

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

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

Social Sciences
Department of Political Science and Criminal Justice
OM 414 (806) 651-2433

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: extra 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, 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 th hr. moves to Core 90	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, 1307 (for music majors), 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: 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 th -hour credits from Core 20 and Core 30 (MATH, BIOL, CHEM, ENVR, GEOL, PHYS)	6	
SOCIAL SCIENCE MAJOR REQUIREMENTS: 54 HOURS		
A grade of "C" or better must be earned in all courses required for major. - Take 18 semester hours in each of two social sciences (anthropology, economics, geography, history, political science, psychology, and sociology). Also, take nine semester hours in each of two additional social sciences. No one-semester-hour courses may be counted toward these requirements. - Portfolio: 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.		
Complete one of the following courses: HIST 3301* Historical Research Methods POSC 3361 Contemporary Political Research Methods SOCI 4362* Social Research - Note: Whichever of these courses is taken can count towards the required hours in that subject. (3)	(3)	

Bachelor of Science Degree
BS.SOCIAL.SCI (121)

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BACHELOR OF SCIENCE REQUIREMENTS: 6 HOURS		OPTION
Six hours chosen from biology, chemistry, environmental science, geology, geosciences, mathematics, physics, and natural sciences.	6	
ELECTIVES: 18 HOURS BY ADVISEMENT ♦		
ELECTIVES (for a minimum of 36 advanced credits completed in residence and a total of 120 degree credits)	18	
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: Social Sciences, B.S.

BS.SOCIAL.SCI (121)

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 80 (<i>Social & Behav. Sci.</i>) – See checklist for options ¹	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
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
1 st Social Science Subject (3 of 18 hours) ²	3	HIST 3301 Historical Research Methods ³ or POSC 3361 Contemp. Political Res. Methods or SOCI 4362 Social Res.	3
2 nd Social Science Subject (3 of 18 hours) ²	3	3 rd Social Science Subject (3 of 9 hours) ²	3
B.S. Requirement – See checklist for options	3	B.S. Requirement – See checklist for options	3
Total:	15	Total:	15
Year 3: Fall		Year 3: Spring	
1 st Social Science Subject (3 of 18 hours) ²	3	1 st Social Science Subject (3 of 18 hours) ²	3
2 nd Social Science Subject (3 of 18 hours) ²	3	2 nd Social Science Subject (3 of 18 hours) ²	3
3 rd Social Science Subject (3 of 9 hours) ²	3	3 rd Social Science Subject (3 of 9 hours) ²	3
4 th Social Science Subject (3 of 9 hours) ²	3	4 th Social Science Subject (3 of 9 hours) ²	3
Elective	3	Elective	3
Total:	15	Total:	15
Year 4: Fall		Year 4: Spring	
1 st Social Science Subject (3 of 18 hours) ²	3	1 st Social Science Subject (3 of 18 hours) ²	3
1 st Social Science Subject (3 of 18 hours) ²	3	2 nd Social Science Subject (3 of 18 hours) ²	3
2 nd Social Science Subject (3 of 18 hours) ²	3	2 nd Social Science Subject (3 of 18 hours) ²	3
4 th Social Science Subject (3 of 9 hours) ²	3	Elective	3
Elective	3	Elective	3
Total:	15	Total:	15

¹ **CORE:** Social Sciences 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.

² **Social Science Subject:** Take 18 hours in each of two social sciences (anthropology, economics, geography, history, political science, psychology, and sociology). Also, take nine semester hours in each of two additional social sciences. No one-semester-hour courses may be counted toward these requirements.

³ **HIST 3301:** HIST 2302 is a prerequisite.

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.

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