Foreign Study Program

The University has established formal student exchange programs with a number of major foreign universities. Graduate students in political science are eligible to apply for financial assistance to spend a year of study at such eminent institutions as the Institut d’Etudes Politiques de Paris, Kobe University, and the University of Tubingen.

Research Opportunities for Graduate Students

Graduate students are often involved in research projects led by department faculty members. To the extent that funds permit, this participation takes the form of research assistantships, which are normally half-time appointments for one or more quarters. Departmental, Graduate School, other University moneys, and external grants are used to support such appointments. Student-faculty collaboration has generally led to opportunities for dissertation research and the publication of joint articles.

See listing of Research Centers for current research activities.

Comparative Law and Society Studies (CLASS) Center Graduate Fellows Program

Graduate students across the University of Washington campus may be invited to participate as CLASS Graduate Fellows. The primary requirement for eligibility as a fellow is an intellectual interest in socio-legal study and a demonstrated commitment to participation in CLASS-sponsored graduate seminars, colloquia series, conferences, and related activities. Graduate students may be nominated for the Fellows program either by themselves or by affiliated faculty; conferral of the Fellows status and graduation certificate will be made by the CLASS faculty standing committee.
The opportunities available to CLASS graduate fellows include:

- Guaranteed funding to at least one Law and Society Association annual meeting during the student's graduate career;
- Priority access to graduate courses taught or approved by CLASS faculty;
- Invitations to special CLASS-sponsored speaker series, conferences, tutorials, and related events;
- Opportunities to meet and work with distinguished visiting scholars;
- Opportunities to compete for CLASS funded teaching assistantships, research assistantships, fellowships, and the like;
- Conferral of a CLASS Fellows Certificate upon graduation that prominently identifies completion of a program in interdisciplinary socio-legal study.

For more information, visit the [CLASS website](https://www.polisci.washington.edu/graduate-student-ta-resources).