

AN OVERVIEW OF THE POLITICAL SCIENCE DEGREE PLAN

- I. ENGLISH, 12 hours. Consists of 6 hours of “freshman” English (1301 and 1302) and 6 hours of “sophomore” literature (23xx and 23xx). A literature course in any of the foreign languages may substitute for one of the sophomore literature courses.
- II. HISTORY, 6 hours. Consists of History 1311 (pre-Civil War U.S. History) and History 1312 (post-Civil War U.S. History)
- III. FOREIGN LANGUAGE, 14 hours. Consists of four semesters (14 hours at UTA composed of 1441, 1442, 2313, and 2314) of the same foreign language. Other than completing the four foreign language courses at UTA, students may fulfill their foreign language requirements in any of the following ways:
 - a. Students may use transfer credits of any foreign language to fulfill the requirements provided that: (a) the University Registrar accepts the credits; and (b) the four semesters are in the same language.
 - b. Students wishing to earn credit by examination for any of the first four (1441, 1442, 2313, 2314) levels of French, German, or Spanish (or other language) must present an official score received on one of two nationally administered examinations recognized by the Department of Modern Languages: (1) Advanced Placement Examination of the College Entrance Examination Board (CEEB), or (2) College-Level Examination Program (CLEP) of the CEEB. At U.T. Arlington the examinations will be administered by the Testing Services Office of Counseling and Career Development on dates to be announced.
 - c. A student may finish only 2314 and the Foreign Language requirement will be considered to have been met (“competency assumed in the other courses”).
- IV. MATHEMATICS, 6 hours. Consists of Math 1302 (College Algebra) and 3 additional hours of Math above College Algebra (the Political Science Department strongly recommends Math 1308—Elementary Statistics). A student may take Math 1301 or Math 1315 instead of 1302 (but credit cannot be granted on the degree plan for any combination of 1301, 1302, and 1315). For the 3 “additional hours” of Math, a student may also take 1303 (Trigonometry), 1316 (Math of Economics and Business Analysis), 1319 (Fortran), 1322 (Pre-Calculus I), 1323 (Pre-Calculus II), or 1325 (Analytical Geometry).
- V. SCIENCE, 8 hours of lab science in the same science. The most common combination of courses are: Biol 1333, 1334, and 1282; Biol 1441 and 1442; Chem 1441 and 1442; Chem 1445 and 1446; Geol 1425 and 1426; Phys 1401 and 1402; Phys 1441 and 1442; or Phys 1445 and 1446. Students who have transferred two different sciences (8 hours of lab science) before they enroll at UTA can use those two different sciences for their requirement here.

- VI. FINE ARTS, 3 hours. Three hours from architecture, art, dance, music, or theatre arts. The most common courses are Art 1301, Musi 1300, Thea 1302, or Thea 1343.
- VII. SPEECH, 3 hours. The most common course is Spch 1301. This fulfills the University's oral communication competency requirement.
- VIII. SOCIAL SCIENCE, 9 hours. Nine hours from any combination of courses from: social or cultural anthropology; archaeology; social/political/cultural geography; economics; criminal justice; psychology; sociology; women's studies courses cross-listed with these departments and/or Introduction to Women's Studies (Woms 2310). This fulfills the Social/Cultural studies requirement.
- IX. MAJOR, 36 hours.
 - a. 2311
 - b. 2312
 - c. Methods, 3 hours (3310 only—effective 4/2/08).
 - d. Thought, 3 hours. Possible courses include POLS 3313, 4322, 4323, 4327, 4328, or 4329. Other courses may substitute on the recommendation of Professor Hekman.
 - e. At least one course from any 4 of the 5 areas in the curriculum (total of 12 hours)
 - i. Area I. Political Behavior and Processes: 3306, 3311, 3327, 4314, 4316, 4317, 4318, 4319, 4324, 4326, 4330, 4333.
 - ii. Area II. Comparative Politics: 3304, 3314, 3316, 3317, 3318, 4313, 4361, 4362.
 - iii. Area III. International Politics: 3329, 4334, 4336, 4355, 4360, 4365.
 - iv. Area IV. Public Law: 3330, 3331, 3333, 3334, 3335, 4331, 4332.
 - v. Area V. Public Administration and Policy Studies: 3303, 3305, 3307, 3312, 4303, 4351, 4352, 4353, 4354.
 - f. Additional courses to complete 36 hours.
- X. MINOR, 18 hours (with at least 6 of those hours being advanced). The student should have their Minor Department complete the Approval of Minor form.
- XI. ELECTIVES. Sufficient courses to provide a total of 120 hours, with at least 36 advanced hours.