

West Texas A&M University
Advising Services
Degree Checklist
2025-2026

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Name: _____ **WT ID:** _____ **Date:** _____

Political Science B.A./B.S.		
Department of Political Science and Criminal Justice (OM-414) (651-3310)		
Degree: Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) or Bachelor of Science (B.S.)		
May be either depending on option selected; see the "Requirements for Baccalaureate Degrees" section of the Catalog.		
Major: Political Science		
Major Code: 110		
Specializations:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> American Government and Politics International Affairs Legal Studies Public Administration and Policy 	BA/BS.POSC.AGP BA/BS.POSC.INTL BA/BS.POSC.LEGL BA/BS.POSC.PUB.ADM.POL	
University Core Curriculum Requirements (42 hours)		Semester Credit Hours
Core 10 - Communication (3 hours from ENGL options)		3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ENGL 1301 or ENGL 1311 		
Core 10 - Communication (3 hours from COMM options)		3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> COMM 1315; COMM 1318; or COMM 1321 		
Core 20 - Mathematics (3 hours)		3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MATH 1314; MATH 1316; MATH 1324; MATH 1325; MATH 1332**; MATH 1342**; MATH 1350**; MATH 2412; or MATH 2413 (4th hour from 4-hour course moves to Core 90.)		
Core 30 - Life and Physical Sciences (6 hours)		3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ANSC 1319; BIOL 1308 or BIOL 1406; BIOL 1309 or BIOL 1407; BIOL 1411; BIOL 1413; CHEM 1305 or CHEM 1411; CHEM 1412; ENVR 1407; GEOL 1301 or GEOL 1403; GEOL 1302; GEOL 1404; PHYS 1311; PHYS 1312; PHYS 1371; PHYS 1401; PHYS 1402; PHYS 2425; PHYS 2426; PSES 1301 or PSES 1307 (Cannot receive University Core credit for both BIOL 1308 and BIOL 1406; or for both BIOL 1309 and BIOL 1407; or for both CHEM 1305 and CHEM 1411; or for both GEOL 1301 and GEOL 1403. CHEM 1305 does not count as a prerequisite for CHEM 1412.) (4th hour from 4-hour courses move to Core 90.)		3
Core 40 - Language, Philosophy and Culture (3 hours)		3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ANTH 2351; ENGL 2321; ENGL 2326; ENGL 2331; ENGL 2341; ENGL 2343; HIST 2311; HIST 2323; HIST 2372; MCOM 1307; PHIL 1301; PHIL 2374; SPAN 2311; SPAN 2312 [or an equivalent course (second year or intermediate level) in a foreign language]; SPAN 2313; SPAN 2315; or SPAN 2371 		
Core 50 - Creative Arts (3 hours)		3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ARTS 1301; ARTS 1303; ARTS 1304; DANC 2303; MUSI 1306; MUSI 1307; MUSI 1310; or THRE 1310 		

Core 60 - American History (6 hours) <ul style="list-style-type: none">HIST 1301; HIST 1302; HIST 2301; HIST 2381; or HIST 2382	3	3
Core 70 - Government / Political Science (6 hours) <ul style="list-style-type: none">POSC 2305 and POSC 2306	3	3
Core 80 - Social and Behavioral Sciences (3 hours) <ul style="list-style-type: none">AGBE 2317; COMM 2377; CRIJ 1301; ECON 2301; ECON 2302; GEOG 1302; PSYC 2301; or SOCI 1301	3	
Core 90 - Component Area Option (6 hours or fewer; may depend on major requirements) <ul style="list-style-type: none">AGRI 2300; BUSI 1301; BUSI 1304; CIDM 1105; CIDM 1301 or CIDM 1315; CS 1301; ECON 2331; EDUC 1300; ENGL 1101; ENGL 1102; ENGL 1302; ENGL 1312; ENGL 2311; HSCI 2300; IDS 1071 (1-3 hours); MUSI 1053 (1-2 hours); PHIL 2303; or SES 1120 <p>(Cannot receive credit for both CIDM 1301 and CIDM 1315 for Core 90.) (ENGL 1101 and ENGL 1102 cannot count for English B.A. requirement.) (4th hours from 4-hour courses in Cores 20 and 30 may be used in this section.)</p>	6	
Political Science Major Requirements (42 hours) ***** C or better required in all courses in the Major Requirements *****		
Political Science Core Requirements (21 hours) – required for all specializations		
POSC 2304 - Introduction to Political Science	3	
POSC 3360 - Comparative Politics	3	
POSC 3361 - Contemporary Political Research Methods	3	
POSC/CRIJ/SOCI/SOCW 3362 - Statistics for the Social Sciences	3	
POSC 3365 - Political Thought	3	
POSC 4333 - American Constitutional Development	3	
POSC 4370 - International Relations	3	
Required Courses for Specializations Complete one specialization: American Government and Politics, International Affairs, Legal Studies, or Public Administration and Policy		
American Government and Politics Specialization (12 hours)		
Twelve hours from: POSC 3301 - The American Presidency POSC 3303 - US Congress POSC 3305 - Judicial Politics and Process POSC 3311 - Public Opinion POSC 3312 - Political Parties and Interest Groups POSC 3313 - Campaigns and Elections POSC 3315 - Religion and Politics POSC 3317 - Women and Politics POSC 4307 - Municipal Government POSC 4369 - American National Security POSC 4371 - American Foreign Policy POSC 4392 - American Politics	12	

International Affairs Specialization (12 hours)	
Twelve hours from: POSC 3317 - Women and Politics POSC 4328 - Terrorism POSC 4338 - Comparative Courts POSC 4363 - Topics in Comparative Politics POSC 4365 - Topics in International Relations POSC 4369 - American National Security POSC 4371 - American Foreign Policy POSC 4372 - International Conflict POSC 4374 - International Law and Organization POSC 4376 - Politics of Eastern Europe POSC 4378 - Politics of Asia POSC 4379 - Middle Eastern Politics POSC 4380 - Politics of Western and Central Europe POSC 4381 - Politics of North America POSC 4383 - Politics of Latin America	12
Legal Studies Specialization (12 hours)	
Twelve hours from: POSC 3305 - Judicial Politics and Process POSC 4331 - Administrative Law POSC/CRIJ 4334 - Criminal Law POSC 4335 - American Constitutional Limitations POSC 4336 - Law and Society POSC 4338 - Comparative Courts POSC/CRIJ 4340 - Advanced Criminal Procedure POSC 4374 - International Law and Organization	12
Public Administration and Policy Specialization (12 hours)	
Twelve hours from: POSC 4307 - Municipal Government POSC 4331 - Administrative Law POSC 4351 - Nonprofit Administration and Management POSC 4352 - Administrative Management POSC 4353 - Public Administration POSC 4354 - Public Personnel Administration POSC 4355 - Public Financial Administration POSC 4357 - Public Policy Formulation POSC 4361 - Public Policy Analysis POSC 4382 - Administrative Theory	12
Political Science American Government and Politics Electives (9 hours)	
Nine hours of additional political science electives at the 3000- or 4000-level	9

B.A./B.S. Requirements (6-12 hours)	
Complete the requirements for your specific degree.	
B.A. Degree In addition to the core curriculum, a minimum of 12 hours as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> At least six hours of foreign language, and Six hours chosen from art, communication studies, dance, English, history, media communications, modern languages, music, philosophy, religion, and theatre. 	6 6
or	or
B.S. Degree In addition to the core curriculum, a minimum of 6 hours as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Six hours chosen from biology, chemistry, environmental science, geology, geosciences, mathematics, physics, and natural sciences. 	6
Electives (est. 24-30 hours)	
***** C or better required in all courses in the Major Subject *****	
Electives	24-30
Total hours required to complete degree: 120 hours	
Depending on transfer credits and other substitutions/waivers, student may need to take additional electives as needed to total a minimum of 120 hours or the minimum total hours required for this degree, of which at least 36 must be advanced (3000/4000 level) and earned at WTAMU.	
Prerequisites	
Some courses may require prerequisites. See the University Catalog for more information.	
** MATH 1332, 1342 and 1350	
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).	
Advising Notes	
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. In addition, this document is used as an advising resource. For official information, please refer to the University Catalog.	