

**HARVARD UNIVERSITY**  
**DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENT: PLAN OF STUDY FOR CONCENTRATORS**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_



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Welcome to the Government concentration! We request that all new concentrators fill out this form and then review it with a concentration adviser (CA). The goal of this process is to make sure you are aware of the different requirements you will need to fulfill to graduate in Government.

Please keep in mind that **this document is for advising purposes only**. You are not required to take the particular courses you list. However, we ask that a CA sign the form below to confirm that you have had a substantive advising conversation about your academic plans.

| <i>Requirement</i>   | <i>Course(s) I could take to meet the requirement</i>  |
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| 1. Sophomore tutorial  | Government 97  |
| 2. Government 94 seminar   | _____  |
| 3. Statistical methods<br>(Government 50 recommended)                        | _____  |
| 4. One course in each of the 4 subfields                                     | <i>Political theory:</i> _____<br><i>American politics:</i> _____<br><i>Comparative politics:</i> _____<br><i>International relations:</i> _____ |
| 5. Three Government electives  | (1) _____<br>(2) _____<br>(3) _____  |
| 6. Additional elective (if not taking Government 50 for methods requirement) | _____  |
| <i>Honors only:</i>  |  |
| 7. Government 51, 62, or 63<br>(or additional Government 94 seminar)         | _____  |
| 8. Two semesters of the senior tutorial                                      | Government 99 (Fall & Spring)  |

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*Signature of Concentration Adviser*

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*Name of Concentration Adviser*

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*Date*

## Government Concentration Requirements

A full list of requirements can be found on the Government Department's undergraduate website (<https://www.gov.harvard.edu/undergraduate>). Below is a summary of those requirements.

All Gov. concentrators are required to take a minimum of 10 concentration courses, including the following:

- Government 97: Sophomore Tutorial in Government
- One of the Government 94 seminars.
- Government 50 or another class in statistical methods (e.g., Stat 100 or Stat 104):
  - We recommend you take Gov 50. If you meet your methods requirement by taking a class outside of the Gov Dept, we require you to take one additional Gov elective (for a total of 11 concentration courses).
- One course in each of the four subfields (political theory, international relations, American politics, and comparative politics).
  - Talk to your Government concentration adviser about which courses meet these requirements.
- 3 Government electives (4 electives if you take a course in another department for the statistical-methods requirement):
  - Most classes in the Government Department count for the Government elective requirement, as do some General Education courses and courses in other departments. See the online list at <https://www.gov.harvard.edu/undergraduate/academics/concentration-requirements/elective-requirements/>.
  - In addition, you may meet up to 2 of your Government elective requirements with preapproved courses at the Harvard Kennedy School. See the online list at <https://www.gov.harvard.edu/undergraduate/academics/concentration-requirements/courses-at-hks/>.

The honors track within the Government Department requires the courses above plus the following courses and the successful completion of a senior honors thesis:

- A research practice course (Gov 51, 62, or 63), or one additional Gov 94 seminar
- Two semesters of Government 99: Senior Tutorial in Government, which guides you through the process of writing a senior honors thesis

The optional curricular programs in **Law & Justice**, **Tech Science**, **Data Science**, **Public Policy**, and **Political Economy** have additional requirements; see <https://www.gov.harvard.edu/undergraduate/programs-of-study/> for details. Note that each concentrator is limited to **one** of these optional programs.

*Have any questions? Need your form signed?* Contact the Government Department Undergraduate Office or the concentration adviser in your house (<https://www.gov.harvard.edu/undergraduate/concentration-advising/concentration-advisers/>).