

WTAMU ADVISING SERVICES – 2025-2026 Curriculum Guide

**Major: Political Science – American Govt. & Politics
Specialization, B.S.**

Major Code: 110

Year 1: Fall		Year 1: Spring	
CORE 10 (<i>Communication</i>) – ENGL 1301 or 1311	3	CORE 10 (<i>Communication</i>) - COMM 1315, 1318 or 1321	3
CORE 20 (<i>Mathematics</i>) - See checklist for options ¹	3	CORE 30 (<i>Lab Science</i>) - See checklist for options ¹	3
CORE 30 (<i>Lab Science</i>) - See checklist for options ¹	3	CORE 70 (<i>Government/Political Sci.</i>) - POSC 2306	3
CORE 70 (<i>Government/Political Sci.</i>) - POSC 2305	3	CORE 90 (<i>Comp. Area Option</i>) – See checklist for options ¹	3
CORE 90 (<i>Comp. Area Option</i>) – See checklist for options ¹	3	Elective	3
Total:	15	Total:	15
Year 2: Fall		Year 2: Spring	
CORE 40 (<i>Lang., Phil. & Culture</i>) – See checklist for options ¹	3	CORE 50 (<i>Creative Arts</i>) – See checklist for options ¹	3
CORE 60 (<i>American History</i>) – See checklist for options ¹	3	CORE 60 (<i>American History</i>) – See checklist for options ¹	3
POSC 2304 Introduction to Political Science	3	CORE 80 (<i>Social & Behav. Sci.</i>) – See checklist for options ¹	3
B.S. Requirement – See checklist for options	3	POSC 3362 Statistics for the Social Sciences	3
Elective	3	B.S. Requirement – See checklist for options	3
Total:	15	Total:	15
Year 3: Fall		Year 3: Spring	
POSC 3361 Contemporary Political Research Methods	3	POSC 4333 American Constitutional Development	3
POSC 3365 Political Thought	3	POSC 4370 International Relations	3
POSC – American Govt. Special. (1) (see checklist for options)	3	POSC – American Govt. Special. (2) (see checklist for options)	3
Elective	3	Elective	3
Elective	3	Elective	3
Total:	15	Total:	15
Year 4: Fall		Year 4: Spring	
POSC 3360 Comparative Politics	3	POSC – American Govt. Special. (4) (see checklist for options)	3
POSC – American Govt. Special. (3) (see checklist for options)	3	Advanced POSC Elective	3
Advanced POSC Elective	3	Advanced POSC Elective	3
Elective	3	Elective	3
Elective	3	Elective	3
Total:	15	Total:	15

¹ **CORE:** Political Science majors are not required to take specific courses for Core areas. They may select from any available options (see degree checklist), and there is no set order in which core courses must be taken.

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

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.
- 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.

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.