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2021-2022 Transfer Course Sheet
Minimum GPA | 3.0
Minimum Transferable Hours | 24
Maximum Transferable Hours | 60
Second Choice Major Eligible | YES

Required Coursework for Admission

Course Name	Hrs.	TCCNS	TAMU
Rhetoric and Composition II	3	ENGL 1302	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, for students coming from a private or out of state institution, the department will 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. Applicants are encouraged to address the lack of a POLS 207 equivalent in their transfer application essay.

Recommended Coursework for Admission

Course Name	Hrs.	TCCNS	TAMU
Math for Business & Social Sciences I	3	MATH 1324	MATH 140
Math for Business & Social Sciences II	3	MATH 1325	MATH 142

- **Maximum Transferable Hours are hours completed at the time of application**
- Required courses listed must be completed with a grade of C or better.
- 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.
- 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 Science applicants are *strongly encouraged* to complete at least 2 semesters (6 hours) of degree-applicable math before applying for transfer.
- Bachelors of Science applicants who did not completed 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 Science degree plans at TAMU.

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
	core.tamu.edu	Creative Arts	3
		Total	**15**

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
	core.tamu.edu	Language, Philosophy & Culture	3
		Total	**15**

Second Year

FALL SEMESTER

TCCNS	TAMU	Course Name	Hrs.
PHIL 2303	PHIL 240	Introduction to Logic	3
	core.tamu.edu	Social & Behavioral Science	3
ENGL 2327*	ENGL 227	American Literature I	3
	core.tamu.edu	Life & Physical Science	3
		Total	**12**

SPRING SEMESTER

TCCNS	TAMU	Course Name	Hrs.
	core.tamu.edu	Life & Physical Science	3
	core.tamu.edu	Social & Behavioral Science	3
ENGL 2328*	ENGL 228	American Literature II	3
	core.tamu.edu	Language, Philosophy & Culture or Creative Arts	3
		Total	**12**

*** 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).**

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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.
- 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.
- Transfer applicants should have no more than 60 hours completed at the time of application. The department strongly recommends that students apply for transfer as early as possible.
- Meeting minimum requirements does not guarantee admission. The entire record is reviewed for consistency in coursework and grades.
- Maximum credit hours listed are hours completed at the time of application. All courses completed, regardless of degree applicability, are considered including transcripted credit by exam hours.
- Applicants cannot select which hours are transferable, or opt to exclude completed hours, and all hours will be factored when calculating maximum transferable hours.

Additional Information

- The advisors for the Department of Political Science will evaluate additional government/political science transfer coursework (beyond GOVT 2305/ 2306) as necessary to determine if the coursework may be used towards the major area.

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.

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 College of Liberal Arts at Texas A&M University with the Undergraduate Catalog having the most extant and definitive information.