Comparative Politics Field Statement

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The following requirements apply to students who entered the PhD program in 2018-19 and to students who entered the PhD program in 2017-18 who opted into this system. All other students should refer to the program guide and field statement for the year they entered the program.

Refer to Chapter 2 of the Program Guide for additional important information on the department’s requirements for advancing to candidacy.

Pre-candidacy Requirements for 1st Field Comparative Politics Students

In order to be eligible to advance to candidacy with Comparative politics as a first field, students must:

1. Complete 440A and 440B for five units each with grades of A- or better.

2. Complete two elective courses in Comparative Politics for three units each with grades of A- or better. The elective is to be a 3xx or 4xx course offered by a member of the Comparative Politics field. See elective options list below. To count as an approved elective, courses that do not appear on the course options list or directed readings must be approved by the Field Convener on the basis of a written syllabus.

3. Pass a comprehensive examination in Comparative Politics in spring quarter of their second year. Students taking the CP comp exam will be tested on the material covered in three courses: 440A, 440B, 400C. Students who plan to take the Comparative Politics comp exam should take 400C in year 1.

4. Complete a field paper in comparative politics. See section 2.4 of the Program Guide for additional details on the field paper requirement.

Pre-candidacy Requirements for 2nd Field Comparative Politics Students

In order to be eligible to advance to candidacy with comparative politics as a second field, students must:

1. Complete 440A and 440B for five units each with grades of A- or better.

2. Complete one elective course for at least 3 units with a grade of A- or higher. The elective is to be a 3xx or 4xx course offered by a member of the Comparative Politics field. See elective options list below. To
count as an approved elective, courses that do not appear on the course options list or directed readings must be approved by the Field Convener on the basis of a written syllabus.

3. Students designating Comparative Politics as a second field do not need to take the CP comp exam or write a CP field paper.

Pre-candidacy Requirements for 3rd Field Comparative Politics Students

In order to be eligible to advance to candidacy with comparative politics as a third field, students must complete two Political Science department courses in Comparative Politics with grades of B or better. These classes must be taken for at least three units each. The courses are to be 3xx or 4xx courses offered by a member of the Comparative Politics field.

Required Minimum Grades

Should a student not receive the required minimum grade in a class taken for their first, second or third field, they may be required to revise and resubmit work associated with the course, retake the course, or take a different course to fulfill the requirement. They may also be advised to switch fields. The appropriate option will be decided by the faculty and communicated to the student by the field convener. All required pre-candidacy course requirements should be completed by the end of the second year in the program so that the student is eligible to advance to candidacy on time. Refer to section 2 of the program guide for additional information on advancement to candidacy.

2018-19 Elective Course Options in Comparative Politics

2018-19 courses that count toward the elective requirement for first and second field Comparative Politics students include:

Fall:
325L Law and the New Political Economy - Weingast, Rodriguez (SLS)
446A Paths to the Modern World - Blaydes, Cox
460A Political Economy I - Hall, Gentzkow (Econ) prereqs: 450A, 450B, 356A

Winter:
348 Chinese Politics - Oi
PolEcon 683 Political Development Economics - Jha (GSB)
460B Political Economy II- Fearon, Gabriel Carroll (Econ) prereqs: 356A

Spring:
446E Seminar on Political Economy Experiments - Gulzar
347A Games Developing Nations Play - Weingast
347G Governance and Poverty - Magaloni
348S Latin American Politics - Magaloni
443S Political Economy of Reform in China – Oi
Workshop

The Comparative Politics Workshop (PS 440D) is a forum for students to engage with ongoing comparative politics research by advanced graduate students and faculty at Stanford and by leading scholars at other universities. It also offers students an opportunity to further integrate themselves into a broad professional community of comparativists. Students who designate Comparative Politics as their first field are required to enroll for at least one quarter and are encouraged to present a paper in the Workshop in any quarter (and not necessarily the one in which they are enrolled). Comparative Politics students, regardless of enrollment, should attend the Workshop regularly.