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2. Five **professional development and methodology** graduate course credits:
 - Political Science 800: Political Science as a Discipline and Profession (1 credit)
 - Political Science 811: Introduction to Statistical Computing in Political Science (1 credit)
 - Political Science 812: Introduction to Statistical Methods in Political Science (3 credits)
3. Six to seven **elective** course credits:

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 - One additional graduate-level method/methodology course. Examples include:
 - Political Science 813: Multivariable Statistical Inference for Political Research (3 credits)
 - Political Science 817: Empirical Methods of Political Inquiry (3 credits)
 - Political Science 839: Methods of Political Theory (3 credits)
 - Political Science 919: Seminar-Advanced Methodology (2 credits)
 - Political Science 919: Experimental Methods (3 credits)
 - Political Science 919: Qualitative Methods (3 credits)

Additional Requirements:

1. All students pursuing a Political Science Concentration must:
 - Be advised by a Political Science Concentration core faculty member
 - Complete their preliminary examinations with at least one area focused on political science
 - Conduct dissertation research has relevance and is legible to the discipline of political science