

West Texas A&M University

Advising Services

Degree Checklist

2025-2026

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Name: _____ WT ID: _____ Date: _____

Social Sciences 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: Social Sciences	BA/BS.SOCIAL.SCI
Major Code: 121	
University Core Curriculum Requirements (42 hours)	Semester Credit Hours
Core 10 - Communication (3 hours from ENGL options) • ENGL 1301 or ENGL 1311	3
Core 10 - Communication (3 hours from COMM options) • COMM 1315; COMM 1318; or COMM 1321	3
Core 20 - Mathematics (3 hours) • 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.)	3
Core 30 - Life and Physical Sciences (6 hours) • 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 3
Core 40 - Language, Philosophy and Culture (3 hours) • 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	3
Core 50 - Creative Arts (3 hours) • ARTS 1301; ARTS 1303; ARTS 1304; DANC 2303; MUSI 1306; MUSI 1307; MUSI 1310; or THRE 1310	3
Core 60 - American History (6 hours) • HIST 1301; HIST 1302; HIST 2301; HIST 2381; or HIST 2382	3 3
Core 70 - Government / Political Science (6 hours) • POSC 2305 and POSC 2306	3 3

<p>Core 80 - Social and Behavioral Sciences (3 hours)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AGBE 2317; COMM 2377; CRIJ 1301; ECON 2301; ECON 2302; GEOG 1302; PSYC 2301; or SOCI 1301 	3
<p>Core 90 - Component Area Option (6 hours or fewer; may depend on major requirements)</p> <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
<p>Social Sciences Major Requirements (57 hours)</p> <p>A student electing this major must complete the following 57-hour program from among anthropology, economics, geography, history, political science, psychology, and sociology.</p> <p>***** C or better required in all courses in the Major Requirements *****</p>	
<p>One course from:</p> <p>HIST 3301 - Historical Research Methods POSC 3361 - Contemporary Political Research Methods SOCI 4362 - Social Research</p>	3
<p>18 semester hours in 1st social science subject</p>	18
<p>18 semester hours in 2nd social science subject</p>	18
<p>9 semester hours in 3rd social science subject</p>	9
<p>9 semester hours in 4th social science subject</p>	9
<p>Portfolio</p> <p>All students majoring in social sciences must complete a portfolio consisting of essays and research papers written for the various disciplines of the program as well as a reflective essay. The portfolio of work is due to the Social Sciences program director before the completion of the final semester of study. A student must submit a portfolio to be cleared to graduate.</p>	
<p>Note</p> <p>No one-semester-hour courses may be counted toward the above requirements. Students following this program shall have as their major adviser the head of the department in which they elect to meet one of the 18-semester-hour requirements noted above.</p>	

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. 10-18 hours)	
***** C or better required in all courses in the Major Subject *****	
Electives	10-18
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).	
Teacher Certification	
The Department of Political Science and Criminal Justice offers secondary teacher certification majors in social sciences. Consult the "Department of Education" section of this catalog for core curriculum, certification majors and interdisciplinary requirements related to programs offered by this department.	
Advising Notes	
<p>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.</p>	