

**Bachelor of Arts (BA) – Political Science with Teacher Certification  
(Social Studies Composite: Geography Minor and History Third Field)  
Catalog Year 2020**

*For Advising Purposes Only*

**DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE**

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**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 2301+2101, 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, HON 2303C, or HON 2303D

**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, TH 2313, HON 2305A, HON 2305B, HON 2305C, or HON 2305D

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

HIST 1310 (WI), HIST 1320 (WI) (satisfied in HIST minor)

**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.

**ADDITIONAL BA REQUIREMENTS**

**19-27 HOURS**

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

Choose from: American Sign Language, Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Latin, Portuguese, 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 HIST minor)

HIST 2312 (WI) (satisfied in HIST minor)

**ADDITIONAL SCIENCE (4 HOURS)**

GEO 2410 (satisfied in third teaching field)

**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

**POLITICAL SCIENCE MAJOR**

**30 HOURS**

POSI 2310 Principles of American Government  
 POSI 2320 Functions of American Government  
 PS 3300 Basic Political Ideas  
or PS 3301 Basic Political Institutions

**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 MATH 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.

**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, HIST, & GEO)  
 2.50 Teacher Certification coursework

## 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/oeop](http://www.education.txstate.edu/oeop) for more info.

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

- 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.

## 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/oeop](http://www.education.txstate.edu/oeop).

## 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>

To meet with an academic advisor, please contact:

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