

## Minimum required: 120 semester credit hours

### General Requirements

- The general education core curriculum courses are listed in the degree plan below along with the statewide component code number. See the General Education Core Curriculum (<http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/undergraduate/general-education-core-curriculum/>) section of this catalog for the Texas State requirements and options in the core curriculum, including Honors courses.
- In addition to the general education core curriculum requirements, the Bachelor of Arts degree (<http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/undergraduate/degree-program-information/>) (B.A.) requires three additional hours of English literature, three hours of math/science/logic/computer science courses, six hours of 2000-level modern language courses, and a minor.
- Students must select a minor from the approved list of Undergraduate Minors (<http://www.mycatalog.txstate.edu/undergraduate/minors/>).
- Students must complete a minimum of 36 advanced hours (3000 or 4000 level courses).
- Nine hours of writing intensive (WI) courses are required for graduation.
- The minimum number of hours required for this degree program is 120. The number of free elective hours a student will complete depends on the number of hours a student may need to achieve the required 120 total or 36 advanced hours.
- For transfer students, 12 semester credit hours in government and mathematics (or their equivalents) may be transferred from a Texas public institution of higher education for the Political Science and Government Field of Study and be applied to the Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in Political Science at Texas State University. More information about the [Field of Study](http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/undergraduate/general-information/academic-policies/texas-legislative-requirements/) (<http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/undergraduate/general-information/academic-policies/texas-legislative-requirements/>) is available in the Academic Policies section of this catalog. The transferable Texas Common Course Number (TCCN) is listed below the Texas State University course number in the following course list.

Code	Title	Hours
PS 2304	Introduction to Political Science	3
TCCN: GOVT 2304		
POSI 2310	Principles of American Government	3
TCCN: GOVT 2306		
POSI 2320	Functions of American Government	3
TCCN: GOVT 2305		
Any MATH course coded Mathematics Core Curriculum Component Code 020		3
TCCN: MATH 1342		
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>12</b>

- Students in the Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) degree with a major in Political Science must take a minimum of 36 hours in Political Science including the following courses:

Code	Title	Hours
POSI 2310 & POSI 2320	Principles of American Government and Functions of American Government	6

PS 2304	Introduction to Political Science	3
PS 3300	Basic Political Ideas	3
or PS 3301	Basic Political Institutions	
One advanced course from four of the five groups:		12
I. Political Theory and Methodology		
II. American Government		
III. Public Law and Public Administration		
IV. Comparative Government		
V. International Relations		
Advanced PS electives		9
PS 4399	Senior Seminar in Political Science	3
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>36</b>

<sup>1</sup> PS 3300 or PS 3301 serve as corequisites for all advanced courses in political science.

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		Freshman	
		First Semester Hours	Second Semester Hours
Communication Component Code 010	3	Communication Component Code 010	3
Mathematics Component Code 020	3	Language, Philosophy, and Culture Component Code 040	3
POSI 2310 (Government/Political Science Component Code 070 [TCCN GOVT 2306])	3	American History Component Code 060	3
Modern Language 1410	4	POSI 2320 (Government/Political Science Component Code 070 [TCCN GOVT 2305])	3
US 1100	1	Modern Language 1420	4
		<b>14</b>	<b>16</b>

		Sophomore	
		First Semester Hours	Second Semester Hours
Life and Physical Sciences Component Code 030	3	Social and Behavioral Sciences Component Code 080	3
Creative Arts Component Code 050	3	ENG 2310, 2320, 2330, 2340, 2359, 2360, or 2371 (Component Area Option Code 090/094 [TCCN ENGL 2322, 2323, 2332, 2333, 2327, or 2328])	3
American History Component Code 060	3	Modern Language 2320	3
Modern Language 2310	3	PS 2304 (TCCN GOVT 2304)	3
PS 3300 or 3301	3	Minor	3
		<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>

		Junior	
		First Semester Hours	Second Semester Hours
Component Area Option Code 090/091	3	Life and Physical Sciences Component Code 030	3

BA Science, Math, Computer Science, or Logic	3 HIST 2320 or 2312 (TCCN HIST 2312 or 2322)	3
HIST 2310 or 2311 (TCCN HIST 2311 or 2321) <sup>1</sup>	3 PS Advanced Group Electives	6
PS Advanced Group Electives	6 Minor	3

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**Senior**

First Semester Hours	Second Semester Hours	
BA English Literature	3 PS 4399	3
PS Advanced Electives	6 PS Advanced Elective	3
Minor	6 Minor	6
	Elective (as needed)	3
<b>15</b>		<b>15</b>

**Total Hours: 120**

<sup>1</sup> Students are required to complete 6 additional hours of history in Western or World Civilization (HIST 2310 or HIST 2311 and HIST 2312 or HIST 2320).

<sup>2</sup> The senior seminar courses (PS 4398 or PS 4399) have a prerequisite of at least 21 hours of Political Science.

## Political Science Advanced Group Electives

Code	Title	Hours
<b>GROUP I - POLITICAL THEORY AND METHODOLOGY</b>		
PS 3311	American Political Thought: From the Colonial Period to Civil War	3
PS 4311	Ancient and Medieval Political Thought (Greeks to 1600)	3
PS 3313	Contemporary Political Theory	3
PS 4312	Modern Political Theory (1600 - 1900)	3
PS 3315	Quantitative Research in Political Science	3
PS 4313	The Holocaust	3
PS 3314	Politics and Personality	3

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<b>GROUP II - AMERICAN GOVERNMENT</b>		
PS 3327	The American Founding	3
PS 4320C	Freedom in America	3
PS 4327	Religion and American Public Life	3
PS 3322	Political Parties and Party Politics	3
PS 3323	Congress and the Legislative Process	3
PS 3324	The American Presidency	3
PS 3325	State and Local Government	3
PA 3316	Metropolitan Politics	3
PA 3351	Urban Management and Regional Policy	3
PS 3328	Politics in Film	3
PS 3326	Issues and Interest Groups: Power and Pressure in America	3
PS 4324	Women in Politics	3
PS 4323	Latina/o Politics	3
PS 3321	Campaigns and Elections	3
PS 4325	Texas Politics	3
PS 4326	Media and Public Opinion	3

PS 4321	American Foreign Policy	3
PA 4362	Government, Nonprofit and American Business	3

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### GROUP III - PUBLIC LAW AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

PS 3332	Constitutional Law: Basic Structures and Principles	3
PS 3333	Constitutional Law: Individual Liberties	3
PA 3300	Introduction to Public and Nonprofit Administration	3
PA 3330	Public Personnel and Human Resource Administration	3
PA 4352	Comparative Public Administration	3
PA 3310	Public Finance Administration	3
PS 4330B	Free Speech and Democracy in the Digital Age	3
PS 4334	Legal Theories and Research	3
PS 3334	Civil Law in American Society	3
PS 4333	Issues in Law and Public Policy	3
PS 3331	The Supreme Court and the Judicial Process	3
PA 3350	Public Policy Process	3
PA 3340	Administrative Law	3

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### GROUP IV - COMPARATIVE GOVERNMENT

PS 4342	Economic Development in Latin America	3
PS 3341	Comparative Politics	3
PS 3347	Politics of Modern Southeast Asia	3
PS 4331	Islamic Law and Politics	3
PS 3348	Revolution and Nationalism	3
PS 3352	Theories of International Politics	3
PS 3343	Government and Politics of Latin America	3
PS 3344	Government and Politics of Europe	3
PS 3345	Government and Politics of Russia	3
PS 4346	Organization of American States	3
PS 4343	Politics of Democratization in Developing Countries	3
PS 3346	Government and Politics of Asia	3
PS 3342	African Politics	3
PS 4344	The Politics of Extremism	3

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### GROUP V - INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

PS 3351	Introduction to International Studies	3
PS 3355	International Human Rights	3
PS 4341	Civil-Military Relations in Comparative Politics	3
PS 3353	Issues in World Politics	3
PS 3352	Theories of International Politics	3
PS 4352	International Law	3
PS 4353	International Organizations	3
PS 3354	United States-Latin America Relations	3
PS 4354	Politics of International Economic Relations	3
PS 4351	International Conflict and Security	3