

**POLITICAL SCIENCE, CONCENTRATION—TEACHER CERTIFICATION IN
GOVERNMENT—LICENSURE FOR GRADES 6-12 ACADEMIC MAP:
DEGREE BS (120 CREDIT HOURS)**

This degree map is a semester-by-semester sample course schedule for students majoring in **Political Science with a concentration in Teacher Certification in Government—Licensure for Grades 6-12**. The milestones listed to the right of each semester are designed to keep a student on track to graduate in four years. The schedule serves as a general guideline to help build a full schedule each semester. Milestones are courses and special requirements necessary for timely progress to complete a major. When one or more milestones are missed, students should consult with an academic advisor to determine if another degree path would be more suitable.

The curriculum for the Political Science/Teacher Certification Program includes the University’s general education requirements, the requirements for the major, and a series of professional education courses culminating in a student teaching internship during the spring semester of the senior year. Majors in Political Science who wish to seek teacher licensure for grades 6-12 in History, Government, and Geography apply for admission to the Teacher Education office in the second semester of their sophomore year. Applicants must have a cumulative grade point average of 2.75 or better and must pass the Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators tests. Students who have previously earned a score of 22 on the ACT or Enhanced ACT, or a combined score of 1020 on the verbal and mathematical portions of the SAT are exempt from the Praxis Core. Admission to the Teacher Education Program is a prerequisite to all upper-level courses in the professional education curriculum.

Students are required to seek advisement regarding their licensure programs as early as possible during their academic career at Tennessee State University to ensure that all prerequisite courses and Praxis exams are complete in preparation for Residency.

Tennessee State University recognizes that students have diverse learning, life, and professional experiences. The University provides opportunities for students to earn college credit toward the degree through a number of assessment options that evaluate their learning experiences. These paths are grouped under the category “Prior Learning Assessment” (PLA). Various means of earning PLA credit at TSU are the following: Advanced Placement Program, American Council of Education (ACE) Military Credit, College Level Exam Program (CLEP), DSST Credit by Examination Program (includes DANTES Examination), Institutional Course Challenge Exams (Departmental Exams), International Baccalaureate Credit, Other Military Service, Portfolio Assessment. To learn more about PLA contact your academic advisor or the Office of Student Support Services for Adult and Distance Learners at (615) 963-7001 or adultstudentsupport@tnstate.edu.

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Fall Schedule		Milestones
Semester 1	Hrs.	Semester 1
ENGL 1010: Freshman English I	3	Prerequisite Course: Must be taken before ENGL 1020, and HIST 2010, HIST 2020, HIST 2030, HIST 2060, HIST 2070, or HIST 2700; Minimum grade “C” Required
UNIV 1000*: Service to Leadership	1	
POLI 1010: Introduction to Political Science	3	Minimum grade of C required
Natural Science w/lab**	4	
MATH 1013: Contemporary Mathematics or MATH 1110***: College Algebra I	3	
Total hours	14	

*An Orientation course taken at another University does **NOT** meet this requirement. Students with less than 60 credit hours must take UNIV 1000 at TSU.

**Natural Science-Must have 8 semester hours which includes the appropriate labs. Recommended courses are: BIOL 1010/1011, CHEM 1030/1031, PHYS 2030/2031.

***To take Astronomy 1010 or 1020 (which can satisfy the Natural Science requirement), Math 1110 is a pre-requisite. It is also a pre-requisite for economics and accounting courses.

Spring Schedule		Milestones
Semester 2	Hrs.	Semester 2
ENGL 1020: Freshman English II	3	Prerequisite Course: Must be taken before taking HIST 2010, HIST 2020, HIST 2030, HIST 2060, HIST 2070, or HIST 2700; Minimum grade "C" Required
Natural Science w/lab*	4	
POLI 2010: American National Government	3	Minimum grade of C required
EDCI 2010: History and Foundations of Education	3	Required course for admission to teacher education
COMM 2200: Public Speaking	3	
Total hours	16	

*Natural Science-Must have 8 semester hours which includes the appropriate labs. Recommended courses are: BIOL 1010/1011, CHEM 1030/1031, PHYS 2030/2031. Students must remember not to duplicate course option from a previous semester.

Fall Schedule		Milestones
Semester 3	Hrs.	Semester 3
		Take Praxis I Core—Reading 5712 (qualifying score 156), Writing 5722 (qualifying score 162), Math 5732 (qualifying score 150) before applying for admission to Teacher Education in Semester 4. Students with ACT of 22 or higher, or SAT combined score of 1020 or higher, are exempt from Praxis 1 Core.
2000 level English Sophomore Literature	3	
HIST 2000 level**	3	HIST 2010 (US History I), HIST 2020 (US History II), HIST 2030 (History of Tennessee), HIST 2060 (World History I), HIST 2070 (World History II), or HIST 2700 (African-American Experience)
POLI 2200 (Fall only): Introduction to International Politics	3	Minimum Grade of C required
PSYC 2420: Human Growth and Learning	3	Required course for admission to teacher education
GEOG 1010: World Regional Geography I	3	
Total hours	15	

*ENGL 2012-2322 will meet this requirement; must have 3 credit hours in this discipline.

**ENGL 1020 is a pre-requisite. Options include HIST 2010, 2020, 2030, 2060, 2070, and 2700.

Spring Schedule		Milestones
Semester 4	Hrs.	Semester 4
		Apply for Admission to Teacher Education/Pre-Residency*; satisfactory report on Criminal Background Check; successful interview; satisfactory writing sample.
HIST 2000 level**	3	HIST 2010 (US History I), HIST 2020 (US History II), HIST 2030 (History of Tennessee), HIST 2060 (World History I), HIST 2070 (World History II), or HIST 2700 (African-American Experience)
POLI 2220 (Spring only): State and Local Government	3	Minimum Grade of C required
Humanities Elective***	3	
GEOG 1020: World Regional Geography II	3	
Humanities Elective***	3	
Total hours	15	

*2.75 GPA is required for admission, as well as acceptable Praxis I scores, or 22 and higher ACT, or 1020 and higher SAT.

**ENGL 1020 is a pre-requisite. Options include HIST 2010, 2020, 2030, 2060, 2070, and 2700. Students must remember not to duplicate course option from a previous semester.

***ART1010, MUSC 1010, PHIL 1030, RELS 2010 will meet this requirement. See Catalog for complete list of qualifying courses.

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Semester 5 – Pre-Residency	Hrs.	Prerequisite: Admission to Teacher Education Program
POLI 3100*: Research Methodology	3	Minimum Grade of C required
POLI 3000: History of Political Philosophy, or 3010*: Contemporary Political Philosophy	3	Minimum Grade of C required
3000-4000 level POLI elective**	3	Minimum Grade of C required
3000-4000 level POLI elective**	3	Minimum Grade of C required
3000-4000 level Liberal Arts Elective**	3	
3000-4000 level Geography	3	
Total hours	18	

*Required course for majors.

**Selected in consultation with your departmental advisor to best suit your career goals.

Spring Schedule		Milestones
Semester 6 – Pre-Residency	Hrs.	Apply for Admission to Residency 1. Take required Praxis Subject Assessment Tests.
3000-4000 level POLI elective*	3	Minimum Grade of C required
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EDSE 3330*: Education of Exceptional Children	3	Minimum Grade of C required
EDCI 3870**: Curriculum Development	3	Minimum Grade of C required
Total hours	15	

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**Required course for teacher licensure, and you must be admitted to teacher education to take these courses.

Fall Schedule		Milestones
Semester 7 – Residency 1	Hrs.	Semester 7 Prerequisite: Admission to Residency 1; Retake required Praxis Subject Assessment Tests if necessary; Engage in a minimum of 50% onsite clinical experience; Apply for admission to Residency 2 (full-time co-teaching)
HIST 3710*: Teaching of History and the Social Sciences	3	Minimum Grade of C required
POLI 4500**: Senior Project	3	Minimum Grade of C required
EDRD 4910**: Reading and Study in Secondary Schools	3	Minimum Grade of C required
EDCI 4620*: Field Study in Education	6	This is part-time student teaching and is also known as Residency 1. Minimum grade of C required
Total hours	15	

*Required course for teacher licensure, and you must be admitted to Residency 1 to take this course.

**To enroll in POLI 4500 a student must have satisfactorily completed all lower division courses and a majority of upper-division Political Science coursework. Required course for majors.

Spring Schedule		Milestones
Semester 8 – Residency 2	Hrs.	Students planning to graduate need to take the Political Science Major Field Test, the Senior Exit Exam, and apply for graduation; Engage in full-time co-teaching (100% clinical experience); Complete Teacher Education Exit Interview
HIST 4720*: Student Teaching	9	Minimum Grade of C required
EDCI 4705*: Educational Seminar	3	Minimum Grade of C required; complete edTPA
Total hours**	12	

*Required course for teacher licensure, and you must be admitted to student teaching to take this course. Student must also pass all required Praxis Subject Area exams.

Employment Information:

While this degree is primarily focused on achieving teacher licensure for the secondary level, it is also a BS degree in Political Science. A bachelor's degree in Political Science can lead to exciting careers in federal, state and local governments; law; business; international organizations; nonprofit associations and organizations; campaign management and polling; journalism; pre-collegiate education; electoral politics; research and university/college teaching. Political science majors gain analytical skills, administrative competence and communication abilities that are valued in a wide spectrum of potential career areas. <http://www.apsanet.org/careersinpoliticalscience>

Representative Job Titles Related to this Major:

Middle and High School Civics/Government teacher

Representative Employers:

Public and private middle and high schools.

International study is available for all TSU students and may include opportunities for internships or taking course work towards various minors. International study may have an impact on the MAP; therefore, it is important to consult with the academic advisor for this major before participating in an international Program opportunity. Students interested in study abroad opportunities should contact the Office of International Programs and consult with their academic advisor.

This map is not intended to be a contract; either expressed or implied, between the University and the students, but represents a flexible program of the current curriculum which may be altered from time to time to carry out the academic objectives of the University. TSU specifically reserves the right to change, delete or add to any MAP at any time within the student's period of study at the University.