

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN POLITICAL SCIENCE (POLITICS, POLICY, AND PUBLIC SERVICE)

Web Site: <https://twu.edu/political-science/undergraduate-programs/bachelors-degrees-in-political-science/>

The Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science (Politics, Policy, and Public Service emphasis) provides an excellent foundation for proceeding to graduate programs in the field (M.A. and Ph.D.), to law school admission, or to careers in the public sector. Specifically, this degree provides a background for professional preparation in the following fields: library science, teaching at middle school, secondary school, or college level; work with archives; journalism; criminal justice administration; legal assistance; law school; foreign service, non-profit organizations; and administrative, federal, and state civil service.

Marketable Skills

Defined by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board's 60x30 Strategic Plan (<https://reportcenter.highered.texas.gov/agency-publication/miscellaneous/the60x30-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."

- Employers seek employees who can work collaboratively in groups. The B.S. in Political Science 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.
- Employers seek employees who have solid writing and compositional skills. The B.S. in Political Science 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.).
- Employers seek employees who have solid oral communication skills. The B.S. in Political Science 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.

Admissions

All applicants must meet the general undergraduate admission requirements (<https://catalog.twu.edu/undergraduate/admission-information/>).

Degree Requirements

Total Semester Credit Hours (SCH): 120

Major: 36 SCH

Program Code: POLSCIENCE.BS **CIP Code:** 45.1001.00

Students may choose from two separate emphases. Each requires thirty semester credit hours of government.

Texas Core Curriculum

Code	Title	SCHs
ENG 1013	Composition I	3
ENG 1023	Composition II	3
Mathematics		3
Life & Physical Sciences		6
Language, Philosophy, & Culture		3
Creative Arts		3
HIST 1013	History of the United States, 1492-1865	3
HIST 1023	History of the United States, 1865 to the Present	3
POLS 2013	U.S. National Government	3
POLS 2023	Texas Government	3
Social & Behavioral Sciences		3
CAO: Women's Studies		3
CAO: First Year Seminar, Wellness or Mathematics		3
Total SCHs		42

Courses Required for Major

Code	Title	SCHs
POLS 3173	Introduction to Comparative Politics	3
POLS 3303	The American Legislative Process	3
POLS 3723	Modern Political Thought	3
POLS 4533	International Relations	3
POLS 4813	Seminar in Public Policy	3
POLS 4833	Political Science: Scope and Methods	3
POLS 4933	Senior Seminar	3
Choose 15 SCH from the following		15
POLS 3013	Community Conversation in Sustainability	
POLS 3053	The American Presidency	
POLS 3063	Women in Politics	
POLS 3153	Law, Politics, and Public Policy	
POLS 3163	Media and Politics	
POLS 3233	Police, Policies, and Practices	
POLS 3513	Japanese Culture and Politics	
POLS 3613	The Politics of Food in America	
POLS 4073	Constitutional Law: Governmental Structure	
POLS 4113	Public Administration	
POLS 4133	Women in Leadership	
POLS 4263	Women, Elections, and Strategy	
POLS 4523	American Foreign Policy	
POLS 4553	Modern Nationalism	
POLS 4563	Global Law and Legal Systems	
POLS 4613	Comparative Government: Europe	
POLS 4633	Comparative Government: Africa and Asia	
POLS 4653	German Politics Since 1945 Through Film	
POLS 4803	Government Internship (POLS 4803 may be repeated for credit, but POLS 4806 cannot)	
or POLS 4806 Government Internship		

POLS 4903	Special Topics (up to 6 SCH)	
Total SCHs		36

Elective	3
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Departmental Requirements

Code	Title	SCHs
	English Literature (2000 level or higher if not already completed)	3
	Global Perspectives (if not already completed)	3
	Electives (select with academic advisor)	36
Total SCHs		42

SCHs		TCCN	
Spring			
POLS 3723	Modern Political Thought		3
Elective			3
Elective			3
POLS 4813	Seminar in Public Policy		3
Elective			3

Recommended Plan of Study

*The Example below is only a suggestion. It is recommended to see an advisor for a personalized Plan of Study

First Year

Fall		TCCN	SCHs
ENG 1013	Composition I	ENGL 1301	3
HIST 1013	History of the United States, 1492-1865	HIST 1301	3
UNIV 1231	Learning Frameworks: First-Year Seminar	EDUC 1100, EDUC 1200, EDUC 1300	1
Creative Arts Core			3
CAO: Wellness or Mathematics Core			2
Elective			3

SCHs		TCCN	
Fourth Year			
Fall			
POLS 4833	Political Science: Scope and Methods		3
POLS 3303	The American Legislative Process		3
Political Science Elective			3
Elective			3
Elective			3

Spring		TCCN	SCHs
ENG 1023	Composition II	ENGL 1302	3
HIST 1023	History of the United States, 1865 to the Present	HIST 1302	3
Mathematics Core			3
Elective (Global Perspectives course)			3
Elective			3

SCHs		TCCN	
Spring			
POLS 4933	Senior Seminar		3
Political Science Elective			3
Political Science Elective			3
Political Science Elective			3
Political Science Elective			3

SCHs 15

Second Year

Fall		TCCN	SCHs
POLS 2013	U.S. National Government	GOVT 2305	3
English Literature			3
Life & Physical Science Core			3
Social & Behavioral Science Core			3
Elective			3

SCHs 15

Spring		TCCN	SCHs
POLS 2023	Texas Government	GOVT 2306	3
Language, Philosophy, & Culture Core			3
Life & Physical Science Core			3
CAO: Women's Studies Core			3
Elective			3

Total SCHs: 120

SCHs 15

Third Year

Fall		TCCN	SCHs
POLS 3173	Introduction to Comparative Politics		3
POLS 4533	International Relations		3