

Political Science | Bachelor's Degree

	FIRST YEAR	MIDDLE YEARS	LAST YEARS
ADVANCE your academic journey	Meet with a First Year Advisor to develop your academic planning. Explore majors with a MyMajors assessment. Meet with the Political Science Undergraduate Program Director to develop your academic planning within your selected major. Take advantage of the Student Learning Assistance Center (Tutoring).	Meet with the Political Science Undergraduate Program Director to explore 3+2 Accelerated Degree Program (BA + MA) opportunities. Visit the College of Liberal Arts Advising Center for guidance with successful degree completion, identifying resources, and help achieving academic, personal, and professional goals. Explore external scholarship opportunities such as the Fulbright Scholarship to take your expertise to unique locations abroad. Seek scholarship opportunities offered by the College of Liberal Arts. Share your knowledge as a Peer Mentor or Tutor at SLAC.	Meet with the Political Science Undergraduate Program Director to check your Degree Audit and confirm preparations for graduation. Complement your degree with a micro credential. Meet with a faculty advisor/mentor or peer advisor. Complete a capstone project related to major.
EXPAND your personal and social development	Review your degree plan for course options that include the Service-Learning Excellence program. Build social networks by joining events and organizations through the Bobcat Organization Club. Attend a Department of Political Science Event to get acclimated to the department and become part of the community. Attend the College of Liberal Arts Undergraduate Research Expo to explore innovative student research.	Consider political science study abroad opportunities to enrich your understanding of the field and immerse yourself in global practices and perspectives. Education Abroad also offers faculty-led, exchange, virtual, and short-term affiliated programs. Join a political science affiliated student organization to expand your academic experience, network with peers and professionals, and gain invaluable career skills. Discover Global Online Learning Experiences for courses with culturally dynamic perspectives. Participate in The Big Event to give back to the regional community.	Seek out a leadership role with the Leadership & Service. Consider joining Peace Corps Prep to learn how to gain valuable international experience, make a global impact, and engage in meaningful cultural exchange. Attend a Student Government Senate meeting to contribute to your fellow students and your own student experience.
ENRICH your practical competence	Explore the TXST One Stop for more information about the scholarships provided to new and continuing students. Research Political Science Internship Opportunities to facilitate skill development and get a sense of future career opportunities. Attend an IDEA Center workshop to learn more about undergraduate research. Visit BOSS for scholarship opportunities.	Become familiar with the Department of Political Science's internship opportunities and requirements. Become a mentee through the COLA mentoring program which connects students with alumni for career advice, networking, and professional development. Apply to Pi Sigma Alpha, to be recognized for academic achievement and gain valuable networking opportunities. Review micro internship opportunities for professional development in which you learn and earn.	Learn about Global Career Accelerator options that give you experience with global companies and in-demand tech skills. Join a professional organization, like APSA, that is in your major or speaks to your passion. Deliver a presentation in a student conference, workshop, seminar or community organization.
ELEVATE your career and professional life	Meet with the Political Science Undergraduate Program Director to ensure course selections align with career objectives. Complete your Career Assessments, such as Focus2. Create your Handshake profile. Create your LinkedIn profile and connect with colleagues and leaders.	Develop and review your resume with Career Services. Build Career & Graduate School Fairs into your schedule to ensure your connection maximum opportunities. Join Employer Information Sessions at Career Services or your department. Prepare to ace your job interviews with Career Services.	Develop a full-time employment or graduate school plan with Career Services. Complete your First Destination Survey to share your post-graduation plans. Identify and establish faculty and professional references.

OUTCOMES

Marketable Skills

Think critically

Analyze and solve problems

Communicate clearly and effectively

Analyze key concepts in political science theory and practice

Prepare written and oral reports related to political science

[See more marketable skills for this major](#)

Experiences in Political Science

The political science major at Texas State University offers a rigorous education that blends theory with hands-on training in content analysis, public opinion research, and statistical analysis. Students develop critical thinking, communication, and problem-solving skills while, gaining deep insights into political systems and governance. They also learn to analyze and evaluate generalizations about government and human behavior, preparing them to navigate complex political landscapes with clarity and precision. Beyond coursework, students gain real-world experience through competitive internships in government and advocacy, study abroad programs, and leadership roles in student organizations. Research opportunities, honor societies, and special events further enhance their expertise and professional network. Throughout their studies, students are encouraged to reflect on their career goals, personal values, and civic responsibilities, shaping them into engaged and informed citizens. Graduates emerge with a versatile skill set, practical experience, and strong career prospects in law, government, journalism, international relations, and nonprofit leadership—equipped to drive meaningful change in their communities and beyond.

Career Opportunities

Political science graduates have diverse career opportunities across government, education, journalism, law, nonprofit organizations, international affairs and advanced specialization:

- Government & Public administration:** Ambassador, Foreign service officer, intelligence specialist, Public affairs analyst, City planner, Chief of staff, Legislative coordinator, County treasurer, Policy advisor, Government relations Specialist, public administrator, Diplomatic officer, Urban and Regional planner
- Education & Research:** Civics/Government teacher, College professor, Curriculum developer, Education reporter, Political science researcher, Academic advisor, Civic engagement educator
- Political campaigns & Advocacy:** Campaign manager, Political consultant, Issue analyst, Political director, Grassroots organizer, Political strategist, Polling analyst, Legislative aide, Public policy advocate
- Journalism & Media:** Political reporter, Public affairs research Analyst, News producer, Writer/Editor, Investigative Journalist, Media consultant, Broadcast analyst
- Nonprofit & Public interest work:** Community organizer, Human rights Advocate, Labor union Organizer, Fundraising director, Program coordinator, Social justice advocate, Nonprofit policy analyst
- Law & Legal Services:** Attorney, Paralegal, Judge, Legislative Attorney, Public policy analyst, Legal consultant, Compliance officer, Civil rights advocate
- International affairs & Global relations:** Foreign service officer, International correspondent, Research specialist, Consultant for multinational corporations, Global policy analyst, Humanitarian aid coordinator, International trade Specialist, Immigration policy advisor