

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE, MAJOR IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

Code	Title	Hours
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) ¹		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 ²		
POLS 3374 & POLS 3379	Quantitative Methd for Pol Sci and Research & Writing in Pol Sci	6
Political Theory		
Select one of the following:		3
POLS 3373	Ideologies and Democracy	
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 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 3331	Local Political Systems	
POLS 3332	State Political Systems	
POLS 3334	Judicial Systems	
POLS 3335	Pol Ethnic Minorities & Gender	
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	
Major		
Political Science electives		15
Any Approved Minor		18
Electives		9
Total Hours		120

¹ MATH 1332 or MATH 1369 is recommended.

² 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.

First Year

Fall	Hours Spring	Hours
Component Area II (catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaii) ¹	3 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 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 ²	3 ENGL 1302 ²	3
HIST 1301 ³	3 HIST 1302 ³	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/#componentareaiiv)	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	1
POLS (American Politics) ⁴	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) ⁵	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

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- 1 MATH 1332 or MATH 1369 is recommended.
- 2 Satisfies the Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area I (Communications).
- 3 Satisfies the Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area VI (U.S. History).
- 4 American Politics select one from the following: POLS 3331, POLS 3332, POLS 3334, POLS 3335, 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, POLS 4383, POLS 4384 POLS 4385.

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