

BACHELOR OF ARTS, MAJOR IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

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Code	Title	Hours
Bachelor of Arts, Major in Political Science		
Core Curriculum (http://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) ²		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) ^{2,3}		4
Degree Specific Requirements		
Fine Arts (ARTS, DANC, MUSI, PHIL 3366, or THEA)		3
Foreign Language ²		14
PHIL		3
Major: Foundation		
COMS or THEA: Select one of the following:		3
COMS 1361	Public Speaking ³	
COMS 2382	Comm. for Bus. & Professions	
COMS 3374	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	Business Computer Applications	
CSTE 1330	Introduction to Computers	
Major: Required ⁴		
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 3372	Contemporary Political Theory	
POLS 3373	Ideologies and Democracy	
POLS 3377	Survey of Political Theory	
POLS 3378	American Political Thought	
POLS 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	
POLS 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: Prescribed Electives		
POLS Electives (at least six hours must be advanced) ⁵		9
Electives: Advanced		
Advanced Electives		6
Electives: General		
General Electives		4
Minor: Required ⁶		18
Total Hours		120

¹ MATH 1332 or MATH 1342 is recommended.

² Four Foreign Language courses in one language required. If a student uses the last two foreign language courses to satisfy Component Area IV and Component Area IX in core curriculum in addition to the degree specific requirements, additional elective credit will be needed to reach the minimum 120 credits.

³ COMS 1361 satisfies 3 hours of the Core Curriculum requirement of Component Area IX (Component Area Option).

⁴ Additional Requirements:

- 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.

⁵ POLS 2304 is recommended.

⁶ The following minor cannot be paired with this degree program: Minor in Political Science.

Notes

Students must earn a 2.0 minimum overall GPA in all coursework.

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First Year

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

Second Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
Component Area III (http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaiii)		4 Component Area III (http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaiii)	4
Component Area IV (http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaiiv)		3 Component Area IX (http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaix)	3
Component Area VIII (http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaviii)		3 Component Area IX (http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaix)	1
Foreign Language ³		3 Foreign Language ³	3
POLS Electives ⁵		3 POLS 3379	3
		16	14

Third Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
COMS or THEA ⁶		3 BUAD 1305 or CSTE 1330	3
Minor ⁷		3 Minor ⁷	3
POLS (American Politics) ⁸		3 Minor ⁷	3
POLS (International Relations/Comparative Politics) ⁹		3 POLS Electives ⁵	3
POLS 3377, 3378, 3373, or 3372		3 POLS 3374	3
		15	15

Fourth Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
Fine Arts (ARTS, DANC, MUSI, PHIL 3366, or THEA)		3 Advanced Electives	3
Minor ⁷		3 Advanced Electives	3
Minor ⁷		3 General Electives	3
PHIL		3 General Electives	1
POLS Electives ⁵		3 Minor ⁷	3
		15	13

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⁶ See Major Foundation course list below.

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⁹ See International Relations/Comparative Politics course list below.

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The BA in Political Science is designed to provide graduates with the following marketable skills:

- Analytical, writing, speaking, interpersonal, and professional skills.
- Work as effective members of a team.
- Utilize technology to solve problems and accomplish goals.
- Prepare students for professional careers in the 21st century.
- Prepare students to make meaningful contributions to local, state, national, and global communities.