

West Texas A&M University
Advising Services
Degree Checklist
2023-2024

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NAME: _____ **WT ID:** _____ **DATE:** _____

Political Science – Legal Studies Specialization
Department of Political Science and Criminal Justice
OM 414 651-3310

CORE CURRICULUM COURSES: 42 HOURS	HRS	
Communication (Code 10)		
ENGL 1301 Intro. To Academic Writing & Argumentation OR ENGL 1311 Writing About Ideas	3	
COMM 1315, 1318, or 1321	3	
Mathematics (Code 20)		
MATH 1314*, 1316*, 1324*, 1325*, 1332*/**, 1342*/**, 1350*/**, 2412*, or 2413* (2412 & 2413: fourth hr. moves to Code 90)	3	
Life and Physical Sciences (Code 30)		
Take two courses from: ANSC 1319; BIOL 1406 or 1308, 1407* or 1309*, 1411, 1413; CHEM 1305* or 1411*, 1412*; ENVR 1407*; GEOL 1301 or 1403, 1302, 1404; PHYS 1401*, 1402*, 1311, 1312, 1371, 2425*, 2426*; PSES 1301, 1307 <i>- BIOL 1406, 1407, 1411, 1413; CHEM 1411, 1412; GEOL 1403, 1404; PHYS 1401, 1402, 2425, 2426: 4th hr. moves to Core 90</i>	6	
Language, Philosophy and Culture (Code 40)		
ANTH 2351, ENGL 2321*, 2326*, 2331*, 2341*, 2343*; HIST 2311, 2323, 2372; MCOM 1307; PHIL 1301, 2374; SPAN 2311*, 2312*/**, 2313*, 2315*, or 2371 Choose 1	3	
Creative Arts (Code 50)		
ARTS 1301, 1303, 1304; DANC 2303; MUSI 1306, MUSI 1307(for music majors), MUSI 1310; or THRE 1310 Choose 1	3	
American History (Code 60)		
HIST 1301, 1302, 2301, 2381, 2382 Choose 2	6	
Government/Political Science (Code 70)		
POSC 2305 and 2306	6	
Social and Behavioral Sciences (Code 80)		
AGBE 2317*; COMM 2377; CRIJ 1301; ECON 2301, 2302; GEOG 1302; PSYC 2301; SOCI 1301 Choose 1	3	
Component Area Option (Code 90)		
Take six hours from: AGR1 2300; BIOL 4 th hour from 4-hour courses (from Core 30); BUSI 1301, 1304; CHEM 4 th hour from 4-hour courses (from Core 30); CIDM 1105, CIDM 1301 or 1315; CS 1301; ECON 2331; ENGL 1101, 1102, 1302*, 1312*, 2311*; ENVR 4 th hour (from Core 30); GEOL 4 th hour from 4-hour courses (from Core 30); IDS 1071 (1-3 hours); MATH 4 th hour from 4-hour courses (from Core 20); MUSI 1053; PHIL 2303; PHYS 4 th hour from 4-hour courses (from Core 30); SES 1120	6	
POLITICAL SCIENCE CORE (21 hours required for all specializations): A grade of "C" or better must be earned in all courses required for major.		
POSC 2304 Introduction to Political Science	3	
POSC 3360* Comparative Politics	3	
POSC 3361 Contemporary Political Research Methods	3	
POSC 3362* Statistics for the Social Sciences	3	
POSC 3365 Political Thought	3	
POSC 4333 American Constitutional Development	3	
POSC 4370 International Relations	3	

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POLITICAL SCIENCE – LEGAL STUDIES SPECIALIZATION (12 HOURS)		
Select 12 hours from the following: POSC 3305 Judicial Politics and Process POSC 4331 Administrative Law POSC 4334 Criminal Law POSC 4335 American Constitutional Limitations POSC 4336 Law and Society POSC 4340 Constitutional Rights of the Accused POSC 4374 International Law and Organization	12	
POLITICAL SCIENCE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS ELECTIVES Take 9 hours of political science electives at the 3000- or 4000-level.		
ADVANCED POLITICAL SCIENCE ELECTIVE	3	
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BACHELOR OF SCIENCE REQUIREMENTS: 6 HOURS OPTION		
Six hours chosen from biology, chemistry, geology, geosciences, mathematics, physics and natural sciences.	6	
ELECTIVES: 30 HOURS BY ADVISEMENT—SEE NOTE ♦		
ELECTIVES (See NOTE below)	30	
MINIMUM HOURS REQUIRED TO COMPLETE DEGREE	120	

* Indicates prerequisites—see catalog for more information.
 ** While MATH 1332, 1342 and 1350 will fulfill core math requirements, they will NOT prepare students for higher-level math courses such as Plane Trigonometry (MATH 1316) or Pre-Calculus (MATH 2412).
 *** Or an equivalent course (second year, second semester) in a foreign language.

NOTE: At least 36 hours of advanced work (3000- or 4000-level courses) for which tuition is paid must be earned at WTAMU. A maximum of six semester hours in religion (RELI) and six semester hours in physical education (PHED) courses can count toward a baccalaureate degree.

NOTE: This is NOT a degree plan. All undergraduate students must request an official degree plan from their academic dean's office by the time they have completed 30 credit hours.

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Major: Political Science – Legal Studies Specialization, B.S. Major Code: 110

Year 1: Fall		Year 1: Spring	
CORE 10 (Communication) – ENGL 1301 or 1311	3	CORE 10 (Communication) – COMM 1315, 1318 or 1321	3
CORE 20 (Mathematics) – See checklist for options	3	CORE 90 (Component Area Option) – See checklist for options	3
CORE 30 (Lab Science) – See checklist for options	3	CORE 30 (Lab Science) – See checklist for options	3
CORE 90 (Component Area Option) – See checklist for options	3	CORE 70 (Govt./Political Sci.) – POSC 2305 or 2306	3
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Total:	15	Total:	15
Year 2: Fall		Year 2: Spring	
POSC 2304 Introduction to Political Science	3	POSC 3362 Statistics for the Social Sciences	3
CORE 40 (Lang., Phil. & Culture) – See checklist for options	3	CORE 50 (Creative Arts) – See checklist for options	3
CORE 60 (American History) – See checklist for options	3	CORE 60 (American History) – See checklist for options	3
B.S. Requirement – See checklist for options	3	CORE 80 (Social & Behav. Sci.) - See checklist for options	3
Elective	3	B.S. Requirement – See checklist for options	3
Total:	15	Total:	15
Year 3: Fall		Year 3: Spring	
POSC 3365 Political Thought	3	POSC 4333 American Constitutional Development	3
POSC 3361 Contemporary Political Research Methods	3	POSC 4365 Topics in International Relations	3
POSC Legal Studies Specialization(1) – See checklist for options	3	POSC Legal Studies Specialization(2) – See checklist for options	3
Elective	3	Advanced Elective	3
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Total:	15	Total:	15
Year 4: Fall		Year 4: Spring	
POSC 3360 Comparative Politics	3	POSC Legal Studies Specialization(4) – See checklist for options	3
POSC Legal Studies Specialization(3) – See checklist for options	3	Advanced POSC Elective	3
Advanced POSC Elective	3	Advanced POSC Elective	3
Advanced Elective	3	Advanced Elective	3
Advanced Elective	3	Elective	3
Total:	15	Total:	15

Identified Marketable Skills	Top Three Local Employers or Industries/Professional Programs/Possible Career Opportunities
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Additional notes:

- The core curriculum must total exactly 42 hours; excess hours must be moved to the major as an elective or a major requirement and stay within the 120-hour requirement or approved total submitted to the Coordinating Board for degree requirements. Some majors specify particular courses to meet core curriculum requirements when options are available.
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DISCLAIMER: This curriculum guide should be used in conjunction with the corresponding degree checklist for general planning purposes only. The degree checklist (later a student's official degree plan) should be referred to as the comprehensive list of all courses required for the degree. An official degree plan is required after completing 30 hours. Students should always seek the advice of their academic adviser before scheduling classes.