

Political Science (B.S.)

2025-2026 Academic Catalog, Bachelor of Science – Political Science

Academic Core for B.S. 47 Hours

CHRISTIAN STUDIES		6
CSBS 1311	Engaging the Old Testament	3
CSBS 1312	Engaging the New Testament	3

ENGLISH		9
ENGL 1321	Rhetoric & Composition I	3
ENGL 1322	Rhetoric & Composition II	3
ENGL	Literature	3

A grade of a "C" or higher is required in ENGL 1321 and ENGL 1322.

EXERCISE & SPORT SCIENCE – SELECT TWO DIFFERENT COURSES		2
EXAC	Activity Course	1
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FINE ARTS – SELECT ONE		3
ARTS 1310	Drawing I	3
ARTS 1320	Design	3
ARTS 1350	Art Appreciation	3
ARTS 2360	Ceramics I	3
COMM 2335	Film Appreciation	3
FINA 2330	Exploring the Fine Arts	3
MUSI 1340	Music Appreciation	3
THEA 2350	Theatre Appreciation	3

WORLD CULTURES – SELECT ONE		3
HIST 1311	History of World Civilizations to 1500	3
HIST 1312	History of World Civilizations since 1500	3

LAB SCIENCE		8
-	Laboratory Science Courses	8

PUBLIC SPEAKING		3
COMM 1320	Public Speaking	3

MATHEMATICS		3
MATH 1304	Survey of Mathematics or higher	3

RESEARCH METHODS OR INTERNSHIP		3
POLS 2315	Comparative Political Systems	3

SOCIAL SCIENCE – SELECT ONE		3
BECO 2311	Principles of Macroeconomics	3
EDUC 2399	Child and Adolescent Development	3
PSYC 1301	General Psychology	3
SOCI 1311	Introduction to Sociology	3
SOCW 2311	Introduction to Social Work	3

US HISTORY OR US GOVERNMENT – SELECT ONE		3
HIST 2311	American History to 1877	3
HIST 2312	American History since 1877	3

FRESHMAN SEMINAR		1
UMHB 1101	Freshman Seminar	1

CHAPEL – 1 to 4 credits		
UMHB 1002	Chapel	

Fine Arts Experience – 2 to 8 credits		
UMHB 1005	Fine Arts Experience	

Political Science 27 Hours

B.S. POLITICAL SCIENCE MAJOR REQUIRED COURSES		27
POLS 2305	United States Government	3
POLS 2306	Texas State and Local Government	3
POLS 2315	Comparative Political Systems	-
POLS 2320	Topics and Methods of Political Science	3
POLS 4318	International Political Economics	3
POLS 4330	Religion & Politics U.S.	3
POLS	Upper Level Political Science Elective	6
POLS	Political Science Electives	6
POLS 4090	Political Science Capstone	0

The hours for POLS 2315 are already accounted for in the Academic Core.

Students must earn a C or better for any course to count toward the major.

Electives 46 Hours

UPPER LEVEL ELECTIVES		24
You need 24 additional hours to reach your 36 UL required hrs.		

ELECTIVES		22
You need 22 additional hours to reach your 120 required hrs.		

Total Hours

Academic Core for B.S.	47
B.S. Political Science Major Required Courses	27
Upper Level Elective	24
Electives	22
Total hours required for graduation	120

Additional Graduation Requirements

Minimum Upper Level hours	36
Minimum hours taken at UMHB	30
Minimum Upper Level hours taken at UMHB	24
Minimum cumulative GPA	2.0

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FRESHMAN FALL 16 Hours

ENGL 1321	Rhetoric & Composition I	3
POLS 2305	United States Government	3
	Social Science	3
CSBS 1311	Engaging the Old Testament	3
MATH 1304	Survey of Mathematics <i>or higher</i>	3
UMHB 1101	First Year Seminar	1
UMHB 1002	Chapel	0
UMHB 1005	Fine Arts Experience (FAE)	0

FRESHMAN SPRING 17 Hours

ENGL 1322	Rhetoric & Composition II	3
POLS 2306	Texas State and Local Government	3
COMM 1320	Public Speaking	3
CSBS 1312	Engaging the New Testament	3
	Laboratory Science	4
EXAC	Activity Course	1
UMHB 1002	Chapel	0
UMHB 1005	Fine Arts Experience (FAE)	0

SOPHOMORE FALL 14 Hours

ENGL	Literature	3
POLS 2320	Topics & Methods in Pol. Sci. (Fall only course)	3
	Laboratory Science	4
	Fine Arts	3
EXAC	Activity Course	1
UMHB 1002	Chapel	0
UMHB 1005	Fine Arts Experience (FAE)	0

SOPHOMORE SPRING 15 Hours

	HIST 1311 or HIST 1312	3
POLS 2315	Comparative Political Systems (Spring only course)	3
	HIST 2311 or HIST 2312	3
	Minor or Elective	3
	Minor or Elective	3
UMHB 1002	Chapel	0
UMHB 1005	Fine Arts Experience (FAE)	0

JUNIOR FALL 15 Hours

POLS 4318	International Political Economy	3
	Elective	3
	Elective	3
	Minor or Elective (upper level)	3
	Minor or Elective (upper level recommended)	3
UMHB 1005	Fine Arts Experience (FAE)	0

JUNIOR SPRING 15 Hours

POLS 4330	Religion and Politics in the U.S.	3
	Elective	3
	Minor or Elective (upper level recommended)	3
	Minor or Elective (upper level)	3
POLS	Political Science Upper Level Elective	3
UMHB 1005	Fine Arts Experience (FAE)	0

SENIOR FALL 15 Hours

POLS	Political Science Upper Level Elective	3
POLS	Political Science Elective	3
	Minor or Elective (upper level)	3
	Minor or Elective (upper level recommended)	3
	Minor or Elective (upper level recommended)	3
UMHB 1005	Fine Arts Experience (FAE)	0

SENIOR SPRING 13 Hours

POLS	Political Science Elective	3
POLS 4090	Political Science Capstone	0
	Minor or Elective (upper level)	3
	Minor or Elective (upper level)	3
	Minor or Elective (upper level recommended)	3
	Elective	1
UMHB 1005	Fine Arts Experience (FAE)	0

Total Credit Hours: 120