

**CATALOG YEAR 2013-2014**COLLEGE/SCHOOL/SECTION: COAS/ Dept of Public Affairs and Social Research

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Degree Requirements for the BA with a Major in Political Science

1. **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.
2. **University Core Curriculum:** **42** SCH as outlined in the suggested plans and as specified in the "[Requirements for Graduation](#)".
3. **MATH Elective:** **3** SCH selected from any math course above the level of College Algebra. MATH [1342](#), Introductory Statistics, strongly recommended.
4. **Foreign Language/Study Abroad:** **6** SCH in course work (not credit by exam) above the university's foreign language admission requirement. Thus students who meet the university's foreign language admission 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 foreign language at the introductory level. This requirement may also be met by earning 6 SCH in any subject while participating in a TAMIU-approved Study Abroad program while living for at least 3 months in a non-English speaking country.
5. **Major:** **36** SCH including PSCI [3301](#), [3313](#), [3314](#), [4311](#), and [4351](#); American Politics, select 3 SCH PSCI [3320](#), or [4312](#) or [4313](#) or [4320](#); Comparative Politics, select 3 SCH from PSCI [3305](#), or [3310](#); International Relations, select 3 SCH from PSCI [4335](#), or [4340](#); Comparative/International Politics, select 3 SCH from PSCI [3308](#), [3340](#), [4309](#), or [4321](#) (when the topic is comparative or international), this requirement may also be met by the "second" or unused course in the Comparative Politics or International Relations required course sequence; and 9 SCH at the 3000-4000 level (or higher for BA/MA students) not used for any other requirement.
6. **Minor:** 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.
7. **General Electives:** **15** SCH, at least 9 of which must be at the 3000-4000 level.
8. **BA/MA Option:** See [Combined BA/MA Programs](#) in this section.

**BACHELOR OF ARTS
MAJOR IN POLITICAL SCIENCE**

Following is **one** 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**; and must meet **foreign language** and **writing intensive course** requirements for graduation. See [Academic Regulations-Undergraduate](#).

*See [Appendix A](#) Core Curriculum and Optional Course Information.

**See [Appendix C](#) for approved list of minors and requirements. 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, within the College of Arts and Sciences, the A. R. Sanchez, Jr. School of Business or College of Education.

FALL	HOURS	SPRING	HOURS
FRESHMAN YEAR		FRESHMAN YEAR	
ENGL 1301 English Composition I	3	ENGL 1302 English Composition II	3
MATH 1314 College Algebra	3	MATH Math Elective ¹	3
HIST 1301 The U.S. to 1877	3	HIST 1302 The U.S. Since 1877	3
General Elective	3	COMM Communication ²	3
Minor/General Elective **	<u>3</u>	Visual/Performing Arts *	3
		Activity or Wellness *	<u>1</u>
Total	15		16
SOPHOMORE YEAR		SOPHOMORE YEAR	
PSCI 2305 American National Govt	3	PSCI 2306 American State Govt	3
ENGL Humanities *	3	Minor/General Elective **	3
GEOG 1303 General World Geography	3	General Elective	3
Natural Science *	4	Natural Science *	4
Foreign Language/Study Abroad ³	<u>3</u>	Foreign Language/Study Abroad ³	<u>3</u>
Total	16		16
JUNIOR YEAR		JUNIOR YEAR	
PSCI 3301 Research Methods Soc Sci	3	PSCI 3314 Modern Political Philosophy	3
PSCI 3313 Cls&Med Political Phil	3	PSCI International Relations ⁶	3
PSCI American Politics ⁴	3	PSCI Advanced PSCI Elective ⁵	3
PSCI Advanced PSCI Elec ⁵	3	Adv Minor/General Elective **	3
Adv Minor/General Elective **	<u>3</u>	Advanced Elective	<u>3</u>
Total	15		15
SENIOR YEAR		SENIOR YEAR	
PSCI 4311 Constitutional Law	3	PSCI 4351 Senior Seminar in PSCI	3
PSCI Comparative Politics ⁷	3	PSCI Advanced PSCI Elective ⁵	3
PSCI Comp/Intl PSCI Elective ⁸	3	Advanced Elective	3
Adv Minor/General Elective **	3	Adv Minor/General Elective **	<u>3</u>
Advanced Elective	<u>3</u>		
Total	15		12

TOTAL SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS: 120

¹Math elective, select 3 SCH from any math course above the level of College Algebra. MATH [1342](#), Introductory Statistics, strongly recommended.

²Communication, select 3 SCH from ENGL [2311](#), HUM [2301](#), COMM [1311](#) or COMM [1315](#).

³Foreign Language/Study Abroad, select 6 SCH in course work (not credit by exam) above the university's foreign language admission requirement. Thus students who meet the university's foreign language admission 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 foreign language at the introductory level. This requirement may also be met by earning 6 SCH in any subject while participating in a TAMIU-approved Study Abroad program while living for at least 3 months in a non-English speaking country.

⁴American Politics, select 3 SCH from PSCI [3320](#) or [4312](#) or [4313](#) or [4320](#).

⁵Advanced PSCI, select 9 SCH at the 3000 level or above not used for any other requirement.

⁶International Relations, select 3 SCH from PSCI [4335](#) or [4340](#).

⁷Comparative Politics, select 3 SCH from PSCI [3305](#) or [3310](#).

⁸Comparative/International Politics, select 3 SCH from PSCI [3308](#), [3340](#), [4309](#), or [4321](#) (when the topic is Comparative or International); this requirement may also be met by the "second" or unused course in the

Comparative Politics or International Relations required course sequence.

Note: See information on the [combined BA/MA in Political Science](#).

Justification: Political Science is adding two new American Politics course to its catalog, PSCI 4312 The Constitution and Criminal Procedure and PSCI 4313 The Constitution and Governmental Powers [assuming course additions are approved] and this fits to fill the upper division “American” requirement. This will give PSCI majors a bit more flexibility in their program. This change also makes a minor editorial correction by changing English literature to “Humanities” as it is actually listed in the core.

Approvals:	Signature	Date
Chair Department Curriculum Committee	_____	_____
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Chair College Curriculum Committee	_____	_____
Dean	_____	_____

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