

# B.S. POLITICAL SCIENCE

## OVERVIEW

As one of the liberal arts and a social science in its own right, political science critically examines the consequences of our values and behavior for local, national, and international politics. When you choose to pursue the Bachelor of Science in Political Science, you will experience a curriculum that delves deeply into political life, revealing how politics really works, examining the unsolved mysteries of the discipline, and evaluating how our values shape the choices we make. Through the development of reading, research, writing, and critical thinking skills, we prepare students for a wide range of careers requiring these skills, as well as education, public service, and graduate study. We impart the knowledge required for effective leadership roles in your chosen profession.

## Program Level Student Learning Outcomes

The student will be able to:

- Understand the definitions, concepts, and theories of political science.
- Use electronic databases for research and software to conduct formal or statistical political analysis.
- Demonstrate appropriate style and grammar and develop the appropriate research skills.
- Demonstrate advanced knowledge in one of the major areas of political science: American politics, international/comparative politics, or political theory.

## Bachelor of Science - Political Science Program Requirements

Refer to the General Education Core Requirements ([catalog.tamuct.edu/undergraduate-information/general-education-core-requirements/](http://catalog.tamuct.edu/undergraduate-information/general-education-core-requirements/)) page for more information on the CORE REQ coursework. The Field of Study (FOS) courses are listed in the footnotes (if applicable). At least 120 credit hours are required for the degree.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>First Year</b>		
Fall		
	CORE REQ Communications (010)	3
MATH 1342	Elementary Statistical Methods (CORE REQ 020) <sup>1</sup>	3
or MATH 1314	College Algebra	
	CORE REQ Life and Physical Sciences (030)	3
	CORE REQ Creative Arts (050)	3
	Any Level Elective <sup>1</sup>	3
Spring		
	CORE REQ Language, Philosophy, and Culture (040)	3
	CORE REQ Life and Physical Sciences (030)	3
	CORE REQ Social and Behavioral Sciences (080)	3
	Any Level Elective <sup>1</sup>	3
	Any Level Elective <sup>1</sup>	3
<b>Second Year</b>		
Fall		
	CORE REQ Communications (010)	3
	CORE REQ American History (060)	3

	CORE REQ Government/Political Science (070) <sup>1</sup>	3
	CORE REQ Component Area Option (090) <sup>1</sup>	3
	Any Level Elective <sup>1</sup>	3
Spring		
	CORE REQ American History (060)	3
	CORE REQ Government/Political Science (070) <sup>1</sup>	3
	CORE REQ Component Area Option (090) <sup>1</sup>	3
	Any Level Elective <sup>1</sup>	3
	Any Level Elective <sup>1</sup>	3
<b>Third Year</b>		
Fall		
POLI 3300	Critical Thinking About Politics	3
POLI 3330	Understanding Social Science Research	3
or SOCI 4315	Social Science Statistics	
POLI 3302	Elections and Political Parties	3
or POLI 3303	Comparative State and Local Government	
or POLI 3304	The American Presidency	
or POLI 3305	Legislation	
or POLI 3307	Public Administration	
or POLI 4302	Constitutional Law	
or POLI 4380	Administration of Justice	
	Upper-Level Elective	3
	Any Level Elective	3
Spring		
POLI 3301	Political Economy of Globalization	3
or POLI 3306	Political Economy	
or POLI 3308	International Politics	
or POLI 4305	Comparative Government and Politics	
or POLI 4316	Conflict Studies	
or POLI 4317	Peace Studies	
	Upper-Level POLI Elective	3
	Upper-Level Elective	3
	Upper-Level Elective	3
	Any Level Elective	3
<b>Fourth Year</b>		
Fall		
POLI 4340	Political Ethics	3
or POLI 4341	Freedom and Authority	
	Upper-Level POLI Elective	3
	Upper-Level Elective	3
	Upper-Level Elective	3
	Any Level Elective	3
Spring		
POLI 4395	Political Science Capstone	3
	Upper-Level POLI Elective	3
	Upper-Level Elective	3
	Any Level Elective	3

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<b>Total Credit Hours</b>	<b>120</b>

<sup>1</sup> Lower Level Electives, Any Level Electives, Component Area Options, or Degree Requirements (DEG REQ) may consist of the FOS courses: GOVT 2304, GOVT 2305, GOVT 2306, MATH 1342.

### Bachelor Science - Political Science With Minor in Secondary Education Social Studies Education Program Requirements

Refer to the General Education Core Requirements (catalog.tamuct.edu/undergraduate-information/general-education-core-requirements/) page for more information on the CORE REQ coursework. The Field of Study (FOS) courses are listed in the footnotes (if applicable). At least 120 credit hours are required for the degree.

The program listed is a general guideline for semester coursework, speak with a college advisor for an individualized student education plan.

College of Education application for admission to program and faculty advisement is required prior to enrolling in secondary teacher certification preparation courses.\*

Please note the following courses require a grade of 'C' or better: 12 credit hours of English, College Algebra, approved Educational Psychology course, and 15 credit hours in the certification subject area.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>First Year</b>		
Fall		
ENGL 1301	Composition I (CORE REQ (010))	3
MATH 1314	College Algebra (CORE REQ (020))	3
CORE REQ Life and Physical Science (030)		3
CORE REQ Creative Arts (050)		3
HIST 1301	United States History I (CORE REQ (060))	3
Spring		
ENGL 1302	Composition II (CORE REQ (010))	3
CORE REQ Life and Physical Science (030)		3
HIST 1302	United States History II (CORE REQ (060))	3
PSYC 2308	Child Psychology (DEG REQ)	3
or TECA 1354	Child Growth & Development	
or PSYC 3303	Educational Psychology	
Any Level Elective		3
<b>Second Year</b>		
Fall		
HIST 2311	Western Civilization I (CORE REQ (080))	3
GOVT 2305	Federal Government (CORE REQ (070))	3
CORE REQ English Literature (090)		3
GEOG 1301	Physical Geography (DEG REQ)	3

or GEOG 1302	Human Geography	
ECON 2301	Principles of Macroeconomics (DEG REQ)	3
Spring		
HIST 2312	Western Civilization II (CORE REQ (090))	3
GOVT 2306	Texas Government (CORE REQ (070))	3
CORE REQ English Literature (040)		3
GEOG 1303	World Regional Geography (DEG REQ)	3
or EDUC 3300	World Regional Geography for Educators	
ECON 2302	Principles of Microeconomics (DEG REQ)	3

### Third Year

Fall		
HIST 3322	History of Texas	3
or HIST 2301	Texas History	
POLI 3300	Critical Thinking About Politics	3
POLI 3330	Understanding Social Science Research	3
or SOCI 4315	Social Science Statistics	
POLI 4340	Political Ethics	3
or POLI 4341	Freedom and Authority	
POLI 3301	Political Economy of Globalization	3
or POLI 3306	Political Economy	
Spring		
HIST 4382	Historical Method	3
HIST 4381	Concepts of History Education	3
POLI 3302	Elections and Political Parties	3
or POLI 3302	Elections and Political Parties	
or POLI 3303	Comparative State and Local Government	
or POLI 3304	The American Presidency	
or POLI 3305	Legislation	
or POLI 3307	Public Administration	
or POLI 4302	Constitutional Law	
or POLI 4380	Administration of Justice	

Upper-Level POLI Elective	3
Upper-Level POLI Elective	3
Upper-Level POLI Elective	3

### Fourth Year - Admission to Secondary Education Certification Required\*

Fall		
READ 3335	Content Area Reading	3
EDUC 4331	Curriculum & Instruction for Secondary Teachers	3
EDUC 4332	Classroom Management for Secondary Teachers	3

EDUC 4317	Assessment & Interpretation for Secondary Teachers	3
EDUC 4337	Educating Secondary Exceptional Learners	3
Spring		
EDUC 4335	Capstone for Educators	3
EDUC 4691	Clinical Teaching	6
POLI 4395	Political Science Capstone	3
Total Credit Hours		120