

# GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

The number of Texas high school students enrolling in dual credit and advanced-placement courses are increasing dramatically, due in part to recent legislation that make it easier for high school administrators to offer students such courses. High school instructors who teach dual credit and advanced-placement courses must fulfill the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) credential requirements. Specifically, each instructor must hold a master's degree in the relevant subject area or a master's degree and 18 hours of graduate coursework in that subject area. The Graduate Certificate in Political Science provides instructors with the opportunity to obtain the 18 hours of graduate coursework needed to meet the SACSCOC credential requirements.

Those wishing to pursue the certificate should hold a graduate degree from an accredited college or university and submit:

- An application with accompanying application fee to the Sam Houston State University Office of Graduate Studies;
- Official transcripts from all institutions of higher education, showing all degrees conferred, including the qualifying Master's degree;
- Two letters of recommendation;
- An academic writing sample; and
- A letter of interest.

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Graduate Certificate in Political Science</b>		
<b>Required Courses</b>		
POLS 5330 or POLS 5371 or POLS 5373	American Politics Comparative Politics International Relations	3
Students must take 15 hours from among the following:		15
POLS 5319	Women in Politics	
POLS 5330	American Politics <sup>1</sup>	
POLS 5334	Judicial Politics	
POLS 5336	The U.S. Presidency	
POLS 5337	The U.S. Congress	
POLS 5339	American Political Parties	
POLS 5340	Political Attitudes & Behavior	
POLS 5360	Seminar In American Politics	
POLS 5364	Media & Politics	
POLS 5371	Comparative Politics <sup>1</sup>	
POLS 5373	International Relations <sup>1</sup>	
POLS 5379	Workshop:Teachng Political Sci	
POLS 5385	Public Policy	
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>18</b>

<sup>1</sup> If not previously taken as required course.