

II. REQUIREMENTS FOR THE SM IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

A. The minimum number of subjects required for the SM Degree is **six** graduate subjects, at least **four** of which must be completed in the Political Science Department at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. The remaining **two** subjects may be taken at MIT or through cross-registration at Harvard University.

The student must have completed satisfactorily a program of study of at least 66 units, of which 42 units shall be H-level subjects, and a thesis, both acceptable to the department.

B. A 3.5 grade point average must be maintained for subjects toward the SM degree.

C. The Master's program requires a minimum of three semesters, typically fall, spring, and summer (summer tuition is subsidized by MIT).

D. A Master's thesis is required, which must be read and approved by two faculty members and defended orally before them. It is the responsibility of Master's candidates to seek out two faculty members to serve as principal advisor and second reader of the thesis. These faculty members should be consulted regularly during the planning and writing of the thesis, with outlines and drafts of work in progress reviewed according to some mutually agreed schedule. **The first thesis draft must be submitted by the end of the second term. The thesis is normally defended and submitted by the end of the summer term.**

E. Students should consult the MIT *Specifications for Thesis Preparation* booklet <<http://libraries.mit.edu/archives/thesis-specs/>>, and the Department's guidelines, for rules governing the format for submitting the SM thesis. These rules are enforced. See the Graduate Administrator for details.

Requirements for the SB/SM Degree

An MIT undergraduate student majoring in political science may apply for admission to the Political Science Department as a candidate for the SB/SM degree. The requirements for these students are the same as above, provided however, that such students may request to transfer graduate subjects completed as undergraduates to fulfill the graduate subject requirement of the master's degree. Students **may not double count units** and **must be registered as a graduate student for at least one regular academic term** (not the summer session). The thesis submitted for the master's is also accepted in fulfillment of the undergraduate thesis requirement.