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Purpose: to accommodate new Core Requirements

Degree Requirements for the BA with a Major in Political Science

- 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.
- University Core Curriculum:** **42** SCH as outlined in the suggested plans and as specified in the "Requirements for Graduation". **Political Science majors must choose GEOG 1303 as their Social Behavioral Science Elective.**
- Life & Physical Science Lab:** **1** SCH compatible with a Life & Physical Science course.
- MATH Elective:** **3** SCH selected from any math course above the level of College Algebra. Math 1342, Introductory Statistics, strongly recommended.
- 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 TAMU-approved Study Abroad program while living for at least 5 weeks in a non-English speaking country.
- 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.
- 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.
- General Electives:** **14** SCH, at least 9 of which must be at the 3000-4000 level.
- 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 online.

*See *Appendix A Core Curriculum and Optional Course Information*.

FALL	HOURS	SPRING
FRESHMAN YEAR		
ENGL 1301 English Composition I	3	ENGL 1302 English Composition II
MATH 1314 College Algebra	3	MATH Math Elective ²
HIST 1301 The U.S. to 1877	3	HIST 1302 The U.S. Since 1877
General Elective	3	Minor/General Elective**
Social & Behavioral Science ¹	3	Creative Arts*
UNIV 1101 Learning in a Global Context I	<u>1</u>	UNIV 1102 Learning in a Global Context II
Total	16	16
SOPHOMORE YEAR		
PSCI 2305 American National Govt	3	PSCI 2306 American State Govt
Language, Philosophy & Culture*	3	Minor/General Elective
Foreign Lang/Study Abroad ³	3	Foreign Lang/Study Abroad ³
Component Area Option III*	3	Life & Physical Science*
Life & Physical Science*	3	Component Area Option II—Lab*
Component Area Option II—Lab*	<u>1</u>	Minor/General Elective
Total	16	16
JUNIOR YEAR		
PSCI 3301 Research Methods ⁴	3	PSCI 3314 Modern Pol Phil
PSCI 3313 Cls & Med. Pol Phil	3	PSCI Intl Relations ⁷
PSCI American Politics ⁵	3	PSCI Advanced PSCI Elec ⁶
PSCI Advanced PSCI Elective ⁶	3	Adv Minor/General Elective**
Advanced Minor/General Elective**	3	Advanced General Elective
Total	15	15
SENIOR YEAR		
PSCI 4311 Constitutional law	3	PSCI 4351 Senior Seminar
PSCI Comparative Pol ⁸	3	PSCI Advanced PSCI Elective ⁶
PSCI Comp/Intl Elective ⁹	3	Advanced Elective
Advanced General Elective	3	Adv Minor/General Elec**
Adv Minor/General Elec**	3	
Total	15	12

¹ Specified as **GEOG 1303 General World Geography**

² Math elective, select 3 SCH from any math course above the level of College Algebra. MATH [1342](#), Introductory Statistics, strongly recommended.

³ Foreign 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 5 weeks in a non-English speaking country.

⁴ Choose between **PSCI 3301, CRIJ 3305, or SOCI 3305**.

⁵ American Politics, select 3 SCH from PSCI [3320](#) or [4312](#) or [4313](#) or [4320](#).

⁶Advanced PSCI, select 9 SCH at the 3000 level or above not used for any other requirement.

⁷International Relations, select 3 SCH from PSCI
4335 or 4340.

⁸Comparative Politics, select 3 SCH from PSCI 3305 or 3310.

⁹Comparative/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](#).

****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 the College of Education***

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