

Responsible Conduct of Research Plan  
Department of Political Science  
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The Department of Political Science has two graduate programs our Ph.D. program (PLS) and the M.P.P. program (PPL), which is a joint program with the Department of Economics. This plan covers both.

**Ph.D. Students**

- Year 1: No later than the end of the fall semester of their first year in the program, all Ph.D. students will be required to complete a total of four CITI modules on these topics: (1) Introduction to the Responsible Conduct of Research, (2) Authorship, (3) Plagiarism, (4) Research Misconduct.
- Year 2: No later than the end of the spring semester of their second year in the program, all Ph.D. students will be required to complete a total of three CITI modules. Students can choose from the following five topics: (1) Peer Review, (2) Collaborative Research, (3) Mentoring, (4) Human Subjects, and (5) Data Management.
- Year 3 and Beyond: The annual refresher training will be provided during annual back-to-school programming that takes place in late August (2 hours). The remaining 1 hour of refresher training will occur early in the spring semester. Both of these training sessions will have substantial discussion-based components incorporated in them.
- By Completion of Degree: The 6 hours of discussion-based training required by the completion of a Ph.D. student's degree will be integrated into the mandatory research methods courses taken by all Ph.D. students during their first year of the Ph.D. program (PLS 800, PLS 801, PLS 802).

**Master of Public Policy Students ("Plan B")**

- Year 1: No later than the end of the fall semester of their first year in the program, all M.P.P. students will be required to complete a total of four CITI modules on these topics: (1) Introduction to the Responsible Conduct of Research, (2) Authorship, (3) Plagiarism, (4) Research Misconduct.
- By Completion of Degree: The 6 hours of discussion-based training required by the completion of a M.P.P. student's degree will come from a mixture of integration into the mandatory research methods courses taken by all M.P.P. students during their program (PPL 801, PPL 802) and, as appropriate, participation in the annual refresher training offered for the Ph.D. students.