

# BACHELOR OF SCIENCE-POLITICAL SCIENCE

Political Science at A&M-Texarkana emphasizes student engagement and success by providing academic excellence, a mixture of face-to-face and online classes, and student organizations. We offer classes in Political Theory, American (U.S.) Politics, Constitutional Law, Comparative Politics, International Relations, and Public Administration.

Political Science involves the study of political theory, institutions, and behavior in order to gain a deeper understanding of citizenship, resource distribution, and power. It is a discipline distinguished by its relevance to the modern world. Political Science develops students' critical thinking and communication skills, and prepares them for careers in public administration, law, politics, teaching, and research.

**The Bachelor of Science (BS) in Political Science requires a Minor.** Both the College of Arts, Sciences & Education and College of Business, Engineering and Technology offer a variety of minors. Please visit each colleges section of the catalog to review the available minors and their requirements.

## Degree Requirements

*Students should refer to their DegreeWorks degree audit in their Web for Students account for more information regarding their degree requirements.*

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Major Requirements</b>		
General Education Requirements ( <a href="http://catalog.tamut.edu/academic-information/university-core-curriculum/">http://catalog.tamut.edu/academic-information/university-core-curriculum/</a> )		42
PSCI 2305	U.S. Government and Politics	3
PSCI 2306	State and Local Government	3
Select 9 semester credit hours from PSCI Behavior Coursework:		9
PSCI 310	Introduction to Political Documentaries	
PSCI 390	Active Citizen Engagement (EL)	
PSCI 445	Public Opinion	
PSCI 450	Politics and Gender	
PSCI 455	Political Behavior	
PSCI 456	Politics and Religion	
PSCI 460	Political Parties and Elections	
PSCI 480	Violent Politics	
PSCI 481	Cyber-crime, Cyber-terror, and Hacktivism	
Select 9 semester credit hours from PSCI Institutions coursework:		9
PSCI 315	Washington DC Civic Engagement Field Study	
PSCI 331	Introduction to Public Administration and Leadership	
PSCI 428	Intergovernmental Politics	
PSCI 440	Comparative Political Conflict	
PSCI 442	Disputes in International Relations	
PSCI 464	Congress	
PSCI 465	The Executive	
PSCI 490	Political Science Internship (EL)	
Select 9 semester credit hours from Theory & Methods coursework:		9
PSCI 300	Introduction to Political Theory	
PSCI 305	Introduction to Political Ideologies	
PSCI 320	Introduction to Constitutional Law	
PSCI 340	Introduction to Comparative Politics	
PSCI 350	Introduction to International Relations	
PSCI 395	Methods of Political Science Research	
PSCI 410	American Political Theory	
PSCI 426	Civil Rights and Civil Liberties	
PSCI 427	Public Law (EL)	
Upper Division Political Science Electives		3

A grade of 'C' or higher is required on all Political Science Major courses.

## Minor Requirements

Minimum 18 semester credit hours 18

**Electives (as needed to satisfy degree requirements including 48 semester credit hours of upper division course work) <sup>2</sup>****Minimum Hours for Degree** 120<sup>1</sup> Satisfies the Core Curriculum requirement.<sup>2</sup> A minimum of 48 upper division hours (300 and 400 level courses) are required for this degree, including courses in the major, minor, and electives. Resident credit totaling 25% of the hours is required for the degree. A minimum GPA of 2.0 is required in three areas of graduation: Overall GPA, Institutional GPA, and Major GPA.

## Bachelor of Science-Political Science 4 Year Plan

### First Year

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Fall</b>		
		<b>Semester Credit Hours</b>
ENGL 1301	Composition I <sup>Satisfies Core Curriculum</sup>	3
HIST 1301	United States History I <sup>Satisfies Core Curriculum</sup>	3
IS 1100	University Foundations <sup>Mandatory for FTIC students</sup>	1
Mathematics Core Curriculum Requirement ( <a href="http://catalog.tamut.edu/academic-information/university-core-curriculum/">http://catalog.tamut.edu/academic-information/university-core-curriculum/</a> )		3-4
Language, Philosophy and Culture Core Curriculum Requirement ( <a href="http://catalog.tamut.edu/academic-information/university-core-curriculum/">http://catalog.tamut.edu/academic-information/university-core-curriculum/</a> )		3
Social and Behavioral Science Core Curriculum Requirement ( <a href="http://catalog.tamut.edu/academic-information/university-core-curriculum/">http://catalog.tamut.edu/academic-information/university-core-curriculum/</a> )		3
<b>Fall Total Semester Credit Hours</b>		<b>16-17</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
		<b>Semester Credit Hours</b>
ENGL 1302	Composition II <sup>Satisfies Core Curriculum</sup>	3
HIST 1302	United States History II <sup>Satisfies Core Curriculum</sup>	3
COMM 1307 or SPCH 1315	Introduction to Mass Communication <sup>Satisfies Core Curriculum</sup> Public Speaking	3
Creative Arts Core Curriculum Requirement ( <a href="http://catalog.tamut.edu/academic-information/university-core-curriculum/">http://catalog.tamut.edu/academic-information/university-core-curriculum/</a> )		3
Component Area Option B of the Core Curriculum ( <a href="http://catalog.tamut.edu/academic-information/university-core-curriculum/">http://catalog.tamut.edu/academic-information/university-core-curriculum/</a> )		3
<b>Spring Total Semester Credit Hours</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Total First Year Semester Credit Hours</b>		<b>31-32</b>

### Second Year

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Fall</b>		
		<b>Semester Credit Hours</b>
PSCI 2305	U.S. Government and Politics	3
Life and Physical Sciences Core Curriculum Requirement ( <a href="http://catalog.tamut.edu/academic-information/university-core-curriculum/">http://catalog.tamut.edu/academic-information/university-core-curriculum/</a> )		3-4
Elective - Upper or Lower Division as needed to meet upper division and overall requirement		3
Elective - Upper or Lower Division as needed to meet upper division and overall requirement		3
Minor Required Course		3
<b>Fall Total Semester Credit Hours</b>		<b>15-16</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
		<b>Semester Credit Hours</b>
PSCI 2306	State and Local Government	3
Life and Physical Sciences Core Curriculum Requirement ( <a href="http://catalog.tamut.edu/academic-information/university-core-curriculum/">http://catalog.tamut.edu/academic-information/university-core-curriculum/</a> )		3-4
Elective - Upper or Lower Division as needed to meet upper division and overall requirement		3
Minor Required Course		3
<b>Select one course from the following for Political Science Behavior Coursework: <sup>minimum grade of 'C' required</sup></b>		<b>3</b>

PSCI 310	Introduction to Political Documentaries	
PSCI 390	Active Citizen Engagement (EL)	
PSCI 445	Public Opinion	
PSCI 450	Politics and Gender	
PSCI 455	Political Behavior	
PSCI 456	Politics and Religion	
PSCI 460	Political Parties and Elections	
PSCI 480	Violent Politics	
PSCI 481	Cyber-crime, Cyber-terror, and Hacktivism	
<b>Spring Total Semester Credit Hours</b>		<b>15-16</b>
<b>Total Second Year Semester Credit Hours</b>		<b>32</b>

### Third Year

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Fall</b>		
Elective - Upper or Lower Division as needed to meet upper division and overall requirement		3
Minor Required Course		3
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<b>Select one course from the following for Political Science Behavior Coursework: minimum grade of 'C' required</b>		<b>3</b>
PSCI 310	Introduction to Political Documentaries	
PSCI 390	Active Citizen Engagement (EL)	
PSCI 445	Public Opinion	
PSCI 450	Politics and Gender	
PSCI 455	Political Behavior	
PSCI 456	Politics and Religion	
PSCI 460	Political Parties and Elections	
PSCI 480	Violent Politics	
PSCI 481	Cyber-crime, Cyber-terror, and Hacktivism	
<b>Select one course from the following for Political Science Institutions Coursework: minimum grade of 'C' required</b>		<b>3</b>
PSCI 315	Washington DC Civic Engagement Field Study	
PSCI 331	Introduction to Public Administration and Leadership	
PSCI 428	Intergovernmental Politics	
PSCI 440	Comparative Political Conflict	
PSCI 442	Disputes in International Relations	
PSCI 464	Congress	
PSCI 465	The Executive	
PSCI 490	Political Science Internship (EL)	
<b>Fall Total Semester Credit Hours</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
Elective - Upper or Lower Division as needed to meet upper division and overall requirement		3
Upper Division Political Science Elective		3
<b>Select one course from the following for Political Science Behavior Coursework: minimum grade of 'C' required</b>		<b>3</b>
PSCI 310	Introduction to Political Documentaries	
PSCI 390	Active Citizen Engagement (EL)	
PSCI 445	Public Opinion	
PSCI 450	Politics and Gender	
PSCI 455	Political Behavior	
PSCI 456	Politics and Religion	
PSCI 460	Political Parties and Elections	

PSCI 480	Violent Politics	
PSCI 481	Cyber-crime, Cyber-terror, and Hacktivism	
<b>Select one course from the following for Political Science Institutions Coursework:</b>		<b>3</b>
minimum grade of 'C' required		
PSCI 315	Washington DC Civic Engagement Field Study	
PSCI 331	Introduction to Public Administration and Leadership	
PSCI 428	Intergovernmental Politics	
PSCI 440	Comparative Political Conflict	
PSCI 442	Disputes in International Relations	
PSCI 464	Congress	
PSCI 465	The Executive	
PSCI 490	Political Science Internship (EL)	
<b>Select one course from the following for Political Science Theory &amp; Methods Coursework:</b>		<b>3</b>
minimum grade of 'C' required		
PSCI 300	Introduction to Political Theory	
PSCI 305	Introduction to Political Ideologies	
PSCI 320	Introduction to Constitutional Law	
PSCI 340	Introduction to Comparative Politics	
PSCI 350	Introduction to International Relations	
PSCI 395	Methods of Political Science Research	
PSCI 410	American Political Theory	
PSCI 426	Civil Rights and Civil Liberties	
PSCI 427	Public Law (EL)	
<b>Spring Total Semester Credit Hours</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Total Third Year Semester Credit Hours</b>		<b>30</b>

## Fourth Year

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Fall</b>		
Elective - Upper or Lower Division as needed to meet upper division and overall requirement		3
Elective - Upper or Lower Division as needed to meet upper division and overall requirement		3
Minor Required Course		3
<b>Select one course from the following for Political Science Institutions Coursework:</b>		<b>3</b>
minimum grade of 'C' required		
PSCI 315	Washington DC Civic Engagement Field Study	
PSCI 331	Introduction to Public Administration and Leadership	
PSCI 428	Intergovernmental Politics	
PSCI 440	Comparative Political Conflict	
PSCI 442	Disputes in International Relations	
PSCI 464	Congress	
PSCI 465	The Executive	
PSCI 490	Political Science Internship (EL)	
<b>Select one course from the following for Political Science Theory &amp; Methods Coursework:</b>		<b>3</b>
minimum grade of 'C' required		
PSCI 300	Introduction to Political Theory	
PSCI 305	Introduction to Political Ideologies	
PSCI 320	Introduction to Constitutional Law	
PSCI 340	Introduction to Comparative Politics	
PSCI 350	Introduction to International Relations	
PSCI 395	Methods of Political Science Research	
PSCI 410	American Political Theory	
PSCI 426	Civil Rights and Civil Liberties	
PSCI 427	Public Law (EL)	
<b>Fall Total Semester Credit Hours</b>		<b>15</b>

<b>Spring</b>	<b>Semester Credit Hours</b>
Elective - Upper or Lower Division as needed to meet upper division and overall requirement	3
Elective - Upper or Lower Division as needed to meet upper division and overall requirement	3
Elective - Upper or Lower Division as needed to meet upper division and overall requirement	3
Minor Required Course	3
<b>Select one course from the following for Political Science Theory &amp; Methods:</b> <small>minimum grade of 'C' required</small>	<b>3</b>
PSCI 300 Introduction to Political Theory	
PSCI 305 Introduction to Political Ideologies	
PSCI 320 Introduction to Constitutional Law	
PSCI 340 Introduction to Comparative Politics	
PSCI 350 Introduction to International Relations	
PSCI 395 Methods of Political Science Research	
PSCI 410 American Political Theory	
PSCI 426 Civil Rights and Civil Liberties	
PSCI 427 Public Law (EL)	
Electives as needed to satisfy minimum degree requirements including 48 semester credit hours of upper division coursework or total semester credit hours	
<b>Spring Total Semester Credit Hours</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Fourth Year Total Semester Credit Hours</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Minimum Required for Degree</b>	<b>120</b>

NOTE: A minimum of 48 upper division hours (300 and 400 level courses) are required for this degree. Resident credit totaling 25% of the hours is required for the degree. A minimum GPA of 2.0 is required in three areas for graduation: Overall GPA, Institutional GPA, and Major GPA.

NOTE: A grade of "C" or higher is required on all Political Science major courses.