

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE, 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		3
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Select one of the following:

POLS 3373	Ideologies and Democracy	
POLS 3377	Survey of Political Theory	
POLS 3378	American Political Thought	

International Relations/Comparative Politics		3
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Select one of the following:

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		3
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Select one of the following:

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 4334	Const Law I:Civ Rights& Librts	
POLS 4335	Const Law II:Gov Pwr/St-Fed RI	
POLS 4372	Political Attitudes & Behavior	

Electives in Political Science		15
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Degree Specific Requirements

Natural (lab) sciences from BIOL, CHEM, GEOG, GEOL, or PHYS beyond the 8 hour core requirement.		8
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Select one of the following Math/Philosophy courses beyond the core:		3
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MATH 1316	Plane Trigonometry	
MATH 1332	College Mathematics	
MATH 1369	Elementary Statistics	
MATH 1314	Pre Calculus Algebra	
MATH 1384	Intro To Foundations Of Math I	
MATH 1324	Mth For Mngl Decision Making	
PHIL 2303	Critical Thinking	

STAT 3379	Statistical Methods In Practice	
Additional Math or Lab Science		3-4
Major Foundation		3
Select one of the following:		
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:)	
Select one of the following:		
BUAD 1305	Electronic Communications Tech	3
or CSTE 1330	Introduction To Computers	
Total Hours		56-57

Additional Requirements:

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

Bachelor of Science, 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

Natural Sciences	8	
Math or Natural Science	3-4	
PHIL 2303	Critical Thinking (Or MATH)	3

Major Foundation

Communication/Theatre	3
Computer Science	3

Major Core

POLS 3374 & POLS 3379	Quantitative Method For Pol Sci and Research & Writing In Pol Sci	6
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Major

Political Science electives	15
Any Approved Minor	18
Electives	9
Total Hours	120

¹ May not satisfy both the theory and comparative/international relations requirement at the same time.

First Year

Fall	Hours Spring	Hours
Component Area II (catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaaii)	3 Component Area III (catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaaiii)	4
Component Area III (catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaaiii)	4 Component Area V (catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaav)	3
Component Area VII (catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaavii)	3 Component Area VII (catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaavii)	3
ENGL 1301 ¹	3 ENGL 1302 ¹	3
HIST 1301 ²	3 HIST 1302 ²	3
	16	16

Second Year

Fall	Hours Spring	Hours
Component Area IV (catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaaiv)	3 Component Area IX (catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaaix)	3
Component Area VIII (catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaaviii)	3 Component Area IX	1
POLS (American Politics)	3 Math or Natural Science	4
Natural Science	4 Natural Sciences	4
Math or PHIL 2303	3 POLS 3377, 3378, or 3373	3
	16	15

Third Year

Fall	Hours Spring	Hours
Elective	3 Major Foundation: Computer Sci	3
Major Foundation: COMS or THEA	3 Minor	3
Minor	3 Minor	3
POLS (International Relations/ Comparative Politics) ⁴	3 POLS Elective	3
POLS 3379	3 POLS 3374	3
	15	15

Fourth Year

Fall	Hours Spring	Hours
Elective	3 ADV Elective	3
Minor	3 Minor	3
Minor	3 POLS Elective	3
POLS Elective	3 POLS Elective	3
POLS Elective	3	
	15	12

Total Hours: 120

- ¹ Satisfies Core Curriculum the requirement for Component Area I (Communications).
- ² Satisfies rCore Curriculum equirement for Component Area VI (U.S. History).
- ³ American Politics select one from the following: POLS 3334, POLS 3336, POLS 3337, POLS 3360, POLS 3364, POLS 4334, POLS 4335, POLS 4372.
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