

BACHELOR OF ARTS, MAJOR IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

Degree Requirements

Political Science

Core Courses:

POLS 2305 & POLS 2306	American Government and Texas Government	6
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Research Methodology:

POLS 3374 & POLS 3379	Quantitative Methd For Pol Sci and Research & Writing In Pol Sci	6
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Political Theory

Select one of the following: 3

POLS 3377	Survey of Political Theory
POLS 3378	American Political Thought

International Relations/Comparative Politics

Select one of the following: 3

POLS 3361	Cent & Eastern European Politi
POLS 3365	Intro to Comparative Politics
POLS 3368	Asian Politics
POLS 3369	Religion And Politics
POLS 3370	Western European Politics
POLS 3375	Politics Of The Middle East
POLS 3380	Intro International Relations
POLS 3381	American Foreign Policy
POLS 3385	International Law & Org
POLS 3386	International Political Econ
POLS 3387	Latin American Politics
POLS 4383	International Human Rights
POLS 4384	Conflict Studies
POLS 4385	Political Violence & Terrorism

American Politics

Select one of the following: 3

POLS 3334	Judicial Systems
POLS 3336	The Presidency And Executives
POLS 3337	The Congress And Legislatures
POLS 3360	Political Parties-Interest Grp
POLS 3364	Politics And The Media
POLS 4335	Const Law II:Gov Pwr/St-Fed RI
POLS 4372	Political Attitudes & Behavior

Electives in Political Science

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Degree Specific Requirements

Fine Arts (DANC, ARTS, MUSI, THEA, or PHIL 3366) 3

Single Foreign Language 12-14

Major Foundation

Select one of the following: 3

COMS 1361	Public Speaking
COMS 2382	Comm. for Bus. & Professions
COMS 3382	Persuasion
COMS 3383	Small Group Communication
THEA 1364	Beginning Acting
THEA 2336	Voice I for the Actor

Select one of the following:

BUAD 1305 or CSTE 1330	Electronic Communications Tech Introduction To Computers	3
Total Hours		51-53

Additional Requirements:

- Minimum of 12 hours of Political Science must be taken in residence
- No grade below a C in a Political Science course will count toward the major.
- Students must have 42 advanced hours. At least 15 hours of POLS must be advanced.

Bachelor of Arts, Major in Political Science**Core Curriculum** (catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum)

Component Area I (Communication)	6
Component Area II (Mathematics)	3
Component Area III (Life and Physical Science)	8
Component Area IV (Language, Philosophy, and Culture)	3
Component Area V (Creative Arts)	3
Component Area VI (U.S. History)	6
Component Area VII (Political Science/Government)	6
Component Area VIII (Social and Behavioral Sciences)	3
Component Area IX (Component Area Option)	4

Degree Specific Requirements

Foreign Language first two courses	8
Foreign Language second two courses	6
PHIL	3

Major Foundation

Communication/Theatre: Select one of the following:	3
COMS 1361 Public Speaking	
COMS 2382 Comm. for Bus. & Professions	
COMS 3382 Persuasion	
COMS 3383 Small Group Communication	
THEA 1364 Beginning Acting	
THEA 2336 Voice I for the Actor	
Computer Science: Select one of the following:	3
BUAD 1305 Electronic Communications Tech	
CSTE 1330 Introduction To Computers	

Major Core

POLS 3374 Quantitative Methd For Pol Sci & POLS 3379 and Research & Writing In Pol Sci	6
Political Theory: Select one of the following:	3
POLS 3377 Survey of Political Theory	
POLS 3378 American Political Thought	
International Relations/Comparative Politics: Select one of the following:	3
POLS 3361 Cent & Eastern European Politi	
POLS 3365 Intro to Comparative Politics	
POLS 3368 Asian Politics	
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POLS 3370 Western European Politics	
POLS 3375 Politics Of The Middle East	
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POLS 3334	Judicial Systems	
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POLS 3337	The Congress And Legislatures	
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POLS 3364	Politics And The Media	
POLS 4334	Const Law I:Civ Rights& Librts	
POLS 4335	Const Law II:Gov Pwr/St-Fed RI	
POLS 4372	Political Attitudes & Behavior	
Major		
Political Science electives		7
Any Approved Minor		18
Electives		15
Total Hours		120

First Year

Fall	Hours Spring	Hours
Component Area II (catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaii)	3 Component Area V (catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareav)	3
Component Area VII (catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareavii)	3 Component Area VII (catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareavii)	3
ENGL 1301 ¹	3 ENGL 1302 ¹	3
Foreign Language ²	4 Foreign Language ²	4
HIST 1301 ³	3 HIST 1302 ³	3
	16	16

Second Year

Fall	Hours Spring	Hours
Component Area III (catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaiii)	4 Component Area III (catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaiii)	4
Component Area IV (catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaiv)	3 Component Area IX (catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaix)	3
Component Area VIII (catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaviii)	3 Component Area IX (catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaix)	1
Foreign Language ²	3 Foreign Language ²	3
POLS (American Politics) ⁴	3 POLS (International Relations/Comparative Politics) ⁵	3
	16	14

Third Year

Fall	Hours Spring	Hours
Major Foundation: COMS or THEA ⁶	3 Major Foundation: BUAD or CSTE ⁷	3
Minor	3 Minor	3
POLS Elective	3 Minor	3
POLS 3377 or 3378	3 POLS Elective	3
POLS 3379	3 POLS 3374	3
	15	15

Fourth Year

Fall	Hours Spring	Hours
ADV Elective	3 ADV Elective	3
Minor	3 Elective	3
Minor	3 Elective	3
PHIL	3 Elective	3
POLS elective	1 Minor	3
	13	15

Total Hours: 120

- 1 Satisfies the requirement in Component Area I (Communication).
- 2 Satisfies requirement for Component Area VI (U.S. History).
- 3 Four foreign language courses in one language required.
- 4 American Politics select one from the following: POLS 3334, POLS 3336, POLS 3337, POLS 3360 POLS 3364 POLS 4334, POLS 4335, POLS 4372.
- 5 International Relations/Comparative Politics select one from the following: POLS 3361, POLS 3365, POLS 3368, POLS 3369, POLS 3370 POLS 3375, POLS 3380 POLS 3381, POLS 3385 POLS 3386, POLS 3387
- 6 Major foundation select one of the following: COMS 1361, COMS 2382 COMS 3382 COMS 3383, THEA 1364 THEA 2336.