

Peace Corps Fellows, Applied Community and Economic Development (ACED) Fellows, and Peace Corps Master's International Students

Master's Degree in Political Science, Applied Community Development Sequence *Department of Politics & Government* Sample Plan of Study

Peace Corps Fellows, ACED Fellows, and Peace Corps Master's International Students in Political Science fulfill requirements for a sequence in applied community development, which are listed below. This list is subject to change. Note that this sample plan of study presumes that students have been admitted without deficiencies. For admission without deficiencies, generally a student must have already successfully completed 15 hours of undergraduate coursework in the Social Sciences.

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First Fall Semester

*POL 496	Introduction to Political Inquiry	3
*POL/SOA 470	Seminar in Community Development	3
*POL/SOA 477	Community Project Design and Management	3
POL or other	Elective (graduate level)**	<u>3</u>
Subtotal		12

First Spring Semester

*POL 461	Seminar in Political Theory <i>OR</i>	
*POL 497	Introduction to Research Methodology	3
POL or other	Electives (graduate level)**	6
*ECO 490.04	Seminar in Local Economic Development <i>(prerequisite: at least one course in economics)</i>	<u>2</u>
Subtotal		11

First Summer Semester

*ECO/POL/SOA 478	Topics in Administration and Planning	2
POL or other	Elective (graduate level)** if capstone	<u>3</u>
Subtotal		5

Second Fall/Spring/Summer Semesters

POL 498.12/498.90	Professional Practice	6-8
POL 499	Thesis	4-6
OR		
POL 495	Capstone: Graduate Research in Applied Community Development	3
	<i>See the <u>Dept. of Politics & Government Graduate Handbook</u> for details about the Thesis and Capstone Writing Project options and procedures.</i>	

TOTAL CREDITS

32+ credit hours if thesis
39 credit hours if capstone

See the Illinois State University Graduate Catalog for a full listing of offerings and course descriptions.
<http://www.grad.illinoisstate.edu>

*Fulfills requirement towards the 15 semester hours of POL seminars required for the Political Science masters degree. POL 477, POL 478, ECO 490.04 together count towards seminar requirements.

**Independent Study (400) is not allowed for students choosing the capstone. With your advisor's approval, you may be able to take Readings (490).

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