

Qualitative and Archival Methods Grad Course Offerings and Subfield Requirements. Updated May 23, 2025.

Core Courses

PLSC 5050b. Qualitative Field Research. Egor Lazarev. Dan Mattingly. Elisabeth Wood.
PLSC 5090. Philosophy of Science for the Study of Politics. Helene Landemore, Ian Shapiro.
PLSC 5220a/b. Historical Approaches to the Study of Politics. Jonny Steinberg, Steven Wilkinson.
PLSC 5230a/b. Mixed Methods Research. Elizabeth Parker-Magyar.
PLSC 7990b. Micro-historical Analysis in Social Science Research. Isabela Mares.

Elective Courses

PLSC 5080a/b. Causal Inference and Research Design.
PLSC 7770a/b. Comparative Politics I. Kate Baldwin. Isabela Mares.
PLSC 7780a/b. Comparative Politics II. Kate Baldwin. Isabela Mares, Didac Queralt.
PLSC 8120a. American Progressivism in Theory and Practice. Stephen Skowronek.
PLSC 8280b. American Political Development. Stephen Skowronek.

Workshops

N/A

Note:

-a courses are offered in the Fall, b courses are offered in the Spring. ab courses are offered in the Fall and Spring. a/b courses are offered in the Fall or in the Spring.

Subfield Requirements

Students who entered the program before Fall 2021 are strongly encouraged to qualify in Qualitative Methods by coursework. Students who entered in the program in Fall 2021 or later may only qualify in the field by coursework.

To qualify by coursework, students must take three distinct courses: 5050 or 5090; either 5220, 7990, or 5090; and either 5230 or 5090. Additionally, students must write a paper using qualitative methods, in the context of a course in the sequence, that shows a strong command of the methodological approaches in the field and that is approved by the course instructor as meeting the QAM paper requirement.