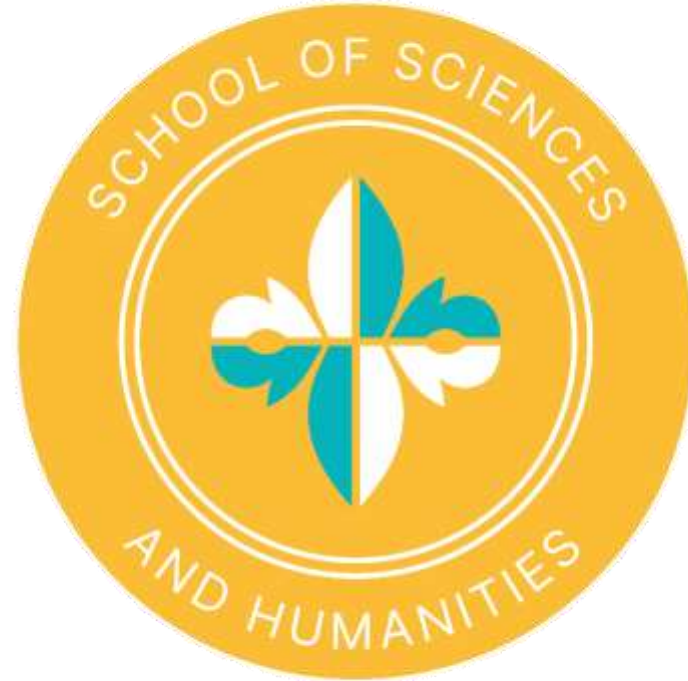




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Course overview

- Fall1: 3 core seminars (24 ECTS)
 - PLS 511 Advanced Research 1 (Thursday)
 - PLS 540 Core Seminar in Comparative Politics (Tuesday)
 - PLS 550 Core Seminar in International Relations (Friday)
- Spring1: 2 core seminars, 1 PLS elective, Thesis Preparation (28 ECTS)
- Summer: Thesis Research (12 ECTS)
- Fall2: MA Thesis I, 2 electives (28 ECTS)
- Spring2: MA Thesis II, 1 elective (28 ECTS)



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Thesis Writing

- PLS 596 Thesis Preparation (spring 1) 4 ECTS
- PLS 597 Research for Thesis (summer) 12 ECTS
- PLS 598 MA Thesis I (fall2) 12 ECTS
- PLS 599 MA Thesis II (spring2) 20 ECTS



Thesis sequence

- **Thesis preparation (spring1)**: select adviser, find topic, produce oral presentation of proposal/pre-proposal. Should include IREC if human subjects research will be anticipated.
- **Thesis research (summer)**: can be flexible depending on needs of project, including research design, data collection, field research. Final product is a literature review and revised written proposal to submit to external.
- **MA Thesis I (fall2)**: flexible depending on needs of project, including data analysis, continued data collection, writing, etc. Final product is a substantive chapter of the thesis.
- **MA Thesis II (spring2)**: final write-up of thesis



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