## Political Science - BA

### Program Requirements

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1. Complete 14 hours of a foreign language ([http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/government-public-service/](http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/government-public-service/)) through the intermediate level. If you choose to enroll in a language you have studied previously without receiving college credit, you must first take a placement test. Select in consultation with an academic advisor.

2. At least 3 hours must be in MATH except MATH 102, MATH 103, MATH 150, MATH 167, STAT 201. Three hours may be PHIL 240.

3. Students must complete this course before taking more than 6 hours of 300- or 400-level courses in Political Science.

4. POLS 100-499 ([http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/pols/](http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/pols/)) cannot be used to fulfill this requirement.


No more than 36 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. No course can be counted in more than one category.

Graduation requirements include a requirement for 3 hours of International and Cultural Diversity ([http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/degree-information/international-cultural-diversity-requirements/](http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/degree-information/international-cultural-diversity-requirements/)) courses and 3 hours of Cultural Discourse ([http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/degree-information/cultural-discourse-requirements/](http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/degree-information/cultural-discourse-requirements/)) courses. A course satisfying a Core category, a college/department requirement, or a free elective can be used to satisfy this requirement. Select in consultation with an academic advisor.