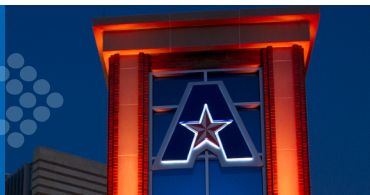


PLAN FOR SUCCESS



College of Liberal Arts

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1st Year

Fall Semester

ENGL 1301
LANGUAGE 1441
MATH 1302 OR 1301
POLS 2311
UNIV 1301

Spring Semester

ENGL 1302
LANGUAGE 1442
MATH 1308
POLS 2312
AMERICAN HIST 1301

Summer (Optional)

2nd Year

Fall Semester

LITERATURE (2303, 2309, 2319,
2329...)
POLS 3000
LIFE AND PHYSICAL SCIENCE
AMERICAN HIST 1302
SOCIAL SCIENCE

Spring Semester

LITERATURE(2303, 2309, 2319,
2329...)
POLS 3000
LIFE AND PHYSICAL SCIENCE
CREATIVE ARTS
SOCIAL SCIENCE

Summer (Optional)

HOURS 30

3rd Year

Fall Semester

POLITICAL THOUGHT
POLS CLASS
POLS CLASS
COMS (1301, 2305, 3302 OR 3315)
SOCIAL SCIENCE

Spring Semester

RESEARCH METHODS
POLS CLASS
POLS CLASS
ELECTIVE OR MINOR
ELECTIVE OR MINOR

Summer (Optional)

HOURS 30

4th Year

Fall Semester

POLS ELECTIVE
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ELECTIVE OR MINOR
ELECTIVE OR MINOR

Spring Semester

POLS ELECTIVE
ELECTIVE OR MINOR
ELECTIVE OR MINOR
ELECTIVE OR MINOR
ELECTIVE OR MINOR

HOURS 30

SENIOR HOURS 30
TOTAL DEGREE HOURS 120



DESIGN YOUR JOURNEY



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Beginning the Journey

- Review core curriculum requirements
- Visit student success and complete self-assessments to identify strengths.
- Use Focus 2 Career Assessment tool at Student Success
- Meet with a POLS advisor early
- Take UNIV1101 or 1301

Trailblazing the Path

- Take POLS 3310 early in your career.
- Attend public lectures/events on campus (Maverick Speaker Series Events, POLS Week events, Pi Sigma Alpha/SOPA sponsored talks
- Consider the Fast Track MA program
- Consider applying for research/internship opportunities (Saxe Fellows, Archer Fellowship)
- Consider the UROP program
- Explore the different optional specializations
- Talk to your professors about their research (and whether they need research assistance)

- Explore student groups within your major, college and university e.g. Pi Sigma Alpha, SOPA
- Get to know people in your classes.

- Become a POLS Ambassador
- Consider running for office in Pi Sigma Alpha/SOPA
- Be a mentor and share your experiences with incoming students.

- Learn how to improve academic performance.
- Explore tutoring, supplemental instruction, writing support and study groups.

- Strive to meet requirements for Pi Sigma Alpha
- Explore the Honors College requirements
- Participate in COLA's Spotlight on Research
- Participate in the Department's annual Poster Session celebration of research
- Apply for scholarships (Departmental and University)
- Consider the Archer Fellowship program
- Build relationships with faculty who will be able to write letters of recommendation for you.
- Create a portfolio of class assignments

EDUCATE

ENGAGE

EXCEL

*You can ask your freshman advisor about what these requirements are

Destination Graduation

- Explore career options and graduate school
 - Attend POLS sponsored information sessions
 - Consider an internship or service learning
 - Make sure all transfer transcripts are submitted.
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- Attend department, college and university awards ceremonies
 - Consider participating in UTA ring ceremony
 - Take steps to attend graduation
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- Participate in Test Drive (attend graduate classes)
 - Visit the Career Center and finalize your resume
 - Participate in on-campus interviews for jobs.
 - Apply for graduate school or law school



MAVERICK ADVANTAGE

Be Bold. Be Ambitious. Set Yourself Apart.



CAREER DEVELOPMENT

- Career Assessment Tool
- Self-assessments
- Internships
- Explore Career Options
- Strive to meet PSA requirements
- Finalize your resume
- Participate in on-campus interviews



GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT

- Explore model UN, NATO
- Attend lectures
- Take courses in international and comparative politics



LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

- Take courses in leadership
- Be a mentor
- Become a POLS ambassador
- Run for an officer position in a student organization



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Take courses in civic engagement
- Participate in UTA Volunteers
- Do a service learning project
- Participate in service projects with campus organizations



UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH

- Take 3310 early in your career
- Consider becoming a Saxe scholar
- Explore opportunities to work with faculty on research
- Consider the UROP program and the McNair program, if eligible

FIND YOUR CAREER



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What careers options do I have with this major?

- Activist
- Administration, Corporate, Government
- Advocate/Organizer
- Ambassador
- Archivist
- Attorney
- Banking Analyst or Executive
- Budget Examiner or Analyst
- Campaign Operative
- Career Counselor
- CIA Analyst or Agent
- City Housing Administrator
- City Planner
- Communications Director
- Congressional Office/Committee Staffer
- Congressional Research Service
- Coordinator of Federal or State Aid
- Corporate Adviser for Gov't'l. Relations
- Corporate Executive
- Corporate Information Analyst
- Corporate Public Affairs Advisor
- Corporation Legislative Issues Manager
- County Treasurer

Workforce Skills

- Communication: Develop and articulate ideas clearly and effectively across all mediums including but not limited to written, oral, and digital communication.
- Critical Thinking: Analyze issues, make decisions, and overcome problems by using sound reasoning before forming a strategy, decision or opinion.
- Teamwork/Collaboration: Work within a team and foster collaborative relationships with peers and supervisors. Use

interpersonal skills to demonstrate respect and dignity for others while working toward a common goal.

Career Readiness

- Application of Theoretical Frameworks to Concrete, "Real-World" Examples
- Data Analysis, Both Quantitative (Through the Use of Descriptive Analysis and Inferential Statistics) and Qualitative (Text and Content Analysis)
- Data Collection (Interviewing, Survey Design, Experiments, Use of Primary Source Data)
- Develop Strong Sense of Civic Engagement
- Evaluate Community Problems and Propose Policy Solutions
- Evaluate the Quality of Information and Arguments
- Exceptionally Strong Written and Oral Communication Skills, Including Targeting the Style and Content for Appropriate Audiences (For Example, Op-Eds, White Papers, Persuasive/Argumentative Essays)
- Problem Solving and Teamwork (Including Active Listening And Collaboration), and Consensus Building

Take Action

- Explore workforce skill development through on-and-off-campus activities. Engage with the UTA Lockheed Martin Career Development Center at uta.edu/careers.
- Meet with a career consultant
- Network with employers
- Discover internships and co-ops
- Apply for on-campus employment
- Join Handshake, our career services platform
- Participate in career development programs
- In addition, students are required to complete a research methods/data analysis course.

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