

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

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

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: ⁵ 27

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 Political Theory	
POSC 3314 Election Law and Voting Rights	
POSC 3331 Political Studies Thru Film	
POSC 3341 Gandhi and King	

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.

⁵ Students may choose more than one course from the political science sub-fields to satisfy the Restricted Political Science requirement.

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science Degree Sequence

Core: <https://catalog.pvamu.edu/universitycorecurriculum/> (<https://catalog.pvamu.edu/academicprogramsanddegreeplans/pasi/posc/posc-ba/%20https://catalog.pvamu.edu/universitycorecurriculum/>)

Freshman

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

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
POSC 2341		3 POSC 3312	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
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