

Identity Politics Requirements

All students wishing to complete the identity sub-field are required to take 2 courses from the 3 core courses offered on a rotating basis within the department. At least one of the 3 courses will be offered each academic year.

Courses

Three courses from which two courses must be taken:

PS 263	Race/Gender in American Politics	Lien
PS 281	Comparative Ethnic Politics	Kaplan
PS 594	Immigration and Identity	Bruhn

Pre-approved courses offered in the Department of Political Science as Electives

Each of the courses listed below contains a component focused on identity. Graduate students can select **2 courses as electives** from this list with the agreement of their advisor. The courses should constitute a specialization in one of the modal fields 1) Theories and Concepts of Identity, 2) Migration and Citizenship, 3) Ethnic & Identity Conflict, 4) Ethnic/Racial Politics (Comparative and American Politics), 5) Intersectionality (Gender, Sexuality, Race, Class, Religion).

PS 232	Politics of Economic Development	Ahuja
PS 236	Democratization in Comparative Perspective	Bruhn
PS 237	Social Movements/Collective Action	Ahuja
PS 243	Political Concepts, Rights and Human Rights	Digester
PS 251	Political Representation	Stoll
PS 252	Public Opinion and Political Participation	Smith
PS 594	Civil Conflict and Intrastate War	Coggins
PS 594	Political Institutions	Stoll

Additional Elective Courses from Outside the Department

The advisor if a member of the Identity Group must approve the use of non-departmental courses as electives, or if the advisor is not a member of the Identity Group, the request must be approved by members of the Identity Group. Electives need to be related to a modal area as listed above.

There are too many potential courses outside the department to list. However, departments offering numerous identity related courses include the following:

- Anthropology
- Black Studies
- Chicano/Chicana Studies
- Communications
- East Asian Language and Culture

Feminist Studies
Gervitz School of Education
Global Studies
History
Linguistics
Psychology and Brain Sciences
Religious Studies
Sociology

Students will have available a comprehensive reading list in the Politics of Identity which covers the core concepts and theories found in the field supplemented by empirical studies. Because literature in the modal fields is too diverse and multi-disciplinary to include in the comprehensive reading list, a list of faculty to consult in the modal fields plus a list of courses found in the catalog in these fields will be made available.

Identity Workshop

Students who declare identity as a field within political science are required to attend the identity workshops with credit given (1 credit per quarter). Students must present their papers in the Politics of Identity at one of the workshops.

Paper in the Politics of Identity

A publishable research paper will be required. Students will present their papers at the Identity Workshop and, if possible at a professional association meeting. We urge students to submit their papers for publication, but we do not require that it be published to complete the Identity Field. The procedures utilized in preparing field papers – time permitted and permissions required will be the same.

The criteria for evaluation of the paper will be the same as found in the Field Paper Guidelines (rev. 05/2010).

The IP paper will be graded using the same categories as exams – Distinction, High Pass, Pass, No Pass, and Fail.

In evaluating papers just like exams, faculty members use their knowledge of the modal field to determine the quality of the publishable paper.

The advisor and one other member of the department of political science will constitute the paper committee. This may include department affiliates. The committee can also add as a third member, a faculty member from outside the department, who has special expertise in the modal area. The committee will be proposed by the student, approved by the advisor, and submitted to the Graduate Advisor for approval. The topic of the paper must be approved by the advisor and committee members. The approved paper topic will be filed with the Graduate Advisor. From the time of filing, the paper must be completed within a twelve month period. If the committee does not approve the submitted draft, the student has an additional 3 months to make changes. If these changes are not approved, the student will have ‘failed’ the Politics of Identity area.

Timeline for Graduate Student declaring the Politics of Identity as a Sub-field

Year One

Student declares interest in The Politics of Identity as a sub-field to advisor and is encouraged to take at least one of the required core seminars offered within the department.

If the student takes an elective, a modal area must be declared to the advisor.

Year Two

Student takes 2nd required core seminar within the department.

One or two elective courses connected with a modal field are taken. Electives may be from within or outside of the department. If electives are courses outside of political science, they must be approved by the advisor, if a member of the identity group, or by the Identity Group, if the advisor is not a member of the Identity Group.

A committee for the Identity Paper should be formed with two members of the department or affiliate from the department with one of them serving as chair. A third member from outside the department is permitted. The names of committee members are submitted to the Graduate Advisor.

Before the end of the second year, a paper topic should be approved by the committee and filed with the Graduate Advisor. From the time of the filing, 12 months are allowed for the completion of the paper. The paper must be approved by members of the committee using the same metric as employed on comprehensive exams: distinction, high pass, pass, no pass, and fail. If the paper receives a consensus grade of no pass or fail, the student has 3 months to make changes and re-submit the paper. If the paper still receives a non-passing mark, the student will have failed the identity paper and the sub-field cannot be used as one of those needed to pass on to candidacy.

It is expected that the paper will be completed no later than the middle of the third year allowing the student to begin work on the prospectus. This would conform to the norm of completing a 2nd sub-field no later than the end of the 3rd year.