

**West Texas A&M University  
Advising Services  
Degree Checklist  
2026-2027**

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**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **WT ID:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Political Science – Legal Studies Specialization  
Department of Political Science and Criminal Justice  
OM 414 (806) 651-3310**

CORE CURRICULUM COURSES: 42 HOURS	HRS
<b>Communication (Code 10)</b>	
ENGL 1301 Intro. To Academic Writing & Argumentation OR ENGL 1311 Writing About Ideas	3
COMM 1315, 1318, or 1321	3
<b>Mathematics (Code 20)</b>	
MATH 1314*, 1316*, 1324*, 1325*, 1332**/**, 1342**/**, 1350**/**, 2412*, or 2413* (2412 & 2413: fourth hr. moves to Code 90)	3
<b>Life and Physical Sciences (Code 30)</b>	
<b>Take two courses from:</b> ANSC 1319; BIOL 1406 or 1308, 1407* or 1309*, 1411, 1413, 2401, 2402; CHEM 1305* or 1411*, 1412*; ENVR 1407*; GEOL 1301 or 1403, 1302, 1404; PHYS 1401*, 1402*, 1311, 1312, 1371, 2425*, 2426*; PSES 1301, 1307 - BIOL 1406, 1407, 1411, 1413; CHEM 1411, 1412; GEOL 1403, 1404; PHYS 1401, 1402, 2425, 2426: 4 <sup>th</sup> hr. moves to Core 90	6
<b>Language, Philosophy and Culture (Code 40)</b>	
ANTH 2351, ENGL 2321*, 2326*, 2331*, 2341*, 2343*; HIST 2311, 2323, 2372; MCOM 1307; PHIL 1301, 2374; SPAN 2311*, 2312**/**, 2313*, 2315*, or 2371 <b>Choose 1</b>	3
<b>Creative Arts (Code 50)</b>	
ARTS 1301, 1303, 1304; DANC 2303; MUSI 1306, MUSI 1307(for music majors), MUSI 1310; or THRE 1310 <b>Choose 1</b>	3
<b>American History (Code 60)</b>	
HIST 1301, 1302, 2301, 2381, 2382 <b>Choose 2</b>	6
<b>Government/Political Science (Code 70)</b>	
POSC 2305 and 2306	6
<b>Social and Behavioral Sciences (Code 80)</b>	
AGBE 2317*; COMM 2377; CRIJ 1301; ECON 2301, 2302; GEOG 1302; PSYC 2301; SOCI 1301 <b>Choose 1</b>	3
<b>Component Area Option (Code 90)</b>	
<b>Take six hours from:</b> AGRI 2300; BUSI 1301, 1304; CIDM 1105, CIDM 1301 or 1315; CS 1301; ECON 2331; EDUC 1300; ENGL 1101, 1102, 1302*, 1312*, 2311*; HNRS 2171; HSCI 2300; IDS 1071 (1-3 hours); MUSI 1053 (1-2 hours); PHIL 2303; SES 1120;  Also, extra 4 <sup>th</sup> -hour credits from Core 20 and Core 30 (MATH, BIOL, CHEM, ENVR, GEOL, PHYS)	6
<b>POLITICAL SCIENCE CORE (21 hours required for all specializations): A grade of "C" or better must be earned in all courses required for major.</b>	
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 Social Sciences	3
POSC 3365 Political Thought	3
POSC 4333 American Constitutional Development	3
POSC 4370 International Relations	3

**Bachelor of Science Degree  
BS.POSC.LEGL (110)**

POLITICAL SCIENCE – LEGAL STUDIES SPECIALIZATION (12 HOURS)		
<b>Select 12 hours from the following:</b> 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	
<b>POLITICAL SCIENCE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS ELECTIVES</b>		
<b>Take 9 hours of political science electives at the 3000- or 4000-level.</b>		
ADVANCED POLITICAL SCIENCE ELECTIVE	3	
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<b>BACHELOR OF SCIENCE REQUIREMENTS: 6 HOURS OPTION</b>		
Six hours chosen from biology, chemistry, environmental science, geology, geosciences, mathematics, physics, and natural sciences.	6	
<b>ELECTIVES: 30 HOURS BY ADVISEMENT—SEE NOTE ⬇</b>		
ELECTIVES (See NOTE below)	30	
<b>MINIMUM HOURS REQUIRED TO COMPLETE DEGREE</b>		<b>120</b>

\* 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, BS.POSC.LEGL (110)  
B.S.**

<b>Year 1: Fall</b>		<b>Year 1: Spring</b>	
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 <sup>1</sup>	3	CORE 30 ( <i>Lab Science</i> ) - See checklist for options <sup>1</sup>	3
CORE 30 ( <i>Lab Science</i> ) - See checklist for options <sup>1</sup>	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 <sup>1</sup>	3
CORE 90 ( <i>Comp. Area Option</i> ) – See checklist for options <sup>1</sup>	3	Elective	3
<b>Total:</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Total:</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Year 2: Fall</b>		<b>Year 2: Spring</b>	
CORE 40 ( <i>Lang., Phil. &amp; Culture</i> ) – See checklist for options <sup>1</sup>	3	CORE 50 ( <i>Creative Arts</i> ) – See checklist for options <sup>1</sup>	3
CORE 60 ( <i>American History</i> ) – See checklist for options <sup>1</sup>	3	CORE 60 ( <i>American History</i> ) – See checklist for options <sup>1</sup>	3
POSC 2304 Introduction to Political Science	3	CORE 80 ( <i>Social &amp; Behav. Sci.</i> ) – See checklist for options <sup>1</sup>	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
<b>Total:</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Total:</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Year 3: Fall</b>		<b>Year 3: Spring</b>	
POSC 3361 Contemporary Political Research Methods	3	POSC 4333 American Constitutional Development	3
POSC 3365 Political Thought	3	POSC 4370 International Relations	3
POSC – Legal Studies Special. (1) (see checklist for options)	3	POSC – Legal Studies Special. (2) (see checklist for options)	3
Elective	3	Elective	3
Elective	3	Elective	3
<b>Total:</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Total:</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Year 4: Fall</b>		<b>Year 4: Spring</b>	
POSC 3360 Comparative Politics	3	POSC – Legal Studies Special. (4) (see checklist for options)	3
POSC – Legal Studies 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
<b>Total:</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Total:</b>	<b>15</b>

<sup>1</sup> **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.

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