# Bachelor of Arts (BA) – Political Science with Teacher Certification
*(Social Studies Composite: Geography Minor and History Third Field)*

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### General Education Core
**42 hours**

- **Communication** – Code 010 (6 hours)
  - [ ] ENG 1310, ENG 1320, HON 2301A, or HON 2301B

- **Mathematics** – Code 020 (3 hours)
  - [ ] MATH 1315, MATH 1317, MATH 1319, MATH 1329, MATH 2321, MATH 2417, or MATH 2471

- **Life and Physical Science** – Code 030 (6 hours)
  - [ ] Choose two: ANTH 2301+2101, BIO 1320, BIO 1321, BIO 1330, BIO 1331, CHEM 1310, CHEM 1430, CHEM 1341, CHEM 1342, GEO 1305, GEOL 1410, GEOL 1420, PHYS 1310, PHYS 1320, PHYS 1340, PHYS 1350, PHYS 1315, PHYS 1325, PHYS 1430, PHYS 2425, HON 2303A, HON 2303B, HON 2303C, or HON 2303D

- **Language, Philosophy, and Culture** – Code 040 (3 hours)
  - [ ] PHIL 1305 (WI), PHIL 1320 (WI), HON 2304A, HON 2304B, or HON 2304C

- **Creative Arts** – Code 050 (3 hours)
  - [ ] ART 2313, DAN 2313, MU 2313, TH 2313, HON 2305A, HON 2305B, HON 2305C, or HON 2305D

- **American History** – Code 060 (6 hours)
  - [ ] HIST 1310 (WI), HIST 1320 (WI) (satisfied in HIST minor)

- **Political Science** – Code 070 (6 hours)
  - [ ] POSI 2310, POSI 2320, HON 2307A, or HON 2307B (satisfied in major)

- **Social and Behavioral Sciences** – Code 080 (3 hours)
  - [ ] ECO 2301 or ECO 2314

- **Texas State Area Option** – Code 090 (6 hours)
  - [ ] COMM 1310, HON 2309B, HON 2309F, HON 2309L, or HON 2309O
  - [ ] ENG 2310, ENG 2320, ENG 2330, ENG 2340, ENG 2359, ENG 2360, HON 2309A, HON 2309C, HON 2309D, HON 2309E, HON 2309G, HON 2309H, HON 2309I, HON 2309J, HON 2309K, HON 2309M, HON 2309N, or HON 2309Q

Note: Honors course options are available to members of the Honors College. Visit www.txstate.edu/honors for more info. All Honors course options and sophomore literature courses are Writing Intensive (WI) if taken at Texas State.

### Additional BA Requirements
**19-27 hours**

- **Modern Language** (6-14 hours)
  - Choose from: American Sign Language, Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Latin, Portuguese, Russian, or Spanish
  - [ ] 1410*  [ ] 1420*  [ ] 2310  [ ] 2320
  - *Most students will need to complete 1410 and 1420 as prerequisites before attempting 2310.

- **Additional History** (6 hours)
  - [ ] HIST 2311 (WI) (satisfied in HIST minor)
  - [ ] HIST 2312 (WI) (satisfied in HIST minor)

- **Additional Science** (4 hours)
  - [ ] GEO 2410 (satisfied in third teaching field)

- **Additional English Literature** (3 hours)
  - [ ] Choose one (must be different from core): ENG 2310, ENG 2320, ENG 2330, ENG 2340, ENG 2359, or ENG 2360

### Political Science Major
**30 hours**

- [ ] POSI 2310 Principles of American Government
- [ ] POSI 2320 Functions of American Government
- or [ ] PS 3300 Basic Political Ideas
- or [ ] PS 3301 Basic Political Institutions

- **Choose 4 of the 5 Groups (12 hours)**
  - **Group I**
    - [ ] Political Theory and Methodology
  - **Group II**
    - [ ] American Government
  - **Group III**
    - [ ] Public Law and Public Administration
  - **Group IV**
    - [ ] Comparative Politics
  - **Group V**
    - [ ] International Relations

### Advanced Political Science Elective
- [ ] PS 3000 or 4000 level elective

### Practicum in Political Science
- [ ] PS 4398 (WI) *(PS 4398 should be taken with the Block Experience)*

### Social Studies Resources and Practices
- [ ] HIST 4380 (WI) *(HIST 4380 should be taken with the Block Experience)*

Note: Will need a C or higher in all Political Science courses and a 2.50 GPA in this section.

### Geography Minor
**16 hours**

- [ ] GEO 1309 Introduction to Cultural Geography
- or [ ] GEO 1310 World Geography
- [ ] GEO 2410 Introduction to Physical Geography *(Prerequisite: MATH 1315 or above (excluding MATH 1316) with a C or higher)*
- [ ] GEO 3303 Economic Geography
- [ ] GEO 3309 United States and Canada (WI)
- [ ] GEO 3329 Geography of Texas

Note: Will need a C or higher in all Geography courses and a 2.50 GPA in this section.

### History Third Field
**15 hours**

- [ ] HIST 1310 History of the United States to 1877 (WI)
- [ ] HIST 1320 History of the United States, 1877 to Date (WI)
- [ ] HIST 2311 History of World Civilization to the 17th Century (WI)
- [ ] HIST 2312 History of World Civilization from the 17th Century (WI)
- [ ] HIST 3372 Texas History: A Survey (WI)

Note: Will need a C or higher in all History courses and a 2.50 GPA in this section.

### Minimum Graduation Requirements

- [ ] 120 total hours
- [ ] 36 advanced hours
- [ ] 30 hours taken at Texas State
- [ ] 24 advanced hours taken at Texas State
- [ ] 12 advanced hours in major taken at Texas State
- [ ] 24 of the last 30 hours taken at Texas State
- [ ] 9 Writing Intensive (WI) hours taken at Texas State
- [ ] 2.75 Overall GPA
- [ ] 2.00 Texas State GPA
- [ ] 2.50 GPA in all Teaching Fields (POSI, HIST, & GEO)
- [ ] 2.50 Teacher Certification coursework
**TEACHING CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**

**21 hours**

**PRE-BLOCK COURSES (6 HOURS)**
Required prerequisites for Pre-block Courses: 60 earned hours and 2.75 Overall GPA
- CI 3325  Adolescent Growth and Development
- CI 4332  Curriculum and Technology

**BLOCK EXPERIENCE (9 HOURS)**
Required prerequisites for the Block Experience: Admittance into the Teaching Preparation Program; CI 3325 and CI 4332; 2.75 Overall GPA; and co-enrollment in all three courses listed
- CI 4343  Instructional Strategies for the Secondary Teacher
- CI 4370  Classroom Management, Ethics, and Legal Issues
- RDG 3323  Teaching Reading in the Content Areas

**STUDENT TEACHING (6 HOURS)**
Required prerequisites for Student Teaching: Admittance into the Teaching Preparation Program; all other coursework completed; 2.75 Overall GPA
- EDST 4681  Student Teaching

Note: The Block Experience and Student Teaching require applications. Visit www.education.txstate.edu/oep for more info.

Note: Will need a C or higher in all Teaching Certification requirement courses and a 2.50 GPA in this section.

**ADMISSION TO THE TEACHER PREPARATION PROGRAM**

Students must apply to and meet the following requirements for admittance into the Teacher Preparation Program:
- An Overall GPA of at least 2.75
- Completion of the following coursework with a grade of “C” or better in the following skill areas:
  - Reading: Any 6 credit hours coded 060 or 070 Core Curriculum
  - Written Communication: Any 6 credit hours coded 010 Core Curriculum
  - Critical Thinking: Any 3 credit hours coded 040 Core Curriculum
  - Mathematics: Any 3 credit hours coded 020 Core Curriculum
  - Completion of COMM 1310 or its equivalent with a grade of “B” or better to demonstrate competency in oral communication. If a “C” is earned, students may schedule an interview with the Office of Educator Preparation to determine whether the course must be repeated
- Junior status (60 hours completed)
- 12 semester credit hours in subject-specific content area
- Application to the Teacher Preparation Program

Determination of admittance to the Teacher Preparation Program is overseen by the Office of Educator Preparation. More information available at www.education.txstate.edu/oep.

**ADVANCED POLITICAL SCIENCE COURSES**
(Note: PS 3300 or PS 3301 serve as corequisites for all advanced PS courses.)

**GROUP I – POLITICAL THEORY AND METHODOLOGY**
- PS 3311  American Political Thought: From the Colonial Period to Civil War
- PS 3313  Contemporary Political Theory
- PS 3314  Politics and Personality
- PS 3315  Quantitative Research in Political Science
- PS 4311  Ancient & Medieval Political Thought (Greeks to 1600)

- PS 4312  Modern Political Theory (1600-1900)
- PS 4313  The Holocaust

**GROUP II – AMERICAN GOVERNMENT**
- PA 3316  Metropolitan Politics
- PA 3351  Urban Management and Regional Policy
- PA 4362  Government, Nonprofit and America Business
- PS 3321  Campaigns and Elections
- PS 3322  Parties and Party Politics
- PS 3323  Congress and the Legislative Process
- PS 3324  The American Presidency
- PS 3325  State and Local Government
- PS 3326  Issues and Interest Groups: Power and Pressure in America
- PS 3327  The American Founding
- PS 3328  Politics in Film
- PS 4321  American Foreign Policy
- PS 4323  Latin/o Politics
- PS 4324  Women in Politics
- PS 4325  Texas Politics
- PS 4326  Media and Public Opinion
- PS 4327  Religion and American Public Life

**GROUP III – PUBLIC LAW AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION**
- PA 3300  Introduction to Public and Nonprofit Administration
- PA 3310  Public Finance Administration
- PA 3330  Public Personnel and Human Resource Administration
- PA 3340  Administrative Law
- PA 3350  Public Policy Process
- PA 4352  Comparative Public Administration
- PS 3331  The Supreme Court and the Judicial Process
- PS 3332  Constitutional Law: Basic Structures and Principles
- PS 3333  Constitutional Law: Individual Liberties
- PS 3334  Civil Law in American Society
- PS 4333  Issues in Law and Public Policy
- PS 4334  Legal Theories and Research

**GROUP IV – COMPARATIVE POLITICS**
- PS 3341  Comparative Politics
- PS 3342  African Politics
- PS 3344  Government and Politics of Latin America
- PS 3347  Government and Politics of Asia
- PS 3348  Politics of Modern Southeast Asia
- PS 3352  Theories of International Politics
- PS 4331  Islamic Law and Politics
- PS 4342  Economic Development in Latin America
- PS 4343  Politics of Democratization in Developing Countries
- PS 4344  The Politics of Extremism
- PS 4346  Organization of American States

**GROUP V – INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**
- PS 3351  Introduction to International Studies
- PS 3352  Theories of International Politics
- PS 3353  Issues in World Politics
- PS 3354  United States-Latin American Relations
- PS 4341  Civil-Military Relations in Comparative Politics
- PS 4351  International Conflict and Security
- PS 3352  International Law
- PS 3353  International Organizations
- PS 3354  Politics of International Economic Relations

1 Indicates a Writing Intensive course
2 Indicates a prerequisite or corequisite course is required. Refer to catalog or an academic advisor.

To meet with an academic advisor, please contact:

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