

Political Science, BA

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science Degree Program Requirements

Complete Core Curriculum Listing at <https://catalog.pvamu.edu/universitycorecurriculum/>

Core Curriculum 42 Credit Hours

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| Communication (Select Two) | 6 |
| Mathematics (Select One) | 3 |
| Life and Physical Sciences (Select Two) | 6 |
| Language, Philosophy, and Culture (Select One) | 3 |
| Creative Arts (Select One) | 3 |
| American History (Select Two) | 6 |
| Government/Political Science | 6 |
| POSC 2305 American Government | |
| POSC 2306 Texas Government | |
| Social and Behavioral Sciences (Select One) | 3 |
| Component Area Option One (Select One) | 3 |
| Component Area Option Two (Select One) | 3 |

Foreign Language Requirements (One Language) 6

Major Requirements ²

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| POSC 2304 Introduction to Political Science | 3 |
| POSC 2341 Scope and Methods in Political Science | 3 |
| POSC 2342 Data Analysis in Political Science | 3 |

Restricted Political Science Electives: 27

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| American Politics Electives (Choose at least one) | |
| POSC 2354 State and Local Government | |
| POSC 4311 American Constitutional Law | |
| POSC 4313 The Presidency | |
| POSC 4314 The Legislative Process | |
| POSC 4320 Judicial Politics | |
| International Relations/Comparative Politics Electives (Choose at least one) | |
| POSC 2353 Latin American and Caribbean Politics | |
| POSC 3351 Comparative Politics | |
| POSC 3353 U.S. Foreign Policy | |
| POSC 3354 International Politics | |
| POSC 3355 African Politics | |
| POSC 3359 Middle East Politics | |
| Public Administration/Public Policy Electives (Choose at least one) | |
| POSC 2312 Public Administration | |
| POSC 3321 Public Policy Analysis | |
| POSC 4310 Urban Government and Politics | |
| POSC 4324 Race, Gender and Public Policy | |
| Political Science Electives (Choose up to six courses) | |
| POSC 2311 Political Parties and Elections | |
| POSC 2314 Legal Studies | |
| POSC 2321 Blacks and the American Political System | |
| POSC 2350 Global Issues | |
| POSC 3312 Modern Political Theory | |
| POSC 3314 Election Law and Voting Rights | |
| POSC 3331 Political Studies Thru Film | |
| POSC 3341 Gandhi and King | |

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| POSC 3342 | Political Resistance and Social Change | |
| POSC 3399 | Independent Study | |
| POSC 4319 | Special Topics in Political Science | |
| POSC 4321 | Seminar in Political Science | |
| POSC 4399 | Independent Study | |
| POSC 4615 | Internship in Political Science | |
| Support Area | | |
| ECON 2301 | Principles of Macroeconomics | 3 |
| ENGL 2314 | Advanced Composition | 3 |
| or ENGL 2327 | American Literature I | |
| or ENGL 2328 | American Literature II | |
| or ENGL 3304 | Professional Writing for Electronic Media | |
| or ENGL 3324 | Studies in American Literature | |
| GEOG 1302 | Introduction to Human Geography | 3 |
| or GEOG 1303 | World Regional Geography | |
| or GEOG 2311 | Introduction to Geographic Information System | |
| Unrestricted Electives | | 9 |
| Concentration Requirement (Select one option from below) | | 18 |
| Minor field of study (18 SCH) ⁴ | | |
| With Teacher Certification Concentration (18 SCH) | | |
| CUIN 3300 | Educational Foundations | |
| CUIN 3301 | Educational Psychology | |
| CUIN 4310 | Instructional Planning and Assessment | |
| CUIN 4311 | Instructional Methodology and Classroom Management | |
| CUIN 4682 | Student Teaching Secondary II | |
| Total Hours | | 120 |

¹ All Political Science Core Curriculum requirements are shown in the suggested degree program. In order to fulfill the 6 SCH of Life and Physical Sciences requirements, students are advised to take a BIOL, CHEM, PHYS, or PHSC sequence.

² Students must earn a minimum grade of "C" in all classes pertaining to their major and in those required in the support area and unrestricted electives. Furthermore, a minimum grade of "C" is required in the minor area (if applicable).

³ This course is repeatable for up to 9 semester credit hours credits when the topic differs.

⁴ Depending on the credit hours required by the selected minor.

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science Degree Sequence

Core: <https://catalog.pvamu.edu/universitycorecurriculum/> (<http://catalog.pvamu.edu/academicprogramsanddegreeplans/marvindandjunesamuelbrailsfordcollegeofartsandsciences/socialworkbehavioralpoliticalsciences/undergrad/polisci-ba/%20https://catalog.pvamu.edu/universitycorecurriculum/>)

Freshman

| Fall - Semester 1 | Hours | Spring - Semester 2 | Hours |
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| Communication Core | | 3 Communication Core | 3 |
| Government/Political Science Core | | 3 Government/Political Science Core | 3 |
| POSC 2305 | | POSC 2306 | |
| Component Area Option One Core | | 3 Foreign Language I | 3 |
| Mathematics Core | | 3 Social and Behavioral Science Core | 3 |
| Life and Physical Sciences Core | | 3 Life and Physical Sciences Core | 3 |
| Total | | 15 Total | 15 |

Total Hours: 30

Sophomore

| Fall - Semester 1 | Hours | Spring - Semester 2 | Hours |
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| Foreign Language II | | 3 Unrestricted Elective | 3 |
| American History Core | | 3 American History Core | 3 |

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| Unrestricted Elective | 3 Language, Philosophy, and Culture Core | 3 |
| Creative Arts Core | 3 Component Area Option Two Core | 3 |
| POSC 2304 | 3 GEOG 1302 | 3 |
| Total | 15 Total | 15 |

Total Hours: 30

Junior

| Fall - Semester 1 | Hours | Spring - Semester 2 | Hours |
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| POSC 2341 | | 3 English Support Course | 3 |
| Unrestricted Elective | | 3 POSC Political Science Elective | 3 |
| POSC Political Science Elective | | 3 POSC Political Science Elective | 3 |
| PSYC 2317 | | 3 ECON 2301 | 3 |
| or SOCG 4305 | | Concentration or Minor Requirement | 3 |
| Concentration or Minor Requirement | | 3 | |
| Total | | 15 Total | 15 |

Total Hours: 30

Senior

| Fall - Semester 1 | Hours | Spring - Semester 2 | Hours |
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| POSC 3354 | | 3 POSC 4311 | 3 |
| POSC Political Science Elective | | 3 POSC Political Science Elective | 3 |
| Concentration or Minor Requirement | | 3 Concentration or Minor Requirement | 3 |
| Concentration or Minor Requirement | | 3 Concentration or Minor Requirement | 3 |
| POSC Political Science Elective | | 3 POSC Political Science Elective | 3 |
| Total | | 15 Total | 15 |

Total Hours: 30

| Name | Unit |
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Total Semester Credit Hours: 120

Marketable Skills

Marketable skills, as defined by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board's 60x30TX Plan (<http://www.60x30tx.com/>), include interpersonal, cognitive, and applied skill areas, are valued by employers, and can be either primary or complementary to a major. Marketable skills are acquired by students through education, including curricular, co-curricular, and extracurricular activities.

BA Political Science

Degree Skills

1. Conduct and present quantitative and qualitative social science research
2. Formulate solutions to pressing domestic and global policy issues
3. Engage in political affairs through civic and government institutions

Co-curricular and Extracurricular Skills

1. Communicate effectively and persuasively through the written and spoken word
2. Critically analyze, then solve problems working in teams
3. Organize public events for civic engagement and participation