

POLITICAL SCIENCE, BACHELOR OF ARTS

Requirements

General Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
Core Curriculum		42
Required Support Courses		18
Major (Required) Courses		27
Major (Required) Course Electives		9
Minor		18
Electives		6
Total Credits		120

- 36 upper-division credit hours required for degree
- 30 upper-division hours from A&M-SA for residency
- CIP Code: 45.1001

All students must complete the University's Core Curriculum (<https://catalog.tamusa.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/core-curriculum/>) and the specific requirements of the major. In some cases, a course that is required for a major may also be counted towards the Core Curriculum.

Code	Title	Credits
Core Curriculum ¹		
ENGL 1301	Composition I	3
ENGL 1302	Composition II	3
MATH 1342	Introductory Statistics	3
Life & Physical Science		3
Life & Physical Science		3
Lang/Phil/Culture		3
Creative Arts		3
American History		3
American History		3
Government/Political Science		3
Government/Political Science		3
ECON 2301	Principles of Macroeconomics	3
SPCH 1315	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3
GEOG 1303	World Geography	3
Subtotal:		42
Required Support Courses		
UNIV 1301	First Year Seminar	3
Foreign Language ²		3
Foreign Language ²		3
Foreign Language ²		3
Foreign Language ²		3
ECON 2302	Principles of Microeconomics (or POLS Adv. elective)	3
Subtotal:		18
Major (Required) Courses ³		
Select two of the following:		6

POLS 3311	Congress	
POLS 3312	The Executive	
POLS 3313	The Judiciary	
POLS 3302	Research and Analy in Pol Sci	3
POLS 3321	Pol Theory Ancient & Medieval	3
or POLS 3322	Polit Theory Early Mdrn &Mdrn	
POLS 3341	International Relations	3
POLS 3351	Comparative Politics	3
POLS 3000-4000 electives		9
Subtotal:		27
Major (Required) Course Electives		
Select one of the following Forms:		9
Option 1: General Studies		
POLS adv. elective		
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Option 2: Pre-Law		
POLS 4331	Constitutional Law	
POLS 4332	Constitutional Law II	
POLS 4343	International Law	
Option 3: International Studies		
POLS 4320	Terrorism & Political Violence	
POLS 4342	International Organization	
POLS 4343	International Law	
Subtotal:		9
Minor ⁴		
A minimum of 10 upper-division credit hours required.		18
Subtotal:		18
Electives		
As needed to complete 120 credit hours required		6
Subtotal:		6
Total Credits		120

¹ Other courses may satisfy core curriculum requirements. Courses listed under the core curriculum above are also specific degree requirements, and are recommended in the core to expedite degree completion.

² Preferably one language, maximum of 2 languages; conversational language will not count.

³ 2.0 overall GPA for major

⁴ 2.0 overall GPA for minor

Note: The above pre-formulated tracks are suggestions intended to help guide students in the selection of courses that will best meet their career objectives. Students are not obligated to follow a track entirely and are not required to commit to a particular track once started.

Plan of Study

This suggested plan of study is intended to be used as a guide in conjunction with official degree requirements outlined in the catalog. While this plan demonstrates a course of study that covers eight semesters, each student's academic path is unique and your timeline may look different. Students should regularly consult with academic advisors as they plan their course schedules as course offerings may vary.

First Year

First Semester		Credits
ENGL 1301	Composition I	3
GOVT 2305	Federal Government	3
Life & Physical Science		3
Foreign Language		3
UNIV 1301	First Year Seminar	3
Credits		15

Second Semester

ENGL 1302	Composition II	3
GOVT 2306	Texas Government	3
Life & Physical Science		3
Foreign Language		3
MATH 1342	Introductory Statistics	3
Credits		15

Second Year**First Semester**

Creative Arts		3
HIST 1301	US History to 1865	3
Foreign Language		3
SPCH 1315	Fundamentals of Public Speaking ¹	3
Social & Behavioral Sciences		3
ECON 2302	Principles of Microeconomics (or POLS Advanced Elective)	3
Credits		18

Second Semester

POLS 3302	Research and Analy in Pol Sci	3
HIST 1302	US History from 1865	3
Language/Philosophy/Culture		3
GEOG 1303	World Geography	3
Foreign Language		3
Credits		15

Third Year**First Semester**

POLS 3341	International Relations	3
POLS Advanced Elective		3
ECON 2302	Principles of Microeconomics (or POLS Advanced Elective)	3
POLS Advanced Elective		3
POLS Advanced Elective		3
Credits		15

Second Semester

POLS 3321	Pol Theory Ancient & Medieval	3
or POLS 3322	or Polit Theory Early Mdrn &Mdrn	
POLS 3351	Comparative Politics	3
POLS Advanced Elective		3
Advanced Elective or Minor		3
Advanced Elective or Minor		3
Credits		15

Fourth Year**First Semester**

POLS 3311	Congress	3
or POLS 3312	or The Executive	
or POLS 3313	or The Judiciary	
POLS Advanced Elective		3
Advanced Elective or Minor		3
Advanced Elective or Minor		3
POLS Advanced Elective		3
Credits		15

Second Semester

POLS 3311	Congress	3
or POLS 3312	or The Executive	
or POLS 3313	or The Judiciary	
POLS Advanced Elective		3
Advanced Elective or Minor		3
Advanced Elective or Minor		3
Credits		12
Total Credits		120

¹ Will accept SPCH 1311 or 1321 in lieu of SPCH 1315 Fundamentals of Public Speaking.

Upper Division Political Science Electives

Code	Title	Credits
POLS 4302	Adv Res Mtds: Rgrssn & Analys	3
POLS 4311	Voting Behavr and Pub Opinion	3
POLS 4312	Interst Group and Pol Parties	3
POLS 4314	State and Local Govt and Admin	3
POLS 4315	Urban Politics	3
POLS 4316	American Political Behavior	3
POLS 4317	Nuclr Profl/ US Non Profl Pol	3
POLS 4325	Technology & Politics	3
POLS 4331	Constitutional Law	3
POLS 4332	Constitutional Law II	3
POLS 4342	International Organization	3
POLS 4343	International Law	3
POLS 4343	International Law	3
POLS 4354	Govt & Politics of Latin Ameri	3
POLS 4355	Govt and Politics of Mexico	3
POLS 4361	Public Administration	3
POLS 4363	Policy and Policy Making in US	3
POLS 4364	Women and Politics	3
POLS 4370	Spec Studies in Polit Sci	3
POLS 4371	Political Science Internship	3