

BACHELOR OF ARTS WITH A MAJOR IN POLITICAL SCIENCE (BA)

Degree Requirements

CIP: 45.1001.00

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 (<https://catalog.tamtu.edu/undergraduate-information/academic-regulations/>)" section of this catalog.

Requirements

Code	Title	Semester Credit Hours
[University Core Curriculum] (https://catalog.tamtu.edu/appendix-a-core-curriculum-optional-course-information/)		
Select 42 SCH as outlined in the suggested plans and as specified in the "Requirements for Graduation"		42
Math Elective		
MATH 1342	Introductory Statistics	3
Life & Physical Science Lab		
Select 1 SCH compatible with a Life & Physical Science course		1
Foreign Language		
Students must complete 6 SCH to fulfill the foreign language requirement/ study abroad requirement. This may be met by completing one of the following options:		6
1. Foreign Language Coursework: Students may take up to 6 SCH of foreign language* coursework (not credit by exam).		
2. Study Abroad: Students may take up to 6 SCH in any subject through a TAMU-approved study abroad program, provided they live in another country for at least 2 weeks.		
3. Foreign Language/ Study Abroad Coursework: Students may combine 3 SCH of study abroad with 3 SCH of foreign language coursework, following the guidelines previously provided.		
Major		
PSCI 2304	Intro to Political Science	3
PSCI/CRIJ/SOCI 3301	Research Methods in Social Sci	3
PSCI 4351	Senior Seminar in PSCI	3
Political Science Field of Study		
Select 6 SCH from the following:		6
ECO 2301	Principles of Macroeconomics	
PHIL 1301	Introduction to Philosophy	
PSCI 2301	Foundations of Leadership	
American Politics		
Select 6 SCH from the following:		6
PSCI 3320	Congress and the Presidency	

PSCI 3345	Intro to Public Administration	
PSCI 3350	Intro: Analysis of Publ Policy	
PSCI 4311	The Constitution and Civil Lib	
PSCI 4312	Constitution and Crim Pro Law	
PSCI 4313	Constitution and Govt Powers	
PSCI 4320	The Political System of U.S	
PSCI 4322	Special Stud in American Pol	
Constitutional Law		
Select 3 SCH from the following:		3
PSCI 4311	The Constitution and Civil Lib	
PSCI 4312	Constitution and Crim Pro Law	
PSCI 4313	Constitution and Govt Powers	
PSCI 4323	Special Stud in Const Law	
Political Philosophy		
Select 3 SCH from the following:		3
PSCI 3313	Class&Med Political Phil	
PSCI 3314	Modern Political Philosophy	
PSCI 4324	Special Stud in Political Phil	
Comparative Politics		
Select 3 SCH from the following:		3
PSCI 3305	Govt & Politics of Europe	
PSCI 3308	Latin American Pol Systems	
PSCI 3310	Comp Pol Ideologies & Systems	
PSCI 4309	Mexican Politics & Government	
PSCI 4325	Special Stud in Comp Politics	
International Politics		
Select 6 SCH from the following:		6
PSCI 3340	International Law & Org	
PSCI 4306	Intl Political Economy	
PSCI 4307	The Interamerican System	
PSCI 4310	Drug Trafficking	
PSCI 4327	Special Stud in Int Politics	
PSCI 4335	International Politics	
PSCI 4340	American Foreign Policy	
Select 6 SCH at the 3000-4000 level (or higher for BA/MA students) not used for any other requirement		6
Minor		
Select a minimum of 18 SCH from one discipline at least twelve of which must be at the 3000-4000 level. See Appendix C. Instead of a minor, students may complete 18 SCH of electives, 12 SCH of which must be at the 3000-4000 level, from any discipline, except the major field, outside the College of Nursing and Health Sciences		18
General Electives		
Select 8 SCH from any 1000-4000 level courses. Vocational or VTF classes are excluded.		8
Total Semester Credit Hours		120

* Foreign Language/Study Abroad: For Spanish courses, a Spanish placement exam must be taken before course enrollment to identify competency level.

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**, meeting all course prerequisites, and **writing intensive course (WIN)** requirements for graduation. See Academic Regulations–Undergraduate online. (<https://catalog.tamui.edu/undergraduate-information/academic-regulations/>)

Freshman

Fall		Semester Credit Hours
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
Field of Study		3
Semester Credit Hours		17

Spring

ENGL 1302	English Composition II	3
HIST 1302	The US Since 1877	3
MATH 1342	Introductory Statistics	3
UNIV 1302	Signature Course	3
Field of Study		3
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
Semester Credit Hours		16

Spring

PSCI 2304	Intro to Political Science	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
Semester Credit Hours		16

Junior

Fall		
PSCI 3301	Research Methods in Social Sci	3
PSCI - American Politics		3
PSCI - American Politics		3
Minor/General Elective		3
Advanced Minor/General Elective		3
Semester Credit Hours		15

Spring

PSCI - Constitutional Law	3	
PSCI - Political Philosophy	3	
PSCI - Advanced PSCI Elective	3	
Advanced Minor/General Elective	3	
General Elective	2	
Semester Credit Hours		14

Senior

Fall		
PSCI - Comparative Politics		3
PSCI - International Politics		3
PSCI - International Politics		3
Advanced Minor/General Elective		3
General Elective		3
Semester Credit Hours		15

Spring

PSCI 4351	Senior Seminar in PSCI	3
PSCI - Advanced PSCI Elective		3
Advanced Minor/General Elective		3
General Elective		3
Semester Credit Hours		12
Total Semester Credit Hours		120

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

Actual degree plans may vary depending on availability of courses in a given semester.

Some courses may require prerequisites not listed.