

**West Texas A&M University
Advising Services
Degree Checklist
2015-2016**

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NAME: _____ WT ID: _____ DATE: _____

**Political Science
Department of Political Science and Criminal Justice
OM 414 651-3310**

CORE CURRICULUM COURSES: 42 HOURS ♦	HRS
Communication (Code 10)	
ENGL 1301 Introduction to Academic Writing and Argumentation	3
COMM 1315, 1318, or 1321	3
Mathematics (Code 20)	
MATH 1314*, 1316*, 1324*, 1325*, 1332*/**, 1350*/**, 2412*, or 2413* (extra MATH hour moves to Code 90)	3
Life and Physical Sciences (Code 30)	
Take two courses from (extra lab hours move to Code 90): ♦	
ANSC 1319; BIOL 1406 or 1408, 1407* or 1409*, 1411, 1413; CHEM 1405* or 1411*, 1412*; GEOL 1401 or 1403, 1402, 1404; PHYS 1401*, 1402*, 1411, 1412, 2425*, 2426*; PSES 1301, 1307	6
Language, Philosophy and Culture (Code 40)	
ANTH 2351, ENGL 2321*, 2326*, 2331*, 2341*, 2343*; HIST 2311, 2323, 2372; PHIL 1301, 2374; SPAN 2311*, 2312*/**, 2313*, or 2315* Choose 1	3
Creative Arts (Code 50)	
ARTS 1303, ARTS 1304; DANC 2303; HUMA 1315; MUSI 1306 or 1208 and 1209* (extra MUSI hour moves to Code 90); or THRE 1310 Choose 1	3
American History (Code 60)	
HIST 1301, 1302, 2301, 2381 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; PSYC 2301; SOCI 1301 Choose 1	3
Component Area Option (Code 90)	
Take six hours from: ♦	
AGRI 2300; BIOL lab hours (from Code 30); BUSI 1304; CHEM lab hours (from Code 30); CIDM 1301 or 1315; CS 1301; ENGL 1101 (pending approval), 1302*, 2311*; FIN 1307, GEOL lab hours (from Code 30); IDS 1071 (1-3 hours); extra MATH hours (from Code 20); extra MUSI hour (from Code 50); PHIL 2303; PHYS lab hours (from Code 30)	6
POLITICAL SCIENCE MAJOR REQUIREMENTS: 36 HOURS	
A grade of "C" or better must be earned in all courses required for major.	
POSC 2304 Introduction to Political Science	3
POSC 3361 Contemporary Political Research Methods	3
CRIJ/POSC/SOCI/SOCW 3362* Statistics for the Social Sciences	3
POSC 3365 Political Thought	3
POSC 4333 American Constitutional Development	3
POLITICAL SCIENCE ELECTIVES	
Take 21 hours of political science electives, 12 of which must be advanced.	
ADVANCED POLITICAL SCIENCE ELECTIVE	3
ADVANCED POLITICAL SCIENCE ELECTIVE	3
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ADVANCED POLITICAL SCIENCE ELECTIVE	3
POLITICAL SCIENCE ELECTIVE (ANY LEVEL)	3

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POLITICAL SCIENCE ELECTIVE (ANY LEVEL)	3	
POLITICAL SCIENCE ELECTIVE (ANY LEVEL)	3	
BACHELOR OF ARTS REQUIREMENTS: 12 HOURS		OPTION
Six hours of foreign language.	(6-8)	
Six hours chosen from art, English, history, modern languages, music, philosophy and theatre.	6	
ELECTIVES: 28-30 HOURS BY ADVISEMENT—SEE NOTE ♦		
ELECTIVES (ADVANCED)		
ELECTIVES (ANY LEVEL)		
MINIMUM HOURS REQUIRED TO COMPLETE DEGREE	120	

♦ NOTE: 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.

* Indicates prerequisites—see catalog for more information.

** While MATH 1332 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 39 hours of advanced work (3000- or 4000-level courses) for which tuition is paid must be earned at WTAMU, and 30 of the final 36 hours counted toward the degree 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. After completing 30 hours, students are encouraged to request an official degree plan by using the online [Request for a Degree Plan](#) form. If unable to use the online form, students can also submit a request in Old Main, Room 415 (or call 806-651-2668). Students who have completed 45 hours will not be allowed to progress without requesting a degree plan.



First Year					
Fall		Spring			
H o u r s 15	CORE 10-ENGL 1301	3	H o u r s 15	CORE 10-COMM 1315, 1318 or 1321	3
	CORE 20-MATH	3		CORE 90	3
	* See checklist for options			* See checklist for options	
	CORE 30-LAB SCIENCE	3		CORE 30-LAB SCIENCE	3
	* See checklist for options			* See checklist for options	
	CORE 90	3		CORE 70-POSC 2305 or 2306	3
* See checklist for options					
CORE 70-POSC	3	ELECTIVE	3		
2305 or 2306					

Second Year					
Fall		Spring			
H o u r s 15	POSC 2304	3	H o u r s 15	POSC 3362	3
	CORE 40	3		CORE 50-ARTS	3
	* See checklist for options			* See checklist for options	
	CORE 60-HIST	3		CORE 60-HIST	3
	1301, 1302, 2301 or 2381			1301, 1302, 2301 or 2381	
	BA REQUIREMENT	3		CORE 80	3
* See checklist for options		* See checklist for options			
ELECTIVE	3	BA REQUIREMENT	3		
		* See checklist for options			

Third Year					
Fall		Spring			
H o u r s 15	POSC 3365	3	H o u r s 15	POSC ELECTIVE	3
	POSC 3361	3		POSC ELECTIVE	3
	BA REQUIREMENT	3		BA REQUIREMENT	3
	* See checklist for options			* See checklist for options	
	ELECTIVE	3		ADV ELECTIVE	3
ELECTIVE	3	ADV ELECTIVE	3		

Fourth Year					
Fall		Spring			
H o u r s 15	POSC ELECTIVE	3	H o u r s 15	POSC 4333	3
	POSC ELECTIVE	3		POSC ELECTIVE	3
	POSC ELECTIVE	3		POSC ELECTIVE	3
	ADV ELECTIVE	3		ADV ELECTIVE	3
	ADV ELECTIVE	3		ELECTIVE	3

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 45 hours. Students should always seek the advice of their academic adviser before scheduling classes.

* See checklist for options. **Core 90:** Lab hours for 4-hour Core 30 (science) courses and extra hour from 4-hour Core 20 (math) courses must be counted in Core 90.