



Political Science, Bachelor of Arts
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2023-2024 Transfer Course Sheet
Minimum GPA | 2.5
Minimum Transferable Hours | 24
Maximum Transferable Hours | 75
Second Choice Major Eligible | YES

Required Coursework for Admission

Course Name	Hrs.	TCCNS	TAMU
Rhetoric and Composition I or II	3	ENGL 1301 or ENG 1302	ENGL 103 or ENGL 104
American Government	3	GOVT 2305	POLS 206
State & Local Government	3	GOVT 2306	POLS 207

Both POLS 206 and 207 are strongly preferred for transfer admissions. However, the department could accept either a non-Texas state and local government class (e.g. Oklahoma state government) or, if such a class is not offered, any other 3-hour government course towards POLS major electives as part of admission review. Applicants are encouraged to address the lack of a POLS 207 equivalent in their transfer application essay as POLS 207 will be a requirement of this degree.

Recommended Coursework for Admission

Course Name	Hrs.	TCCNS	TAMU
Math for Business & Social Sciences I	3	MATH 1324 or MATH 2413	MATH 140 or MATH 151
Math for Business & Social Sciences II	3	MATH 1325 or MATH 2414	MATH 142 or MATH 152
Foreign Language I	4	e.g. SPAN 1411	e.g. SPAN 101
Foreign Language II	4	e.g. SPAN 1412	e.g. SPAN 102

- **Maximum Transferable Hours are hours completed at the time of application.** See "Additional Transfer Requirements" on page 2 of this document for more information.
- Required courses listed must be completed with a grade of C or better.
- Trigonometry, College Algebra (MATH 1314), Pre-Calculus, and Statistics are transferable courses but **will not** satisfy the Mathematics requirements in this degree plan.
- Bachelors of Arts applicants are encouraged to complete at least 2 semesters (6 hours) of degree-applicable math before applying for transfer.
- Bachelors of Arts applicants who did not complete 2 years of the same foreign language in high school are encouraged to complete 2 semesters (8 hours) of the same college level foreign language before applying for transfer as this is a degree requirement for all Bachelor of Arts degree plans at TAMU.
- ENGL 1301 is a transferable course but may not satisfy the Communication requirements in this degree plan.
- AP/IB scores must be submitted at the time of application to be considered for coursework required for admission.
- The Department of Political Science will accept AP/IB credit when applicable. DO NOT retake classes for which you have AP/IB credit.

The recommendations below represent what a typical TAMU student's schedule looks like during the first four semesters. If working to complete an Associate's Degree before transferring, please align your degree plan to satisfy TAMU degree requirements. You may not have to complete the coursework in the sequence below but this major requires or recommends specific coursework to be completed.

First Year

FALL SEMESTER

TCCNS	TAMU	Course Name	Hrs.
ENGL 1301	ENGL 103	Freshman Composition I	3
GOVT 2305	POLS 206	American Government	3
MATH 1324	MATH 140	Math for Business & Social Sciences I	3
HIST 1301	HIST 105	American History I	3
		Foreign Language I*	4
Total			16

SPRING SEMESTER

TCCNS	TAMU	Course Name	Hrs.
ENGL 1302	ENGL 104	Freshman Composition II	3
GOVT 2306	POLS 207	State & Local Government	3
MATH 1325	MATH 142	Math for Business & Social Sciences II	3
HIST 1302	HIST 106	American History II	3
		Foreign Language II*	4
Total			16



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Second Year

FALL SEMESTER

TCCNS	TAMU	Course Name	Hrs.
	core.tamu.edu	Life & Physical Science	3
	core.tamu.edu	Creative Arts	3
	core.tamu.edu	Social & Behavioral Science	3
ENGL 2327**	ENGL 227	American Literature I	3
		Foreign Language III*	3
Total			15

SPRING SEMESTER

TCCNS	TAMU	Course Name	Hrs.
	core.tamu.edu	Life & Physical Science	3
	core.tamu.edu	Language, Philosophy & Culture	3
	core.tamu.edu	Social & Behavioral Science	3
ENGL 2328*	ENGL 228	American Literature II	3
		Foreign Language IV*	3
Total			15

* Students must take 14 hours of the same foreign language to meet the degree's foreign language requirement (e.g. 14 hours of SPAN).

** Additional ENGL literature classes may be substituted in place of ENGL 2327/2328. Common options include British Literature (ENGL 2322/2323) and World Literature (ENGL 2332/2333).

Coursework Timeline

- Applications to the summer/fall term **may** be asked to submit spring final grades. Competitive applicants will have Required and Recommended coursework completed by the application deadline.
- Summer coursework **will not** be considered for summer/fall applicants.
- Fall coursework **will not** be considered for spring applicants.
- Applicants to the spring term should have the Required and Recommended coursework completed by the end of Summer II semester before applying.

Additional Transfer Requirements

- Transfer applicants should have completed a full semester (spring or fall) course load of 12 transferable hours (minimum) after graduating from high school.
- Maximum credit hours listed are hours completed at the time of application. The department strongly recommends that students apply for transfer as early as possible.
- The Department of Political Science is looking for students who are interested in pursuing our degree as a focus. The essay and supporting materials should reflect that the student is interested in pursuing our degree.
- All courses completed, regardless of degree applicability, are considered including accepted credit by exam hours. Applicants cannot select which hours are transferable, or opt to exclude completed hours, all completed hours will be factored when calculating total credit hours completed. All courses completed, regardless of degree applicability, are considered including transcribed credit by exam hours.
- Meeting minimum requirements does not guarantee admission. The entire record is reviewed for consistency in coursework and grades.

Career & Educational Opportunities

Political science is the study of governments, the processes by which government officials and institutions make public policies, and the effects of those policies on society. The governments of all nations – and all levels of government such as those for cities and states as well as national governments – are subjects of study in this discipline. Political science also researches the political attitudes and behavior of citizens and of those individuals who hold official government positions. It also examines the relationships among the nations of the world. Among other things, political science addresses power, authority, influence, identity, ethics, law, liberty, justice, wealth, and violence.

The study of political science introduces students to a powerful set of analytical tools for understanding interactions within and among groups of people. These include systematic knowledge of recurring patterns and problems in political life and methods for collecting and analyzing data and other forms of evidence. Studying political science also cultivates critical thinking and effective communication and prepares students for active citizenship, professional success, and lifelong learning. Both the BA and BS are options within this major. For more information please visit careercenter.tamu.edu.



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Transfer Course Sheet Notes

1. Admission preference is given to applicants with the highest GPA and the most appropriate courses completed.
2. Transfer applicants are encouraged to complete University Core Curriculum coursework found in the Undergraduate Catalog unless specified above.
3. This Transfer Course Sheet was supported in a partnership between the Office of Admissions and the Bush School of Government and Public Service at Texas A&M University with the Undergraduate Catalog having the most extant and definitive information.