

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

Program Requirements

First Year

	Semester Credit Hours
Fall	
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
Foreign language ¹	4
Mathematics (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#mathematics) ²	3

Semester Credit Hours 16

Spring

POLS 207 State and Local Government	3
American history (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#american-history)	3
Foreign language ¹	4
Mathematics (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#mathematics) ²	3
Humanities directed elective (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/government-public-service/)	3

Semester Credit Hours 16

Second Year

	Semester Credit Hours
Fall	
POLS 200 Foundations of Political Science	3
Creative arts (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#creative-arts)	3
Foreign language ¹	3
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
General elective ³	3

Semester Credit Hours 18

Spring

POLS 209 Introduction to Political Science Research ⁴	3
Communication (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#communication)	3

Foreign language ¹	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) ³	3
General elective ³	3

Semester Credit Hours 18

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) ³	3
General elective ³	1

Semester Credit Hours 16

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	
Political Science elective (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/pols/) ⁵	3
Humanities directed elective (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/government-public-service/)	3
Political Science elective (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/pols/) ⁵	3
General elective ³	3
General elective ³	3

Semester Credit Hours 18

Fourth Year

Fall

BUSH 631 Quantitative Methods in Public Management I ⁶	3
PSAA 601 Foundations of Public Service ⁷	3
PSAA 621 Economic Analysis ⁷	3
PSAA 643 Foundations of the Nonprofit Sector ⁷	3

Semester Credit Hours 12

Spring

PSAA 611 Public Policy Formation ⁶	3
BUSH elective ⁶	3
BUSH elective ⁸	3

PSAA elective ⁸		3
Semester Credit Hours		12
Fifth Year		
Fall		
PSAA 675	Public Service and Administration Capstone Seminar	3
BUSH/PSAA elective ⁸		3
BUSH/PSAA elective ⁸		3
PSAA elective ⁸		3
Semester Credit Hours		12
Spring		
PSAA 676	Public Service and Administration Capstone Seminar II	3
PSAA elective ⁸		3
PSAA elective ⁸		3
PSAA elective ⁸		3
Semester Credit Hours		12
Total Semester Credit Hours		150

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.

¹ Complete 14 hours of a foreign language (<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 150, MATH 167, STAT 201. Three hours may be PHIL 240.

³ Select from any 100-499 course not used elsewhere including BUSH 632, BUSH 635, PSAA 630, PSAA 622, PSAA 634; 6hours PSAA 600-699 (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/graduate/course-descriptions/psaa/>); (excluding POLS 100-499 (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/pols/>))

⁴ Students must complete this course before taking more than 6 hours of 300- or 400-level courses in Political Science.

⁵ Select from POLS 100-499 (exclude POLS 206, POLS 207, POLS 209, POLS 308-POLS 309); BUSH 631; PSAA 601, PSAA 611, PSAA 621.

⁶ Course counted towards the general electives of the BA program.

⁷ Course counted towards the Political Science electives of the BA program.

⁸ BUSH school graduate advisor will assist with BUSH/PSAA course selection for chosen track in the graduate program.

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.

Students are reclassified as degree seeking master's students typically in the 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 Arts 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/>