

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 (<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		
Select 6 SCH in foreign language coursework (not credit by exam). Students may take 6 SCH in Spanish at the level determined by the Spanish Placement Exam or by satisfying required pre-requisites. Students may take 6 SCH of another foreign language at the introductory level or above. This requirement may also be met by earning 6 SCH in any subject while participating in a TAMTU-approved Study Abroad program while living for at least 4 weeks in another country		6
Major		
PSCI 2301 or PSCI 2304	Intro to Political Leadership or Intro to Political Science	3
PSCI/CRIJ/SOCI 3301	Research Methods in Social Sci	3
PSCI 4351	Senior Seminar in PSCI	3
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 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

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.tamtu.edu/undergraduate-information/academic-regulations/>)

Freshman		Semester Credit Hours
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
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
Minor/General Elective		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 2301	Intro to Political Leadership	3
or PSCI 2304	or Intro to Political Science	
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
General Elective		2
Advance Minor/Advance General Elective		3
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
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

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

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.