

Requirements for the Qualitative and Archival Methods Comprehensive Field
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Students are strongly encouraged to qualify in the Qualitative and Archival Methods comprehensive field by taking three courses and writing a seminar paper (see below). (Students may qualify by passing an exam based on the reading list, but are discouraged from taking this route as it is a field where learning is best done through practicing the skills needed to carry out research projects.

To qualify via three courses and a paper, students must complete A, B and C below:

A. Take TWO of the following THREE courses:

1. Historical and Archival Methods, PLSC 522 (or Comparative and Historical Methods, SOCY 551, in years that PLSC 522 is not taught)
2. Qualitative Field Research, PLSC 505
3. Philosophy of Science for the Study of Politics, PLSC 630, which is offered every other year

B. Take one more course, either from the above list or from among the following:

American Political Development, PLSC 828
American Progressivism in Theory and Practice, PLSC 812
The American Presidency, PLSC 820
Comparative Politics I, 777
Comparative Politics II, 778
Social Foundations of War PLSC 174
Capital, Labor, and Land in Advanced Democracies, Political Science 719
IR: Philosophy, History, Sociology, PLSC 671
Nationalism and Identity, PLSC 655
The Politics of Public Policy, PLSC 810
Causal Inference and Research Design, PLSC 508:

C. Complete an accepted seminar paper in one of the courses listed in A.