Prairie View A&M University 2015-2016

Brailsford College of Arts and Sciences

"The basis of a democratic state is liberty....Liberty and equality will be best attained in a democracy when all persons share in the government to the utmost."

~ Aristotle



Bachelor of Arts in Political Science

Division of Social Work, Behavioral and Political Sciences

Dr. Walle Engedayehu, Division Head

Program of Study

The Political Science Program is committed to providing students with the knowledge and skills necessary to understand political systems so that they may succeed in their careers and become better citizens of the nation and the world. Coursework is designed to enhance critical thinking and written communication skills as a prerequisite for employment in the public or private sector, as well as admission to graduate or professional schools.

The Political Science Program is located in the historic George Ruble Woolfolk Building. The Woolfolk Building is equipped with a computer laboratory/Smart Classroom, conference room, offices, and classrooms.



Degree in Political Science

The Political Science Program offers courses leading to the Bachelor of Arts degree. Courses are designed to provide an understanding of the theoretical and practical aspects of political systems and processes as well as the historical, social, and economic basis of political institutions. The curriculum is comprehensive and encompasses a variety of courses covering many subfields of Political Science including: American politics, political theory, public policy and administration, constitutional law, and international relations. The Bachelor of Arts degree requires the completion of 120 semester hours of coursework. The University Catalog is the only official document specifying the baccalaureate de-

The Political Science Field

Political science is the branch of knowledge concerned with the study and analysis of political institutions and processes. The political science major provides an excellent foundation that challenges the students to think critically, develop logical intellectual curiosity, and to be sensitive to diverse cultures. The study of political science provides students with a broad set of skills necessary to analyze public issues and problems, such as education, energy, pollution, crime, poverty, war/peace, and inter-group relations.



Organizations and Honor Societies

PVAMU has many political science-related organizations and societies that are open to all students regardless of their major field. Some organizations and societies include:

- Blackstone Pre-Law Society
- Model United Nations Club
- Pi Sigma Alpha Political Science Honor Society
- PolySci Club
- Student Government Association

Political Science Faculty

Walle A. Engedayehu, Ph.D. Angelia Y. Jones Ph.D.
Stephen A. Huss, M.A.
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Career Paths

Political science is a versatile degree that will prepare graduates for careers in government, education, business and industry. Graduates obtain employment in public agencies at the federal, state and local levels, state legislatures and Congress, urban and community planning, non-profit organizations, law enforcement, and foreign service. Political science is also excellent preparation for the study of law.



Famous Political Science Majors

President Barack Obama, New Mexico Governor Bill Richardson, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, Undersecretary of State Arturo Valenzuela, Nobel Laureates Ralph Bunche and Elinor Ostrom, California Lt. Governor Cruz Bustamante, San Antonio Mayors Henry Cisneros and Julian Castro, Congresswoman Barbara Jordan, Corp. Executive Fred Keeton, actor Alec Baldwin, activist Gloria Steinam, AOL CEO Steve Case and ESPN Announcer Greg Anthony.

B.A. Degree Requirements			
2015-2016			
Core Curriculum			42 SCH
Foreign Language			6 SCH
MAJOR RE	QUIREMENT	S	33 SCH
POSC 2133 Introduction to Political Science			
POSC 2413 Introduction to Research			
POSC 3543 International Politics			
POSC 4113 American Constitutional Law			
and 21 hours of POSC electives from the following:			
POSC 2123	POSC 2143	POSC 2213	POSC 2503
POSC 2523	POSC 2533	POSC 2543	POSC 3123
POSC 3213	POCS 3313	POSC 3513	POSC 3523
POSC 3533	POSC 3553	POSC 3593	POSC 4103
POSC 4123	POSC 4133	POSC 4143	POSC 4153
POSC 4193	POSC 4203	POSC 4213	POSC 4993

Support Area Requirements:

ECON 2123 Principles of Macroeconomics ENGL 2143 or ENGL 2423 or ENGL 2433 or ENGL3043 or ENGL 3243 GEOG 1113 Intro to Geography PSYC 2613 Statistics for Psychology I or SOCG 4053 Social Statistics Minor Requirements (minimum) 18 SCH Unrestricted Electives <u>9 SCH</u> Total Degree Requirements *120 SCH *May vary depending on minor selected.

12 SCH

POSC majors must earn a "C" or higher in all major and minor courses, including the support area and unrestricted electives. Course may not be used to satisfy multiple academic requirements.

Teacher Certification Track

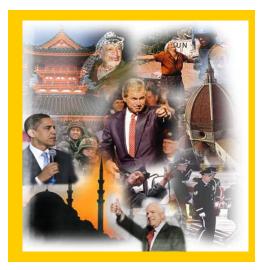
Students seeking a degree in political science with **teacher certification track** may substitute the necessary semester credit hours of CUIN courses for the minor requirements in the political science degree plan.

Minoring in Political Science

When the Program area is taken as a <u>Minor</u> in another degree program: (18 SCH) including POSC 2133, POSC 2413, and 12 SCH of Political Science Electives.

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