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.

LEGAL STUDIES

With the addition of the Legal Studies minor, students may specialize in a Pre-Law track designed to prepare students for work more broadly in the legal profession.

Careers: Researcher, paralegal, legal assistant, lawyer, prosecutor, judicial administration, and law enforcement.

PUBLIC SERVICE

With a strong foundation in public administration, public policy, and government, Political Science majors are critical thinkers and problem solvers.

Careers: City management, policy analysis, issue advocacy, non-profit organizations, public affairs, and judicial administration.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Students in our program have a strong background in international relations, area studies, and comparative politics. Study abroad is encouraged.

Careers: International law, business, non-profit, foreign service, conflict resolution.

120 Credits. The POSC Program offers courses leading to the Bachelor of Arts degree.

Courses in: Political theory, public policy, public administration, comparative politics, Latin American politics, Middle Eastern politics, African Politics, law, international relations, research methods, statistics and American politics.
2016-2017 POLITICAL SCIENCE DEGREE PLAN

English/Composition (6 Credits - ENGL 1123 Required)
ENGL 1123 Freshman Comp I (ENGL 1301)
ENGL 1133 Freshman Comp II (ENGL 1302)
ENGL 1143 Technical Writing (ENGL 2311)

Foreign Language (6 Credits - Same Language)
SPAN 1013 Elem Span I (SPAN 1411)
SPAN 1023 Elem Span II (SPAN 1412)
ARAB 1013 Elem Arab I (ARAB 1411)
ARAB 1023 Elem Arab II (ARAB 1412)
CHIN 1013 Elem Chinese I (CHIN 1411)
CHIN 1023 Elem Chinese II (CHIN 1412)

Mathematics (3 Credits)
MATH 1103 Contemp. College Algebra (MATH 1332)
MATH 1113 College Algebra (MATH 1314)

History (6 Credits - Choose 2)
HIST 1313 U.S. to 1876 (HIST 1301)
HIST 1323 U.S. 1876 to Present (HIST 1302)
HIST 1333 History of Texas (HIST 2301)

Government (6 Credits)
POSC 1113 American Government (GOVT 2305)
POSC 1123 Texas Government (GOVT 2306)

Advanced Social Sciences (3 Credits).
Ex. Psych, SOC, Human Development, Geography, Criminal Justice.

Professional Development Area I (3 Credits)
FINA 2103 Personal Financial Mgmt (BUSI 1307)
ECON 2003 Fundamentals of Economics (ECON 1301)

Professional Development Area II (3 Credits)
COMM 1003 Fundamentals of Speech SPCH (1315,1311)
COMP 1003 Digital Communication (COSC 1301)
CURR 1013 Principle of Effective Learning (EDUC 1300)
HLTH 2003 Personal Health and Wellness (PHED 1304)
MISY 1013 Info and Comm. in the Digital Age (BCIS 1301)

Visual and Performing Arts (3 Credits)
ARTS 1203 Introduction to Visual Arts (ARTS 1301)
COMM 2643 Media Literacy (COMM 2300)
DRAM 1103 Introduction to Theatre (DRAM 1310)
MUSC 1313 Music in Contemporary Life (MUSC 1306)
MUSC 1213 Fundamentals of Music (MUSC 1304)

Laboratory Science (6 Credits - Any Lab Science)
BIOL 1113 College Biology I (BIOL 1308)
BIOL 1123 College Biology II (BIOL 1309)
EX: Chemistry, Microbiology, Physics, Physical Science

Humanities (3 Credits)
ARTS 2223 History of Art I (ARTS 1303)
DRAM 2123 Theatre History (DRAM 2362)
ENGL 2153 Introduction to Literature (ENGL 2341)
HUMA 1303 Introduction to Humanities (HUMA 1301)
HUMA 1403 Survey of Mexican-Amer Culture (HUMA 1305)
PHIL 2023 Ethics (PHIL 2306)
PHIL 2303 Critical Thinking (PHIL 2303)

Required Political Sciences Courses (12 Credits)
POSC 2133 "Intro to Political Science (GOVT 2304)
POSC 2413 Scope & Methods in Poli Sci
POSC 3543 International Politics
POSC 4113 "American Constitutional Law

Required Electives (21 Credits)
POSC 2113 Political Parties and Elections
POSC 2123 Public Administration
POSC 2143 Legal Studies
POSC 2213 Blacks and American Poli Sys
POSC 2503 Global Issues
POSC 2523 Studies of the Global South
POSC 2533 Latin American/Carib Pols
POSC 2543 State and Local Government
POSC 3123 Modern Political Theory
POSC 3213 Public Policy Analysis
POSC 3313 "Political Studies Through Film
POSC 3513 Comparative Politics
POSC 3523 Comp Politics Develop States
POSC 3533 U.S. Foreign Policy
POSC 3553 African Politics
POSC 3593 Middle East Politics
POSC 4103 Urban Government & Politics
POSC 4123 "Constitution & Private Rights
POSC 4133 The Presidency
POSC 4143 The Legislative Process
POSC 4153 Internship in Political Science
POSC 4203 *Judicial Politics
POSC 4213 Seminar in Political Science
POSC 4193 P02 Gandhi and King/:Special Topics
POSC 4193 P01 Race, Gender, Public Policy/Special Topics

Support Area (12 Credits * Specific Required Courses)
*ECON 2123 Prin Macroeconomics (ECON 2301)
*ENGL 2143* Advanced Composition OR
ENGL 3043 Professional Writing for Electronic Media
*GEOG 1113 Intro to Geography (GEOG 1300)
*PSYC 2613 Statistics for Psychology I PSYC 2317 OR
SOCG 4053 Social Statistics

A Minor of 18 Credits is Required for the BA in Political Science.