

POLITICAL SCIENCE - BS

Program Requirements

First Year

Fall		Semester 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
	Literature directed elective (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/government-public-service/)	3
	General elective ²	3
Semester Credit Hours		15

Second Year

Fall		
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
	Literature 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	
Language, philosophy and culture (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)	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	

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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.