

POLITICAL SCIENCE - BS

Program Requirements

First Year

Fall	Semester Credit Hours	Credit Hours
ENGL 104 Composition and Rhetoric	3	
POLS 206 American National Government	3	
American history (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#american-history)	3	
Mathematics (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#mathematics) ¹	3	
General elective ²	3	
Semester Credit Hours	15	

Spring

POLS 207 State and Local Government	3	
American history (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#american-history)	3	
Mathematics (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#mathematics) ¹	3	
Humanities directed elective (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/government-public-service/)	3	
General elective ²	3	
Semester Credit Hours	15	

Second Year

Fall	Semester Credit Hours	Credit Hours
PHIL 240 Introduction to Logic	3	
POLS 200 Foundations of Political Science	3	
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	
Humanities directed elective (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/government-public-service/)	3	
Semester Credit Hours	15	

Spring

POLS 209 Introduction to Political Science Research ³	3	
Communication (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#communication)	3	
Life and physical sciences (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#life-physical-sciences)	3	
Social and behavioral sciences (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#social-behavioral-sciences) ²	3	

General elective ²	3
Semester Credit Hours	15

Third Year

Fall

Select two of the following:	6
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	
Life and physical sciences (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#life-physical-sciences)	3
Humanities directed elective (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/government-public-service/)	3
Social and behavioral sciences (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#social-behavioral-sciences) ²	3
Semester Credit Hours	15

Spring

Select one of the following:	3
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	
Life and physical sciences (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#life-physical-sciences)	3
Political Science elective (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/pols/) ⁴	3
General elective ²	3
General elective ²	3
Semester Credit Hours	15

Fourth Year

Fall

POLS 308 Game Theoretic Methods in Political Science	3
Political Science elective (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/pols/) ⁴	3
Political Science elective (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/pols/) ⁴	3
General elective ²	3
General elective ²	3
Semester Credit Hours	15

Spring

POLS 309 Polimetrics	3
Political Science elective (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/pols/) ⁴	3
Political Science elective (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/pols/) ⁴	3
General elective ²	3
General elective ²	3
Semester Credit Hours	15
Total Semester Credit Hours	120

¹ Select from any University Core Mathematics course except MATH 150, MATH 167, STAT 201.

² POLS 100-499 (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/pols/>) cannot fulfill this requirement.

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

⁴ Select from POLS 100-499 (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/pols/>) (except POLS 200, POLS 206, POLS 207, POLS 209, POLS 308, POLS 309).

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 with academic advisor for additional options.

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/>) courses and 3 hours of Cultural Discourse (<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.