GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

The Graduate Certificate in Political Science is designed for high school and community college instructors who wish to obtain 18 hours of graduate coursework relevant to key fields in the discipline of political science, such as the field of American Politics. Course offerings allow students to complete the certificate in one year if students take two courses per semester including summer.

This Graduate Certificate is eligible to receive Title IV funding – Direct Unsubsidized Loans and Graduate PLUS loans by request. To be considered for aid, students need to submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

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.
• Transcripts documenting all prior degrees.*
• Names and contact information for at least two individuals who can speak to applicant's academic and professional potential.
• An academic writing sample.
• A letter of interest.

*Applicants may submit unofficial transcripts for review by the admissions committee. However, under university policy, admission decisions are contingent upon receipt of official transcripts.

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Students must take 15 hours from among the following:

POLS 5309  Women in Politics
POLS 5330  American Politics 1
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 1
POLS 5373  International Relations 1
POLS 5379  Workshop: Teaching Political Sci
POLS 5385  Public Policy

Total Hours 18

1 If not previously taken as required course.