# POLITICAL SCIENCE - BS

## Program Requirements

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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.


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.