

expected to start working on their draft dissertation proposal as early as the first semester when they undertake the course POL611. This is followed by advanced methods training in POL617 and POL610. The proposal includes a research question, a critical review of the literature, the main hypotheses to be tested, a coherent research methodology, and the potential theoretical implications of the study. The dissertation examination consists of two parts: a marked assessment of the dissertation by two examiners and an oral defense.

Careers

Graduates of this program will acquire the necessary skills to move directly into career paths such as:

- Doctoral studies and academic and research careers.
- Leadership roles that involve critical analysis and strategic planning, in the public and private sectors.
- Careers in diplomacy and international organizations.
- Careers in media and in policy centers.

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**Master's Program in Politics and
International Relations Program**

The Politics and International Relations Program takes as its mission the shaping of a new generation of Arab political scientists capable of knowledge production from and for the region, in critical dialogue with global theoretical debates and methodological approaches. Rigorous methodological and theoretical training provides students with the intellectual tools and research techniques to become independent scholars able to make original contributions to the different subfields of Political Science. The curriculum does not only match the curricula of prestigious international universities, but also incorporates a unique dimension featuring Arab contributions, content, and concerns. The program's approach to teaching and learning embodies the Doha Institute's goal of integrating research into teaching and learning in two ways: First, by creating synergy between research and teaching where the program is able to guide students during their journey to becoming producers of scholarly knowledge. Second, by adopting student-centric teaching methods, it actively encourages them to engage in original research and knowledge production. The unique training provided by the program graduates students who are firmly grounded in cutting-edge theoretical debates and methodological techniques in Political Science, and are able to leverage this knowledge to address regional themes and concerns.

Program Structure

A- Program Requirements

1. Core Courses (24 credit hours):

- POL610 Research Seminar
- POL611 Research Methodologies in Political Science
- POL612 Seminar on Arabs and Political Science
- POL613 Comparative Politics Seminar
- POL614 International Relations Seminar
- POL615 Middle East politics
- POL617 Advanced Topics in Research Methodology
- POL618 Critical Issues in Political Theory

B- School Requirements

1. Interdisciplinary Course (3 credit hours):

All SOSH students must attend and successfully complete one compulsory course: (SOSH601) Issues in Social Sciences and Humanities. Offered at the school level, this course aims to cultivate students' interdisciplinary exposure by training them to draw and synthesize knowledge from various academic disciplines.

2. Free Elective Courses (3 credit hours):

Students may choose free elective courses from any program in any of the schools at the Doha Institute (DI). Students can also choose their free elective courses from the list of electives offered by their program. Students are advised to consult with their academic advisors before choosing their free electives.

3. Program Elective Courses (6 credit hours):

Students may choose their program electives from the courses offered by the Politics and International Relations Program below:

- POL620 Issues in Political Sciences & International Relations
- POL622 Mass Violence, State Failure and International Intervention
- POL625 Politics and Society in the Arab Gulf
- POL626 International Organizations
- POL627 Theories of Democratic Governance
- POL628 Foreign Policy Analysis
- POL629 Political Economy of the Arab World

C- Dissertation (9 credit hours):

Students select a dissertation topic in consultation with an academic supervisor from the program. The students submit a dissertation of 12,000 – 18,000 words at the end of the second academic year. The dissertation should be approached as work-in-progress from the first semester. Students are

