

**Master's Degree in Political Science**  
**Applied Community and Economic Development Sequence**

Department of Politics & Government Plan of Study

**Applied Community & Economic Development Fellows** and **Peace Corps Fellows** in political science fulfill the requirements below for a sequence in applied community and economic development. The information below is subject to change. Note that this sample plan of study presumes that students have been admitted without deficiencies. For admission without deficiencies, generally a student must have already successfully completed 15 hours of undergraduate coursework in the social sciences including at least one course in economics. The application deadline is March 1 for fall admissions.

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**First Fall Semester**

POL 496	Introduction to Political Inquiry	3	
POL/SOC 470	Seminar in Community Development	3	
ECO 406	Local Economic Development	3	
	<i>(prerequisite: at least one course in economics)</i>		
POL or other	Elective (graduate level)*	<u>3</u>	
<b>Subtotal</b>			<b>12</b>

**First Spring Semester**

POL 461	Seminar in Political Theory <i>OR</i>		
POL 497	Introduction to Research Methodology	3	
POL/SOC 477	Community Project Design and Management	3	
POL or other	Electives (two, graduate level)*	<u>6</u>	
<b>Subtotal</b>			<b>12</b>

**First Summer Semester**

ECO/POL/SOC 478	Topics in Administration and Planning	2		
POL or other	Elective (graduate level)* if capstone	<u>0</u>		<u>3</u>
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>2</b>		<b>5</b>

**Second Fall Semester**

POL 499 <i>OR</i> 495	Thesis <i>OR</i> Capstone Research	0		
POL 498A90	Professional Practice	2		3

**Second Spring Semester**

POL 499 <i>OR</i> 495	Thesis <i>OR</i> Capstone Research	3		
POL 498A90	Professional Practice	2		3

**Second Summer Semester**

POL 499 <i>OR</i> 495	Thesis <i>OR</i> Capstone Research	1		
POL 498A90	Professional Practice	<u>2</u>		<u>2</u>

**Second Year Subtotal**

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**TOTAL CREDITS**

**36 credit hours if thesis**  
**40 credit hours if capstone**

See the Illinois State University Graduate Catalog ([www.grad.illinoisstate.edu](http://www.grad.illinoisstate.edu)) for a full listing of offerings and course descriptions.

\***Independent Study (400) is not allowed for students choosing the capstone.** With your advisor's approval, you may be able to take Readings (490). With prior approval of the Graduate Coordinator, electives may include up to 3 hours of relevant graduate courses from other departments.