

POLITICAL SCIENCE ACADEMIC MAP: DEGREE BS (120 CREDIT HOURS)

This degree map is a semester---by---semester sample course schedule for students majoring in **Political Science**. The milestones listed to the right of each semester are designed to keep student on track to graduate in four years. The schedule serves as a general guideline to help build a full schedule each semester. Students should meet with their academic advisor every semester to insure that they are on track for timely graduation and meeting all of their academic goals.

As a student in the College of Liberal Arts (CLA), you are expected to maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.00. For admission into the upper---level program of the Political Science major, students must complete all of the requirements listed in the General Education Core. Students must also earn a minimum cumulative grade point average of at least 2.0 on college level course work, and minimum grade of C in POLI 101 and POLI 2010.

The major in Political Science is designed to familiarize students with both American and international politics while also developing the skills of Political Science as an intellectual discipline. The program's upper---level curriculum encourages broad exposure to the discipline while also allowing students to specialize in areas such as American politics, international relations, and the American legal system.

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	3	Pre---Requisite 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*	1	
POLI 1010 or 2010	3	Minimum Grade of "C" required
Natural Science w/lab**	4	
COMM 2200	3	
Total hours	14	

*An Orientation course taken at another University does **NOT** meet this requirement. Students with less than 6 credit hours must take UNIV 100 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.

Spring Schedule		Milestones
Semester 2	Hrs.	Semester 2
ENGL 1020	3	Pre---Requisite 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 or 1010	3	Minimum Grade of "C" required
Humanities Elective**	3	
MATH 1013 or 1110***	3	
Total hours	16	

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**ART1010, MUSC 1010, PHIL 1030, RELS 2010 will meet this requirement; Pre---law students should consider PHIL 1030 or additional 2000 level Literature.

***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.

Fall Schedule		Milestones
Semester 3	Hrs.	Semester 3
ENGL Literature *	3	
HIST 2000 level	3	
POLI 2200 (Fall only)	3	Minimum Grade of "C" required
Humanities Elective**	3	
1000---2000 level elective***	3	
Total hours	15	

*ENGL 1012---2322 will meet this requirement; must have 3 credit hours in this discipline.

**ART1010, MUSC 1010, PHIL 1030, RELS 2010 will meet this requirement; Pre---law students should consider PHIL 1030 or additional 2000 level Literature. Students must remember not to duplicate course option from a previous semester.

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Spring Schedule		Milestones
Semester 4	Hrs.	Semester 4
HIST 2000 level	3	
POLI 2220 (Spring only)	3	Minimum Grade of "C" required
1000---2000 level elective*	3	
1000---2000 level elective*	3	
1000---2000 level elective*	3	
Total hours	15	

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Fall Schedule		Milestones
Semester 5	Hrs.	Semester 5
POLI 3100*	3	Minimum Grade of "C" required
POLI 3000 or 3010*	3	Minimum Grade of "C" required
1000---4000 level elective**	3	
1000---4000 level elective**	3	
1000---4000 level elective**	3	
Total hours	15	

*Required course for majors.

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Spring Schedule		Milestones
Semester 6	Hrs.	Semester 6
3000---4000 level POLI elective*	3	Minimum Grade of "C" required
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1000---4000 level elective*	3	
1000---4000 level elective*	3	
1000---4000 level elective*	3	
Total hours	15	

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Fall Schedule		Milestones
Semester 7	Hrs.	Semester 7
3000---4000 level POLI elective*	3	Minimum Grade of "C" required
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3000---4000 level POLI elective*	3	Minimum Grade of "C" required
3000---4000 level elective*	3	
3000---4000 level elective*	3	
Total hours	15	

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Spring Schedule		Milestones
Semester 8	Hrs.	Semester 8
		Take Senior Exit Exam and Apply for Graduation
		Students planning to graduate must take the Political Science Major Field Test, the Senior Exit Exam and apply for graduation.
POLI 4500*	3	Minimum Grade of "C" required
3000---4000 level POLI elective**	3	Minimum Grade of "C" required
3000---4000 Level Elective**	3	
3000---4000 Level Elective**	3	
3000---4000 Level Elective**	3	
Total hours***	15	

*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.

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Employment Information: 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: President of the United States, Attorney General, Member of Congress, Governor, Judge, State Legislator, Mayor, non Profit executive, Insurance Agent, Teacher, Public Administrator Small Business owner, Lobbyist.

Representative Employers: Federal Government, State Government, Local Government, Foreign Government, Interest Groups, Non Profits, Non---governmental organizations, Law Firms, and Fortune 500 Companies.

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.