Bachelor of Arts with a Major in Political Science (BA)

Degree Requirements

Hours Required

A minimum of 120 semester credit hours (SCH): 45 hours must be advanced, and fulfillment of degree requirements as specified in the "Requirements for Graduation" section of this catalog.

Requirements

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<th>Code</th>
<th>Title</th>
<th>Semester Credit Hours</th>
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<td>[University Core Curriculum]</td>
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<td>Select 42</td>
<td>SCH as outlined in the suggested plans and as</td>
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<td>Math Elective</td>
<td>Select 3 SCH from any math course above the level of College Algebra. (MATH 1342, Introductory Statistics, strongly recommended)</td>
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<td>Life &amp; Physical Science Lab</td>
<td>Select 1 SCH compatible with a Life &amp; Physical Science course</td>
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<td>Foreign Language</td>
<td>Select 6 SCH in course work (not credit by exam) above the university’s foreign language graduation requirement. Thus, students who meet the university’s foreign language graduation requirement by earning 6 hours of credit by exam, may take 6 SCH in the same language but at the intermediate level or above, or they may take 6 SCH of another language at the introductory level. This requirement may also be met by earning 6 SCH in any subject while participating in a TAMU-approved Study Abroad program while living for at least 4 weeks in another country.</td>
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<td>Major</td>
<td>PSCI 2301 Intro to Political Leadership</td>
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<td>PSCI/CRIJ/SOCI 3301 Research Methods in Social Sci</td>
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<td>PSCI 4351 Senior Seminar in PSCI</td>
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<td>American Politics</td>
<td>Select 6 SCH from the following:</td>
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<td>PSCI 3320 Congress and the Presidency</td>
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<td>PSCI 4320 The Political System of U.S</td>
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<td>PSCI 4321 Special Stud in Political Sci *</td>
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<td>Constitutional Law</td>
<td>Select 3 SCH from the following:</td>
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Political Philosophy

Select 3 SCH from the following: 3

- PSCI 3313 Class&Med Political Phil
- PSCI 3314 Modern Political Philosophy
- PSCI 4321 Special Stud in Political Sci *

Comparative Politics

Select 3 SCH from the following: 3

- PSCI 3305 Govt & Politics of Europe
- PSCI 3308 Latin American Pol Systems
- PSCI 3310 Studies in Comp Politics
- PSCI 4321 Special Stud in Political Sci *

International Politics

Select 6 SCH from the following: 6

- PSCI 3340 International Law & Org
- PSCI 4307 The Interamerican System
- PSCI 4310 Drug Trafficking
- PSCI 4309 Mexican Politics & Government
- PSCI 4321 Special Stud in Political Sci *
- PSCI 4335 International Politics
- PSCI 4340 American Foreign Policy

Minor

Select 6 SCH at the 3000-4000 level (or higher for BA/MA students) not used for any other requirement 6

Foreign Electives

Select 14 SCH, at least 9 of which must be at the 3000-4000 level. Students who do not elect to have a minor curriculum may use up to 9 hours of the resulting general electives in their major curriculum 14

Total Semester Credit Hours 120

* When the topic is related to sub-field; course may be repeated when content changes.

Four-Year Degree Plan

Following is a suggested four-year degree plan. Students are encouraged to see their advisor each semester for help with program decisions and enrollment; responsible for reviewing the Program of Study Requirements; responsible for meeting all course prerequisites; and must meet foreign language and writing intensive course requirements for graduation. See Academic Regulations-Undergraduate online.
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- **Freshman**
  - **Fall**
    - ENGL 1301: English Composition I 3
    - GEOG 1303: General World Geography 3
    - HIST 1301: The US to 1877 3
    - MATH 1314: College Algebra 3
    - UNIV 1201: Learn a Global Context I 2
    - General Elective 3
    - **Total Semester Credit Hours**: 17
  - **Spring**
    - ENGL 1302: English Composition II 3
    - HIST 1302: The US Since 1877 3
    - UNIV 1302: Signature Course 3
    - MATH - Math Elective 3
    - Minor/General Elective 3
    - **Total Semester Credit Hours**: 15

- **Sophomore**
  - **Fall**
    - PSCI 2305: American National Government 3
    - Creative Arts 3
    - Foreign Language/Study Abroad 3
    - Language, Philosophy & Culture 3
    - Life & Physical Science 3
    - Life & Physical Science Lab 1
    - **Total Semester Credit Hours**: 16
  - **Spring**
    - PSCI 2301: Intro to Political Leadership 3
    - PSCI 2306: American State Government 3
    - Foreign Language/Study Abroad 3
    - Minor/General Elective 3
    - Life & Physical Science 3
    - Life & Physical Science Lab 1
    - **Total Semester Credit Hours**: 16

- **Junior**
  - **Fall**
    - PSCI 3301: Research Methods in Social Sci 3
    - PSCI - American Politics 3
    - PSCI - American Politics 3
    - General Elective 2
    - Advance Minor/Advance General Elective 3
    - **Total Semester Credit Hours**: 14
  - **Spring**
    - PSCI - Constitutional Law 3
    - PSCI - Political Philosophy 3
    - PSCI - Advanced PSCI Elective 3
    - Advance Minor/Advance General Elective 3
    - Advanced General Elective 3
    - **Total Semester Credit Hours**: 15

- **Senior**
  - **Fall**
    - PSCI - Comparative Politics 3
    - PSCI - International Politics 3
    - PSCI - International Politics 3
    - Advance Minor/Advance General Elective 3
    - Advanced General Elective 3
    - **Total Semester Credit Hours**: 15
  - **Spring**
    - PSCI 4351: Senior Seminar in PSCI 3
    - PSCI - Advanced PSCI Elective 3
    - Advance Minor/Advance General Elective 3
    - Advanced General Elective 3
    - **Total Semester Credit Hours**: 12

- **Total Semester Credit Hours**: 120

*See information on the combined BA/MA in Political Science.

Students who do not elect to have a minor curriculum may use up to 9 hours of their available electives in additional courses in their major curriculum.

- Actual degree plans may vary depending on availability of courses in a given semester.
- Some courses may require prerequisites not listed.