

Master's Plan A Timeline

First Semester

- Meet with Graduate Chair regarding your plans in the program
- Complete MA Pre-Candidacy Progress Form for Graduate Division with Graduate Chair
 - Advisor will be assigned based upon subfield interests. Note: advisors are not permanent and can be changed at any time
- Begin coursework

Second Semester

- Continue coursework
- Identify a thesis advisor and topic
- Write thesis proposal
- Identify committee members
- Submit Form II: Master's Thesis - Advance to Candidacy (Plan A) Form (this form requires you to get signatures from all committee members)
- Meet with Graduate Chair to fill out the graduate student annual progress form

Third Semester

- Continue coursework using MA Thesis Advising Form
- Begin Writing Thesis

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- Plan A students MUST be registered for POLS 700 during the semester that they graduate
- Defend thesis - reserve room in advance
- Submit Form III - Thesis Evaluation Form to Graduate Division
- Apply to graduate within first two weeks of semester
- Pick up Graduate application for Degree Form from Graduate Records, Spalding 352 and return to Cashier's Office by specified Deadlines
- Meet with Graduate Chair to fill out the graduate student annual progress form