Comparative Politics 1.	3
POLI 680	Social Change/Advanced Industrialized Democracies.	3

Of the 15 credits of complementary courses, up to 3 credits at the 500 level or higher may be taken outside the Department.

Candidates for the M.A. degree follow an individual program approved by the Department.