

# B.A. in Political Science

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Code	Title	Semester Hours
<b>BA in Political Science Degree Plan (120 Hours )</b>		
<b>Core Requirements (42 hours)</b>		
First Year Seminar		3
FYE 1301	First Year Seminar	
Freshmen Composition I		3
EN 1311	Rhetoric and Composition	
or EN 1313	Rhetoric and Composition for International Students	
Literature		3
Any EN 23XX literature course		
History		3
Any 1000, 2000, or 3000-level HS course		
Social Science *		3
Select two from the following: BA 1310, CJ 1301, CPH 1301, EC 2301, EC 2303, ED 2330, HU 3300, HU 3303, PS 1301, PS 2310, PS 2353, PS 2355, PS 2363, PS 2337, SC 1311, SC 2321, SC 2371, 3 hrs. of Communication Studies (CM 1341, CM 2321, CM 2333, CM 2334)		
Mathematics		3
MT 1301 or MT 1302 highly recommended		
Natural or Physical Sciences		3
Select one: BL 1301, BL 1302, BL 3311, CH 1303, CH 1304, CH 1401, CH 1402, ES 1300, ES 1301, ES 1302, ES 1303, ES 1304, ES 1305, ES 1373, PY 1300, PY 1310, PY 1401, PY 1402		
Fine Arts		3
Select any 3 hrs. of the following: Art (AR), Drama (DM), Music (MU) or MU 1300		
Foreign Language and International Engagement		6
This requirement is satisfied through one of four ways: 1) One 3-hour course in any language at the 3000 level or above, with a grade of B or better; 2) Two courses (1311 and 1312) in a language not previously studied; 3) Two courses (2311 and 2312) in a language previously studied at the high school or college level; 4) Qualifying scores on an AP or CLEP exam, or both the ACTFL OPI and WPT exams		
Philosophy - Self		3
PL 1301	Introduction to Philosophy	
Philosophy - Ethics		3
PL 2301	Foundations of Ethics	
Theology - God		3
TH 1301	Introduction to Theology	
Intermediate Theology		3
Any TH 33xx course		
<b>Political Science Major Courses (36 hours)</b>		
PO 1311	American National Government	3
PO 1312	Texas State & Local Government	3
or PO 1314	Introduction to Global Affairs	
PO 2302	Civic Engagement and Social Action	3
PO 2310	Political Research Methodology	3
PO 2311	Applied Research Methods	3
PO 5301	Senior Seminar in Political Science	3
American/ Political Behavior –Select one from the following:		3
PO 3300, PO 3301, PO 3302, PO 3303, PO 3310, PO 3312, PO 3313, PO 3314, PO 3315, PO 3316, PO 3317		
Public Administration /Public Law–Select one from the following:		3
PO 3320, PO 3321, PO 3322, PO 3323, PO 3325, PO 3330, PO 3331, PO 3332, PO 3335, PO 3370, PO 3375, PO 4325, PO 4332, PO 4333		
Political Theory–Select one from the following:		3
PO 3340, PO 3341, PO 3342, PO 3343, PO 3344		

Comparative/International Politics—Select one from the following:	3
PO 3360, PO 3361, PO 3362, PO 3363, PO 3364, PO 3365, PO 3366, PO 3367, PO 3368, PO 3369, PO 3371, PO 3372, PO 3373, PO 3374, PO 3378, PO 4334, PO 4368, PO 4369, PO 4370	
Advanced PO Electives	6
Select six credit hours from any 3000,4000, or 5000-level PO courses	
<b>Electives (42 hours)</b>	<b>42</b>
An elective can be any course taken from any discipline. However, the Political Science Department strongly encourages the choice of a minor and/or internships.	
<b>Total Semester Hours</b>	<b>120</b>

\* Political Science majors may satisfy 3 of the 6 required credit hours with PO 1311, PO 1312, PO 1314, PO 2302, or PO 2312.

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### First Year

Fall	Semester Spring Hours	Semester Hours
PO 1311	3 Social Science	3
FYE 1301	3 PO 1312 or 1314	3
EN 1311	3 Literature	3
Fine Arts	3 PL 1301	3
History	3 Elective	3
	<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>

### Second Year

Fall	Semester Spring Hours	Semester Hours
PO 2302	3 PO 2311	3
PO 2310	3 Foreign Language	3
PL 2301	3 Natural or Physical Sciences	3
Foreign Language	3 Elective	3
Mathematics	3 Elective	3
	<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>

### Third Year

Fall	Semester Spring Hours	Semester Hours
Advanced PO (Am/Admin/Theory/IR)	3 Elective	3
TH 1301	3 Elective	3
Advanced PO	3 Elective	3
Elective	3 Intermediate Theology	3
Elective	3 Advanced PO (Am/Admin/Theory/IR)	3
	<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>

### Fourth Year

Fall	Semester Spring Hours	Semester Hours
PO 5301	3 Advanced PO (Am/Admin/Theory/IR)	3
Advanced PO (Am/Admin/Theory/IR)	3 Advanced PO (Am/Admin/Theory/IR)	3
Elective	3 Elective	3
Elective	3 Elective	3
Elective	3 Elective	3
	<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>

**Total Semester Hours 120**