

**Bachelor of Arts (BA) – Political Science with Teacher Certification  
(Social Studies Composite: Geography Minor and History Third Field)  
Catalog Year 2019**

*For Advising Purposes Only*

**GENERAL EDUCATION CORE  
42 HOURS**

**COMMUNICATION – CODE 010 (6 HOURS)**

ENG 1310, ENG 1320, HON 2301A, or HON 2301B

**MATHEMATICS – CODE 020 (3 HOURS)**

MATH 1315, MATH 1317, MATH 1319, MATH 1329, MATH 2321, MATH 2417, or MATH 2471

**LIFE AND PHYSICAL SCIENCE – CODE 030 (6 HOURS)**

Choose two: ANTH 2414, BIO 1320, BIO 1321, BIO 1330, BIO 1331, CHEM 1310, CHEM 1430, CHEM 1341, CHEM 1342, GEO 1305, GEOL 1410, GEOL 1420, PHYS 1310, PHYS 1320, PHYS 1340, PHYS 1350, PHYS 1315, PHYS 1325, PHYS 1430, PHYS 2425, HON 2303A, HON 2303B, or HON 2303C

**LANGUAGE, PHILOSOPHY, AND CULTURE – CODE 040 (3 HOURS)**

PHIL 1305 (WI), PHIL 1320 (WI), HON 2304A, HON 2304B, or HON 2304C

**CREATIVE ARTS – CODE 050 (3 HOURS)**

ART 2313, DAN 2313, MU 2313, or TH 2313

**AMERICAN HISTORY – CODE 060 (6 HOURS)**

HIST 1310 (WI), HIST 1320 (WI) (satisfied in third teaching field)

**POLITICAL SCIENCE – CODE 070 (6 HOURS)**

POSI 2310, POSI 2320, HON 2307A, or HON 2307B (satisfied in major)

**SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES – CODE 080 (3 HOURS)**

ECO 2301 or ECO 2314

**TEXAS STATE AREA OPTION – CODE 090 (6 HOURS)**

COMM 1310, HON 2309B, HON 2309F, HON 2309L, or HON 2309O  
 ENG 2310, ENG 2320, ENG 2330, ENG 2340, ENG 2359, ENG 2360, HON 2309A, HON 2309C, HON 2309D, HON 2309E, HON 2309G, HON 2309H, HON 2309I, HON 2309J, HON 2309K, HON 2309M, HON 2309N, or HON 2309Q

Note: Honors course options are available to members of the Honors College. Visit [www.txstate.edu/honors](http://www.txstate.edu/honors) for more info. All Honors course options and sophomore literature courses are Writing Intensive (WI) if taken at Texas State.

**POLITICAL SCIENCE MAJOR  
30 HOURS**

- POSI 2310 Principles of American Government
- POSI 2320 Functions of American Government
- PS 2304 Introduction to Political Science
- PS 3300 Basic Political Ideas (WI)  
or PS 3301 Basic Political Institutions (WI)

**CHOOSE 4 OF THE 5 GROUPS (12 HOURS)**

- Group I Political Theory and Methodology
- Group II American Government
- Group III Public Law and Public Administration
- Group IV Comparative Politics
- Group V International Relations

**ADVANCED POLITICAL SCIENCE ELECTIVE**

PS 3000 or 4000 level elective

**PRACTICUM IN POLITICAL SCIENCE**

PS 4398 (WI) (PS 4398 should be taken with the Block Experience)

**SOCIAL STUDIES RESOURCES AND PRACTICES**

HIST 4380 (WI) (HIST 4380 should be taken with the Block Experience)

Note: Will need a C or higher in all Political Science courses and a 2.50 GPA in this section.

**GEOGRAPHY MINOR  
16 HOURS**

- GEO 1309 Introduction to Cultural Geography  
or GEO 1310 World Geography
- GEO 2410 Introduction to Physical Geography  
(Prerequisite: MATH 1315 or above [excluding 1316] with a C or higher)
- GEO 3303 Economic Geography
- GEO 3309 United States and Canada (WI)
- GEO 3329 Geography of Texas

Note: Will need a C or higher in all Geography courses and a 2.50 GPA in this section.

**HISTORY THIRD FIELD  
15 HOURS**

- HIST 1310 History of the United States to 1877 (WI)
- HIST 1320 History of the United States, 1877 to Date (WI)
- HIST 2311 History of World Civilization to the 17<sup>th</sup> Century (WI)
- HIST 2312 History of World Civilization from the 17<sup>th</sup> Century (WI)
- HIST 3372 Texas History: A Survey (WI)

Note: Will need a C or higher in all History courses and a 2.50 GPA in this section.

**ADDITIONAL BA REQUIREMENTS  
19-27 HOURS**

**MODERN LANGUAGE (6-14 HOURS)**

Choose from: American Sign Language, Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Russian, or Spanish

1410\*  1420\*  2310  2320

\*Most students will need to complete 1410 and 1420 as prerequisites before attempting 2310.

**ADDITIONAL HISTORY (6 HOURS)**

HIST 2311 (WI) (satisfied in third teaching field)  
 HIST 2312 (WI) (satisfied in third teaching field)

**ADDITIONAL SCIENCE (4 HOURS)**

GEO 2410 (satisfied in GEO minor)

**ADDITIONAL ENGLISH LITERATURE (3 HOURS)**

Choose one (must be different from core): ENG 2310, ENG 2320, ENG 2330, ENG 2340, ENG 2359, or ENG 2360

**MINIMUM GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

- 120 total hours
- 36 advanced hours
- 30 hours taken at Texas State
- 24 advanced hours taken at Texas State
- 12 advanced hours in major taken at Texas State
- 24 of the last 30 hours taken at Texas State
- 9 Writing Intensive (WI) hours taken at Texas State
- 2.75 Overall GPA
- 2.00 Texas State GPA
- 2.50 GPA in all Teaching Fields (POSI, GEO, & HIST)
- 2.50 Teacher Certification coursework

## DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

Undergraduate Academic Center (UAC) 355

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### ADVANCED POLITICAL SCIENCE COURSES

(Note: PS 3300 or PS 3301 serve as corequisites for all advanced PS courses.)

#### GROUP I – POLITICAL THEORY AND METHODOLOGY

PS 3311	American Political Thought: From the Colonial Period to Civil War <sup>1</sup>
PS 3313	Contemporary Political Theory <sup>1</sup>
PS 3314	Politics and Personality <sup>1</sup>
PS 3315	Quantitative Research in Political Science <sup>1,2</sup>
PS 4311	Ancient & Medieval Political Thought (Greeks to 1600) <sup>1</sup>
PS 4312	Modern Political Theory (1600-1900) <sup>1</sup>
PS 4313	The Holocaust <sup>1</sup>

#### GROUP II – AMERICAN GOVERNMENT

PA 3316	Metropolitan Politics <sup>1,2</sup>
PA 3351	Urban Management and Regional Policy <sup>1,2</sup>
PA 4362	Government, Nonprofit and America Business <sup>1,2</sup>
PS 3321	Campaigns and Elections <sup>1</sup>
PS 3322	Parties and Party Politics <sup>1</sup>
PS 3323	Congress and the Legislative Process <sup>1</sup>
PS 3324	The American Presidency <sup>1</sup>
PS 3325	State and Local Government <sup>1</sup>
PS 3326	Issues and Interest Groups: Power and Pressure in America <sup>1</sup>
PS 3327	The American Founding <sup>1</sup>
PS 3328	Politics in Film <sup>1</sup>
PS 4321	American Foreign Policy <sup>1</sup>
PS 4323	Latina/o Politics <sup>1</sup>
PS 4324	Women in Politics <sup>1</sup>
PS 4325	Texas Politics <sup>1</sup>
PS 4326	Media and Public Opinion <sup>1</sup>
PS 4327	Religion and American Public Life <sup>1</sup>

#### GROUP III – PUBLIC LAW AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

PA 3300	Introduction to Public and Nonprofit Administration <sup>1</sup>
PA 3310	Public Finance Administration <sup>2</sup>
PA 3330	Public Personnel and Human Resource Administration <sup>1,2</sup>
PA 3340	Administrative Law <sup>1,2</sup>
PA 3350	Public Policy Process <sup>1,2</sup>
PA 4352	Comparative Public Administration <sup>1,2</sup>
PS 3331	The Supreme Court and the Judicial Process <sup>1</sup>
PS 3332	Constitutional Law: Basic Structures and Principles <sup>1</sup>
PS 3333	Constitutional Law: Individual Liberties <sup>1</sup>
PS 3334	Civil Law in American Society <sup>1</sup>
PS 4333	Issues in Law and Public Policy <sup>1</sup>
PS 4334	Legal Theories and Research <sup>1</sup>

#### GROUP IV – COMPARATIVE POLITICS

PS 3341	Comparative Politics <sup>1</sup>
PS 3342	African Politics <sup>1</sup>
PS 3343	Government and Politics of Latin America <sup>1</sup>
PS 3344	Government and Politics of Europe <sup>1</sup>
PS 3345	Government and Politics of Russia <sup>1</sup>
PS 3346	Government and Politics of Asia <sup>1</sup>
PS 3347	Politics of Modern Southeast Asia <sup>1</sup>
PS 3348	Revolution and Nationalism <sup>1</sup>
PS 3352	Theories of International Politics <sup>1</sup>
PS 4331	Islamic Law and Politics <sup>1</sup>
PS 4342	Economic Development in Latin America <sup>1</sup>
PS 4343	Politics of Democratization in Developing Countries <sup>1</sup>
PS 4344	The Politics of Extremism <sup>1</sup>
PS 4346	Organization of American States <sup>1</sup>

#### GROUP V – INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

PS 3351	Introduction to International Studies <sup>1</sup>
PS 3352	Theories of International Politics <sup>1</sup>
PS 3353	Issues in World Politics <sup>1</sup>
PS 3354	United States-Latin American Relations <sup>1</sup>
PS 4341	Civil-Military Relations in Comparative Politics <sup>1</sup>
PS 4351	International Conflict and Security <sup>1</sup>
PS 3352	International Law <sup>1</sup>
PS 4353	International Organizations <sup>1</sup>
PS 4354	Politics of International Economic Relations <sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Indicates a Writing Intensive course.

<sup>2</sup> Indicates a prerequisite or corequisite course is required. Refer to catalog or an academic advisor.

## TEACHING CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

21 HOURS

### PRE-BLOCK COURSES (6 HOURS)

Required prerequisites for Pre-block Courses: 60 earned hours and 2.75 Overall GPA

- CI 3325 Adolescent Growth and Development
- CI 4332 Curriculum and Technology

### BLOCK EXPERIENCE (9 HOURS)

Required prerequisites for the Block Experience: Admittance into the Teaching Preparation Program; CI 3325 and CI 4332; 2.75 Overall GPA; and co-enrollment in all three courses listed

- CI 4343 Instructional Strategies for the Secondary Teacher
- CI 4370 Classroom Management, Ethics, and Legal Issues
- RDG 3323 Teaching Reading in the Content Areas

### STUDENT TEACHING (6 HOURS)

Required prerequisites for Student Teaching: Admittance into the Teaching Preparation Program; all other coursework completed; 2.75 Overall GPA

- EDST 4681 Student Teaching

Note: The Block Experience and Student Teaching require applications. Visit [www.education.txstate.edu/oep](http://www.education.txstate.edu/oep) for more info.

Note: Will need a C or higher in all Teaching Certification requirement courses and a 2.50 GPA in this section.

## ADMITTANCE TO THE TEACHER PREPARATION PROGRAM

Students must apply to and meet the following requirements for admittance into the Teacher Preparation Program:

- An Overall GPA of at least 2.75
- Completion of the following coursework with a grade of "C" or better in the following skill areas:
  - Reading: Any 6 credit hours coded 060 or 070 Core Curriculum
  - Written Communication: Any 6 credit hours coded 010 Core Curriculum
  - Critical Thinking: Any 3 credit hours coded 040 Core Curriculum
  - Mathematics: Any 3 credit hours coded 020 Core Curriculum
  - Completion of COMM 1310 or its equivalent with a grade of "B" or better to demonstrate competency in oral communication. *If a "C" is earned, students may schedule an interview with the Office of Educator Preparation to determine whether the course must be repeated*
- Junior status (60 hours completed)
- 12 semester credit hours in subject-specific content area
- Application to the Teacher Preparation Program

Determination of admittance to the Teacher Preparation Program is overseen by the Office of Educator Preparation. More information available at [www.education.txstate.edu/oep](http://www.education.txstate.edu/oep).

To meet with an academic advisor, please contact:

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