

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN POLITICAL SCIENCE (LEGAL STUDIES)

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Marketable Skills

Defined by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board's 60x30 Strategic Plan (<https://reportcenter.highered.texas.gov/agency-publication/miscellaneous/thecb-60x30-strategic-plan/>) as, "Those skills valued by employers that can be applied in a variety of work settings, including interpersonal, cognitive, and applied skills areas. These skills can be either primary or complementary to a major and are acquired by students through education, including curricular, co-curricular, and extracurricular activities."

- a. Employers seek employees who can work collaboratively in groups. The B.S. in Political Science (Legal Studies) develops this skill by requiring students to work on group projects (presented in front of the instructor and peers), identify clear roles within the group (e.g., spokespersons/team leaders), and present the findings of the group in a public forum.
- b. Employers seek employees who have solid writing and compositional skills. The B.S. in Political Science (Legal Studies) develops this skill by requiring students to engage in clear, persuasive, grammatically, and stylistically correct writing projects (research papers, policy briefs, reaction papers, memos, position papers, etc.).
- c. Employers seek employees who have solid oral communication skills. The B.S. in Political Science (Legal Studies) develops these skills by requiring students to present their research in a public forum (that is, in front of a class of peers) using visual aids (slides, charts, graphs, etc.) or to role-play in a public forum requiring extensive research on that role.
- d. Employers in the legal field seek employees who have advanced analytical skills, especially in legal issues. The B.S. in Political Science (Legal Studies) develops these skills through extensive content coverage of the law and legal issues, requiring students to analyze those legal issues and questions related to law and politics.