

Political Science B.A./B.S.

A bachelor's degree in political science prepares graduates for a very broad range of educational and career opportunities. Political science graduates have gone on to successful careers in business, public administration, government, teaching, and politics. Others have continued their educations in graduate school and law school. In addition to being knowledgeable in the subject areas of political philosophy, American politics, comparative politics, international relations and foreign policy, and social science research methods; majors in political science develop the ability to think clearly and critically, as well as the ability to engage in effective written and oral communication.

Core Curriculum Courses

See the Core Curriculum Requirements (<http://coursecatalog.tamuc.edu/undergrad/core-curriculum-requirements/>) 42

Required courses in the major

PSCI 347	Intro to Research Methods	3
PSCI 488	GLB/US-Contemporary Ideas	3

Political Theory and Philosophy

Choose 2 courses from the following: 6

PSCI 332	GLB/Democ & Democratization	
PSCI 410	GLB/The Quest for Order, Justice, and Community	
PSCI 411	GLB/Liberty, the State, and the Person	
PSCI 412	GLB/The Age of Ideology	
PSCI 414	Amer Political Thought	
PSCI 430	Rev & Revolutionary Movmt	

Public Policy

Choose 2 courses from the following: 6

PSCI 335	Political Economy	
PSCI 342	GLB/Intro to Global Pub Pol	
PSCI 346	Intro to Public Policy	
PSCI 437	GLB/Foreign Policy	
PSCI 442	Constitutional Law	
PSCI 443	Civil Libs & Civil Rights	

American Politics

Choose 2 courses from the following: 6

PSCI 336	American State and Local Government	
PSCI 341	American Presidency	
PSCI 344	Amer Pol Par/Electoral Po	
PSCI 345	Public Opinion	
PSCI 441	Congressional Politics	
PSCI 444	Law, Politics, and the Judicial Process	

Comparative Politics and International Relations

Choose 2 courses from the following: 6

PSCI 331	European Political System	
PSCI 332	GLB/Democ & Democratization	
PSCI 333	GLB/Non-European Polit System	
PSCI 342	GLB/Intro to Global Pub Pol	
PSCI 415	GLB/Intro to Comp Politics	
PSCI 430	Rev & Revolutionary Movmt	
PSCI 437	GLB/Foreign Policy	
PSCI 438	GLB/International Relations	

Electives within the major

Choose 2 courses from the following that were not already used to satisfy a requirement above : 6

PSCI 332	GLB/Democ & Democratization	
PSCI 333	GLB/Non-European Polit System	
PSCI 335	Political Economy	

PSCI 341	American Presidency	
PSCI 336	American State and Local Government	
PSCI 342	GLB/Intro to Global Pub Pol	
PSCI 346	Intro to Public Policy	
PSCI 344	Amer Pol Par/Electoral Po	
PSCI 345	Public Opinion	
PSCI 348	Applied Data Analysis (This course may only be taken as an elective by BA degree candidates)	
PSCI 410	GLB/The Quest for Order, Justice, and Community	
PSCI 411	GLB/Liberty, the State, and the Person	
PSCI 412	GLB/The Age of Ideology	
PSCI 414	Amer Political Thought	
PSCI 415	GLB/Intro to Comp Politics	
PSCI 430	Rev & Revolutionary Movmt	
PSCI 437	GLB/Foreign Policy	
PSCI 438	GLB/International Relations	
PSCI 441	Congressional Politics	
PSCI 442	Constitutional Law	
PSCI 443	Civil Libs & Civil Rights	
PSCI 497	GLB/Special Topic	
Choose BA or BS Option (listed below)		42

Total Hours	120
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BS ONLY (Non- Language)

Must Take		3
PSCI 348	Applied Data Analysis	
Required Minor		
Minimum 18 hours required in the Minor		18
Additional Electives Required		
Minimum 21 hours of electives required		21
Total Hours		42

BA**Language Requirement**

12 hours of a foreign language*	12
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Minor Required

Minimum 18 hours in the Minor	18
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Additional Electives

Minimum 12 hours required	12
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Total Hours	42
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In addition to fulfilling these requirements, students majoring Political Science must submit a portfolio of their work in Political Science courses and complete a survey on their experiences in the program. Details may be found on the department's website.

Notes

While some courses are included more than once in the list of required courses for the first or second major, a particular course may NOT be used to satisfy more than one requirement.

A grade of "C" or higher must be earned in all courses in this Major.