

# POLITICAL SCIENCE - 5-YEAR BACHELOR OF SCIENCE AND MASTER OF PUBLIC SERVICE ADMINISTRATION

## Program Requirements

### First Year

| Fall                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                              | Semester Credit Hours |
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| ENGL 104                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Composition and Rhetoric     | 3                     |
| POLS 206                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | American National Government | 3                     |
| American history ( <a href="http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#american-history">http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#american-history</a> ) |                              | 3                     |
| Communication ( <a href="http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#communication">http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#communication</a> )          |                              | 3                     |
| Mathematics ( <a href="http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#mathematics">http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#mathematics</a> ) <sup>1</sup>   |                              | 3                     |
| General elective <sup>2</sup>                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                              | 3                     |
| Semester Credit Hours                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                              | 18                    |

### Spring

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| POLS 207                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | State and Local Government | 3  |
| American history ( <a href="http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#american-history">http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#american-history</a> )                                                        |                            | 3  |
| Mathematics ( <a href="http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#mathematics">http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#mathematics</a> ) <sup>1</sup>                                                          |                            | 3  |
| Language, philosophy and culture or creative arts ( <a href="http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#language-philosophy-culture">http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#language-philosophy-culture</a> ) |                            | 3  |
| Literature directed elective ( <a href="http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/">http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/</a> )                                                                                                                                                  |                            | 3  |
| General elective <sup>2</sup>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                            | 3  |
| Semester Credit Hours                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                            | 18 |

### Second Year

| Fall                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                  | Semester Credit Hours |
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| PHIL 240                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Introduction to Logic            | 3                     |
| POLS 200                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Foundations of Political Science | 3                     |
| Creative arts ( <a href="http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#creative-arts">http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#creative-arts</a> )                                                |                                  | 3                     |
| Language, philosophy and culture ( <a href="http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#language-philosophy-culture">http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#language-philosophy-culture</a> ) |                                  | 3                     |
| Literature directed elective ( <a href="http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/">http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/</a> )                                                                                                                                 |                                  | 3                     |
| General elective <sup>2</sup>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                  | 3                     |
| Semester Credit Hours                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                  | 18                    |

### Spring

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| POLS 209                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Introduction to Political Science Research <sup>3</sup> | 3  |
| 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 ( <a href="http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#life-physical-sciences">http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#life-physical-sciences</a> )                          |                                                         | 3  |
| Social and behavioral sciences ( <a href="http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#social-behavioral-sciences">http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#social-behavioral-sciences</a> ) <sup>2</sup> |                                                         | 3  |
| General elective <sup>2</sup>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                         | 3  |
| General elective <sup>2</sup>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                         | 3  |
| Semester Credit Hours                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                         | 18 |

### Third Year

| Fall                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                             | Semester Credit Hours |
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| POLS 308                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Game Theoretic Methods in Political Science | 3                     |
| 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 ( <a href="http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#life-physical-sciences">http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#life-physical-sciences</a> )                          |                                             | 3                     |
| Social and behavioral sciences ( <a href="http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#social-behavioral-sciences">http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#social-behavioral-sciences</a> ) <sup>2</sup> |                                             | 3                     |
| Semester Credit Hours                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                             | 15                    |

### Spring

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| POLS 309                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Polimetrics | 3  |
| Life and physical sciences ( <a href="http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#life-physical-sciences">http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#life-physical-sciences</a> ) |             | 3  |
| Political Science elective ( <a href="http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/pols/">http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/pols/</a> ) <sup>4</sup>                                                                              |             | 3  |
| Political Science elective ( <a href="http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/pols/">http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/pols/</a> ) <sup>4</sup>                                                                              |             | 3  |
| General elective <sup>2</sup>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |             | 3  |
| Semester Credit Hours                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |             | 15 |

### Fourth Year

| Fall                       |                                                          | Semester Credit Hours |
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| BUSH 631                   | Quantitative Methods in Public Management I <sup>5</sup> | 3                     |
| PSAA 601                   | Foundations of Public Service <sup>6</sup>               | 3                     |
| PSAA 621                   | Economic Analysis <sup>6</sup>                           | 3                     |
| PSAA 643                   | Foundations of the Nonprofit Sector <sup>6</sup>         | 3                     |
| Semester Credit Hours      |                                                          | 12                    |
| Spring                     |                                                          | Semester Credit Hours |
| PSAA 611                   | Public Policy Formation <sup>5</sup>                     | 3                     |
| BUSH elective <sup>5</sup> |                                                          | 3                     |

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| BUSH elective <sup>7</sup>      |                                                          | 3   |
| PSAA elective <sup>7</sup>      |                                                          | 3   |
| Semester Credit Hours           |                                                          | 12  |
| <b>Fifth Year</b>               |                                                          |     |
| <b>Fall</b>                     |                                                          |     |
| PSAA 675                        | Public Service and Administration<br>Capstone Seminar    | 3   |
| BUSH/PSAA elective <sup>7</sup> |                                                          | 3   |
| BUSH/PSAA elective <sup>7</sup> |                                                          | 3   |
| PSAA elective <sup>7</sup>      |                                                          | 3   |
| Semester Credit Hours           |                                                          | 12  |
| <b>Spring</b>                   |                                                          |     |
| PSAA 676                        | Public Service and Administration<br>Capstone Seminar II | 3   |
| PSAA elective <sup>7</sup>      |                                                          | 3   |
| PSAA elective <sup>7</sup>      |                                                          | 3   |
| PSAA elective <sup>7</sup>      |                                                          | 3   |
| Semester Credit Hours           |                                                          | 12  |
| Total Semester Credit Hours     |                                                          | 150 |

- <sup>1</sup> Select from any University Core Mathematics course except MATH 150, MATH 167, STAT 201.
- <sup>2</sup> POLS 100-499 (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/pols/>) cannot be used to fulfill this requirement.
- <sup>3</sup> Students must complete this course before taking more than 6 hours of POLS 100-POLS 499 (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/pols/>) level courses in Political Science.
- <sup>4</sup> 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).
- <sup>5</sup> Course counted towards the General electives of the BS program.
- <sup>6</sup> Course counted towards the Political Science electives of the BS program.
- <sup>7</sup> BUSH school graduate advisor will assist with BUSH/PSAA course selection for chosen track in the graduate program.

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 academic advisor for additional options.

Students are reclassified as degree seeking master's students in second year of the graduate portion of this program.

The program includes a total of 168 hours which up to 18 hours may be applied toward both the Bachelor of Science in Political Science and the Master of Public Service Administration.

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.