POLITICAL SCIENCE - BS

The Department of Political Science offers a Bachelor of Science in Political Science. The B.S. program emphasizes building skills in social science research and data analysis while gaining a better understanding of politics, developing habits of critical thinking, and enhancing students’ written, verbal, and visual communications skills.

Program Requirements

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Select three of the following: 9

- POLS 203 Introduction to Political Theory
- POLS 229 Introduction to Comparative Politics
- POLS 231 Introduction to World Politics
- POLS 233 Politics and Policy in the United States

Political science electives (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/pols) 15

College and University Requirements

ENGL 104 Composition and Rhetoric 3

Select one of the following: 3

- ENGL 203 Writing about Literature
- ENGL 210 Technical and Business Writing
- COMM 203 Public Speaking
- COMM 205 Communication for Technical Professions
- COMM 243 Argumentation and Debate

Literature in English (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts) 6

Mathematics

Select one of the following options: 9

Option 1:
- PHIL 240 Introduction to Logic
- MATH 141 Finite Mathematics
- MATH 142 Business Calculus

Option 2:
- PHIL 240 Introduction to Logic
- MATH 151 Engineering Mathematics I
- MATH 152 Engineering Mathematics II

Option 3:
- PHIL 240 Introduction to Logic
- MATH 171 Analytic Geometry and Calculus
- MATH 172 Calculus

Creative arts (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#creative-arts) 3

Language, philosophy and culture (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#language-philosophy-culture) 3

Language, philosophy and culture or creative arts (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#language-philosophy-culture) 3

Life and physical sciences (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#life-physical-sciences) 9

Social and behavioral sciences (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#social-behavioral-sciences) 6

American history (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#american-history) 6

International and cultural diversity (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/degree-information/international-cultural-diversity-requirements) 3

Free electives 2 27

Total Semester Credit Hours 120

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1 Students must complete this course before taking more than six hours of 300- or 400-level courses in Political Science.
2 POLS 100-POLS 499 (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/pols) cannot fulfill this requirement.
3 Course may be used to satisfy any other requirement.

No more than 39 credits in political science may be applied to the degree.

A grade of C or better is required for a course to be counted in the major field.

Other courses may qualify for the college and university requirements. Student should consult the approved list of courses in the Undergraduate Student Services Office in the College of Liberal Arts. No course can be counted in more than one category.