

**West Texas A&M University  
Advising Services  
Degree Checklist  
2021-2022**

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NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ WT ID: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**Political Science – American Gov. & Politics Specialization  
Department of Political Science and Criminal Justice  
OM 414 651-3310**

CORE CURRICULUM COURSES: 42 HOURS ♦	HRS	AC
<b>Communication (Code 10)</b>		
ENGL 1301 Introduction to Academic Writing and Argumentation	3	
COMM 1315, 1318, or 1321	3	
<b>Mathematics (Code 20)</b>		
MATH 1314*, 1316*, 1324*, 1325*, 1332**/**, 1342*/**, 1350*/**, 2412*, or 2413* (2412 & 2413: fourth hr. moves to Code 90)	3	
<b>Life and Physical Sciences (Code 30)</b>		
<b>Take two courses from (extra lab hours move to Code 90): ♦</b>		
ANSC 1319; BIOL 1406 or 1408, 1407* or 1409*, 1411, 1413; CHEM 1405* or 1411*, 1412*; ENVR 1407*; GEOL 1401 or 1403, 1402, 1404; PHYS 1401*, 1402*, 1411, 1412, 2425*, 2426*, 2471; PSES 1301, 1307	6	
<b>Language, Philosophy and Culture (Code 40)</b>		
ANTH 2351, ENGL 2321*, 2326*, 2331*, 2341*, 2343*; HIST 2311, 2323, 2372; MCOM 1307; PHIL 1301, 2374; SPAN 2311*, 2312*/**, 2313*, 2315*, or 2371 <span style="float: right;">Choose 1</span>	3	
<b>Creative Arts (Code 50)</b>		
ARTS 1301, 1303, 1304; DANC 2303; MUSI 1306, MUSI 1307 (for music majors), MUSI 1310; or THRE 1310 <span style="float: right;">Choose 1</span>	3	
<b>American History (Code 60)</b>		
HIST 1301, 1302, 2301, 2381, 2382 <span style="float: right;">Choose 2</span>	6	
<b>Government/Political Science (Code 70)</b>		
POSC 2305 and 2306	6	
<b>Social and Behavioral Sciences (Code 80)</b>		
AGBE 2317*; COMM 2377; CRIJ 1301; ECON 2301, 2302; PSYC 2301; SOCI 1301 <span style="float: right;">Choose 1</span>	3	
<b>Component Area Option (Code 90)</b>		
<b>Take six hours from: ♦</b>		
AGRI 2300; BIOL lab hours (from Code 30); BUSI 1304; CHEM lab hours (from Code 30); CIDM 1105, CIDM 1301 or 1315; CS 1301; ECON 2331; ENGL 1101, 1102, 1302*, 2311*; ENVR lab hour (from Code 30); GEOL lab hours (from Code 30); IDS 1071 (1-3 hours); extra MATH hours (from Code 20); MUSI 1053; PHIL 2303; PHYS lab hours (from Code 30); SES 1120	6	
<b>POLITICAL SCIENCE CORE (21 hours required for all specializations): A grade of "C" or better must be earned in all courses required for major.</b>		
POSC 2304 Introduction to Political Science	3	
POSC 3360* Comparative Politics	3	
POSC 3361 Contemporary Political Research Methods	3	
CRIJ/POSC/SOCI/SOCW 3362* Statistics for the Social Sciences	3	
POSC 3365 Political Thought	3	
POSC 4333 American Constitutional Development	3	
POSC 4365* International Relations	3	
<b>POLITICAL SCIENCE - AMERICAN GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS SPECIALIZATION (12 HOURS)</b>		
<b>Select 12 hours from the following:</b>		
POSC 3301 The American Presidency		
POSC 3303 US Congress		
POSC 3305 Judicial Politics and Process <span style="float: right;">cont. →</span>		

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POSC 3311 Public Opinion POSC 3312 Political Parties and Interest Groups POSC 3313 Campaigns and Elections POSC 3315 Religion and Politics POSC 3317 Women and Politics POSC 4307 Municipal Government POSC 4369 American National Security POSC 4371 American Foreign Policy POSC 4392 American Politics		
<b>POLITICAL SCIENCE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS ELECTIVES</b> Take 9 hours of political science electives at the 3000- or 4000-level.		
ADVANCED POLITICAL SCIENCE ELECTIVE	3	
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<b>BACHELOR OF SCIENCE REQUIREMENTS: 6 HOURS AC OPTION</b>		
Six hours chosen from biology, chemistry, geology, geosciences, mathematics, physics and natural sciences	6	
<b>ELECTIVES: 30 HOURS BY ADVISEMENT—SEE NOTE ♦</b>		
ELECTIVES (See NOTE below)		
<b>MINIMUM HOURS REQUIRED TO COMPLETE DEGREE</b>		
	<b>120</b>	

♦ NOTE: The core curriculum must total **exactly 42 hours**; excess hours must be moved to the major as an elective or a major requirement and stay within the 120-hour requirement or approved total submitted to the Coordinating Board for degree requirements. Some majors specify particular courses to meet core curriculum requirements when options are available.  
\* Indicates prerequisites—see catalog for more information.  
\*\* While MATH 1332, 1342 and 1350 will fulfill core math requirements, they will NOT prepare students for higher-level math courses such as Plane Trigonometry (MATH 1316) or Pre-Calculus (MATH 2412).  
\*\*\* Or an equivalent course (second year, second semester) in a foreign language.

NOTE: At least 36 hours of advanced work (3000- or 4000-level courses) for which tuition is paid must be earned at WTAMU, and 30 of the final 36 hours counted toward the degree must be earned at WTAMU. A maximum of six semester hours in religion (REL) and six semester hours in physical education (PHED) courses can count toward a baccalaureate degree.

**Note: This is NOT a degree plan. After completing 30 hours, students must request an official degree plan (using the online [Request for a Degree Plan](#) form) in order to progress. Students who have questions about their degree plan should contact the office of the dean of the College of Education and Social Sciences.**

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Major: B.S. Political Science - American Government and  
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Major Code: 110

First Year	
<b>Fall</b>	<b>Spring</b>
Core 10-ENGL 1301 3	Core 10-Comm 3 (See Checklist for Options)
Core 20-Math 3 (See Checklist for Options)	Core 90 (See Checklist for Options) 3
Core 30-Lab Science 3 (See Checklist for Options)	Core 30-Lab Science 3-4 (See Checklist for Options)
Core 90 (See Checklist for Options) 3	Core 70-POSC (POSC 2305 or 2306) 3
Core 70-POSC (POSC 2305 or 2306) 3	Elective 3
Semester Hours 15	Semester Hours 15-16

Second Year	
<b>Fall</b>	<b>Spring</b>
POSC 2304 Introduction to Political S 3	POSC 3362 Statistics for the Social Sc 3
Core 40 3 (See Checklist for Options)	Core 50-Arts 3 (See Checklist for Options)
Core 60-Hist 3 (See Checklist for Options)	Core 60-Hist 3 (See Checklist for Options)
BS Requirement 3-4 (See Checklist for Options)	Core 80 3 (See Checklist for Options)
Elective 3	BS Requirement 3-4 (See Checklist for Options)
Semester Hours 15-16	Semester Hours 15-16

Third Year	
<b>Fall</b>	<b>Spring</b>
POSC 3365 Political Thought 3	POSC 4333 American Constitutional 3
POSC 3361 3 Contemp. Political Science Research Methods	POSC 4365 Topics in International Re 3
POSC American Government Speciali 3 (See Checklist for Options)	POSC American Government Speciali 3 (See Checklist for Options)
Elective 3	Advanced Elective 3
Elective 3	Advanced Elective 3
Semester Hours 15	Semester Hours 15

Fourth Year	
<b>Fall</b>	<b>Spring</b>
POSC 3360 Comparative Politics 3	POSC American Government Speciali 3 (See Checklist for Options)
POSC American Government Speciali 3 (See Checklist for Options)	Advanced POSC Elective 3
Advanced POSC Elective 3	Advanced POSC Elective 3
Advanced Elective 3	Advanced Elective 3
Advanced Elective 3	Elective 3
Semester Hours 15	Semester Hours 15

**Degree Total Hours 120**

**DISCLAIMER:** This curriculum guide should be used in conjunction with the corresponding degree checklist for general planning purposes only. The degree checklist (later a student's official degree plan) should be referred to as the comprehensive list of all courses required for the degree. An official degree plan is required after completing 30 hours. Students should always seek the advice of their academic adviser before scheduling classes.

**Identified Marketable Skills:**

**Top 3 Local Employers or Industries/Professional Programs/Possible Career Opportunities**

**Prerequisites/Important Sequences/Other degree Notes:**