POLITICAL COMMUNICATION - SPECIALIZED FIELD

These are minimum requirements. Additional courses may be desirable and are up to the supervising committee to designate. Courses used to satisfy requirements in other fields may not be used to satisfy Political Communication requirements.

Those students interested in earning the Interdisciplinary Award in Political Communication please see requirements at:

- [http://depts.washington.edu/policom/requirements.html](http://depts.washington.edu/policom/requirements.html)
- [http://depts.washington.edu/policom/](http://depts.washington.edu/policom/)

**REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PH.D.**

Completion of five courses, distributed as follows:

A. Pol S 551 Political Communication (5 credits).

B. Two additional courses (or at least 10 credits). At least one must be selected from the Interdisciplinary courses list. The second course may be selected from the Interdisciplinary Courses list or from the Political Science Courses List.

C. Completion of A and one course selected from the lists named below are the minimum requirements before the defense of the Masters Essay of Distinction.

D. One Methodology course chosen from the Methodology Course List.

E. Research Seminar - Pol S 594/COM 556 Political Communication Research Practicum

Project must be developed in advance and supervised by a Political Communication faculty member.

**Interdisciplinary Course List**

- COM 406 Public Discourse on the Internet (5 credits)
- COM 435 Historic American Public Discourse (5 credits)
- COM 436 Contemporary American Discourse (5 credits)
- COM 545 Development of Mass Communication (5 credits)
- COM 553 Public Opinion and Communication (5 credits)
- COM 557 Government and Mass Communication (5 credits)
- COM 559 Media and Foreign Policy (5 credits)
- COM 562 International Communication Systems (5 credits)
- COM 565 Mass Media Structure (5 credits)
- COM 567 Gender, Race, and Communication (5 credits)
- COM 577 Communication in Small Groups (5 credits)
- PB AF 581 Information Technology and the Policy-Making Process (3 credits)
- PB AF 582 News Media and Public Policy (3 credits)
- TC 420 Introduction to Technology as a Social & Political Phenomenon (5 credits)
- TC 525 Assessing Communication Technologies (3 credits)

**Political Science Courses**

- POL S 553 Public Opinion (5 credits)
- POL S 576 Political Culture (5 credits)
- POL S 590 Seminar in Political Behavior (5 credits, max 10 credits) May be counted twice if different course content.
Methodology Course List

Qualitative Methodology Courses:

ANTH 456 Contemporary Ethnography (5 credits)
COM 511 Content Analysis (5 credits)
COM 513 Fieldwork Research Methods (5 credits)
COM 515 Rhetorical Criticism (5 credits)
COM 584 Ways of Speaking (5 credits)
EDC&I 578 Qualitative Methods of Educational Research (5 credits)
HIST 598 Methods of Historical Research (5 credits)
SOC 555 Methods in Macro, Comparative and Historical Sociology (3 credits)
TC 425 Technology Assessment (5 credits)
TC 516 Research Methods in Technical Communication (3 credits)
WOMEN 503 Feminist Research and Methods of Inquiry (5 credits)

Quantitative Methodology Courses:

BIOST 511 Medical Biometry I (4 credits)
BIOST 515 Biostatistics II (4 credits)
BIOST 533 Classical Theory of Linear Models (3 credits)
ECON 482 Econometric Methods (5 credits)
ECON 483 Applied Econometric Modeling (5 credits)
ECON 580 Econometrics I (4 credits)
ECON 583 Econometric theory I (3 credits)
ECON 585 Applied Microeconometrics (3 credits)
EDPSY 490 Basic Educational Statistics (3 credits)
EDPSY 495 Introduction to Educational Measurement (3 credits - corrected from 492)
EDPSY 575 Structural Equation Models (3 credits)
EDPSY 576 Hierarchical Linear Models (3 credits)
EDPSY 592 Advanced Educational Measurement (3 credits)
EDPSY 593 Experimental Design and Analysis (5 credits)
EDPSY 594 Advanced Correlational Techniques (5 credits)
EDPSY 595 Item Response Theory (3 credits)
GEOG 526 Advanced Quantitative Methods in Geography Withers (4 credits)
PB AF 527 Quantitative Analysis; Quantitative Analysis for Public Managers (3 credits)
PB AF 528 Quantitative Analysis; Quantitative Analysis for Public Managers (3 credits)
PB AF 529 Quantitative Applications in Public Affairs (3 credits)
QERM 550 Ecological Modeling and Spatial Analysis (5 credits)
SOC 424 Basic Applied Statistics (3 credits)
SOC 425 Applied Statistics (3 credits)
SOC 426 Methodology: Quantitative Techniques in Sociology (3 credits)
SOC 526 Log-linear and Logistic Regression Models (3 credits)
SOC 528 Seminar on Selected Statistical Problems in Social Research: (3 credits)
SOC 536 Causal Approach to Theory Building and Data Analysis (3 credits)
SOCWL 587 Fundamentals of Social Work Statistics I (4 credits)
SOCWL 588 Fundamentals of Social Work Statistics II (4 credits)
STAT 421 Applied Statistics and Experimental Design (4 credits)
STAT 423 Applied Regression and Analysis of Variance (4 credits)
STAT 427 Introduction to Analysis of Categorical Data (4 credits)
STAT 428 Multivariate Analysis for the Social Sciences (4 credits)
STAT 512 Statistical Inference (4 credits)
STAT 533 Classical theory of linear models (3 credits)
STAT 536 Log-linear modeling and logistic regression for the social sciences (3 credits)
STAT 570 Advanced applied statistics and linear models (3 credits)
STAT 573 Statistical methods for categorical data (3 credits)
STAT 591 Special topics in statistics (1-5 credits)