

**POLITICAL SCIENCE, CONCENTRATION—TEACHER CERTIFICATION IN  
GOVERNMENT LICENSURE FOR GRADES 7-12 ACADEMIC MAP:  
DEGREE BS (120 CREDIT HOURS)**

This degree map is a semester-by-semester course schedule for students majoring in [Political Science with a concentration in Teacher Certification in Government Licensure for Grades 7-12](#). 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 this 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 7-12 in History, Government, and Geography apply for admission through the Teacher Education office at the start of their sophomore year. Applicants must have a cumulative grade point average of 2.75 or better and must pass the Praxis Series Pre-Professional Skills Test (PPST). Students who have previously earned a score of 22 on the ACT or Enhanced ACT, or a combined score of 990 on the verbal and mathematical portions of the SAT are exempt from the PPST. 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: Advance Placement Program, American Council of Education (ACE) Military Credit, American Council on Education (ACE) other Assessed Credit, College Level Exam Program (CLEP), DSST Credit by Examination Program (includes DAN TES 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 (615) 963-7001.

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| Fall Schedule           |             | Milestones  |
|-------------------------|-------------|---|
| <b>Semester 1</b>       | <b>Hrs.</b> | <b>Semester 1</b>   |
| ENGL 1010               | 3           | Pre-Requisite Course: Must be taken before ENGL 1020, and HIST 2010, HIST 2020, HIST 2030, HIST 2050 or HIST 2700; Minimum grade “C” Required |
| UNIV 1000*              | 1           |   |
| POLI 1010               | 3           | Minimum grade of C required   |
| Natural Science w/lab** | 4           |   |
| Math 1013 or 1110***    | 3           |   |
| <b>Total hours</b>      | <b>14</b>   |   |

\*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   |
|------------------------|-------------|--|
| <b>Semester 2</b>      | <b>Hrs.</b> | <b>Semester 2</b>  |
|                        |             | Take Praxis I if ACT was lower than 22 or SAT lower than 990   |
| ENGL 1020              | 3           | Pre-Requisite Course: Must be taken before HIST 2010, HIST 2020, HIST 2030, HIST 2050 or HIST 2700; Minimum grade "C" Required |
| Natural Science w/lab* | 4           |  |
| POLI 2010              | 3           | Minimum grade of C required  |
| EDCI 2010              | 3           | Required course for admission to teacher education   |
| COMM 2200              | 3           |  |
| <b>Total hours</b>     |             |  |

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| Fall Schedule         |             | Milestones   |
|-----------------------|-------------|--|
| <b>Semester 3</b>     | <b>Hrs.</b> | <b>Semester 3</b>  |
|                       |             | Take Praxis I if ACT was lower than 22 or SAT lower than 990 |
| ENGL Literature*      | 3           |  |
| HIST 2000 level**     | 3           |  |
| POLI 2200 (Fall only) | 3           | Minimum Grade of C required                                  |
| PSYC 2420             | 3           | Required course for admission to teacher education           |
| GEOG 1010             | 3           |  |
| <b>Total hours</b>    | <b>15</b>   |  |

\*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, 2050, 2060, and 2700

| Spring Schedule         |             | Milestones   |
|-------------------------|-------------|--|
| <b>Semester 4</b>       | <b>Hrs.</b> | <b>Semester 4</b> Apply for admission to Teacher Education Program by March* |
| HIST 2000 level**       | 3           |  |
| POLI 2220 (Spring only) | 3           | Minimum Grade of C required  |
| Humanities Elective***  | 3           |  |
| GEOG 1020               | 3           |  |
| Humanities Elective***  | 3           |  |
| <b>Total hours</b>      | <b>15</b>   |  |

\*2.75 GPA is required for admission, as well as acceptable Praxis I scores, or 22 and higher ACT, or 990 and higher SAT.

\*\*ENGL 1020 is a pre-requisite. Options include HIST 2010, 2020, 2030, 2050, 2060, and 2700.

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

| Fall Schedule                           |             | Milestones  |
|---|-------------|---|
| <b>Semester 5</b>                       | <b>Hrs.</b> | <b>Semester 5</b> Take Praxis 2 subject area exams for your teaching field(s) |
| POLI 3100*                              | 3           | Minimum Grade of C required   |
| POLI 3000 or 3010*                      | 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           |   |
| <b>Total hours</b>                      | <b>18</b>   |   |

\*Required course for majors.

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

| Spring Schedule                |             | Milestones   |
|--------------------------------|-------------|--|
| <b>Semester 6</b>              | <b>Hrs.</b> | <b>Semester 6</b> Apply for admission to Clinical Practice (Student Teaching) by March |
| 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  |
| EDRD 4910**                    | 3           | Minimum Grade of C required  |
| EDCI 3870**                    | 3           | Minimum Grade of C required  |
| <b>Total hours</b>             | <b>15</b>   |  |

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

| Fall Schedule      |             | Milestones   |
|--------------------|-------------|--|
| <b>Semester 7</b>  | <b>Hrs.</b> | <b>Semester 7</b> Take Praxis 2 Teaching and Learning exam     |
| HIST 3710*         | 3           | Minimum Grade of C required                                    |
| POLI 4500**        | 3           | Minimum Grade of C required                                    |
| EDSE 3330*         | 3           | Minimum Grade of C required                                    |
| EDCI 4620*         | 6           | This is also known as Residency 1. Minimum Grade of C required |
|                    |             |  |
| <b>Total hours</b> | <b>15</b>   |  |

\*Required course for teacher licensure, and you must be admitted to student teaching 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   |
|----------------------|-------------|--|
| <b>Semester 8</b>    | <b>Hrs.</b> | <b>Semester 8</b>  |
|                      |             | Take Senior Exit Exam and Apply for Graduation   |
|                      |             | Students planning to graduate need to take the Political Science Major Field Test, the Senior Exit Exam, and apply for graduation. |
| HIST 4720*           | 9           | Minimum Grade of C required  |
| EDCI 4705*           | 3           | Minimum Grade of C required  |
|                      |             |  |
|                      |             |  |
| <b>Total hours**</b> | <b>12</b>   |  |

\*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.

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