# College of Liberal Arts
## Department of Political Science
### Bachelor of Arts Political Science

#### 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

#### 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

#### 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

#### 4th Year

**Fall Semester**
- POLS ELECTIVE
- POLS ELECTIVE
- POLS ELECTIVE
- ELECTIVE OR MINOR
- ELECTIVE OR MINOR

**Spring Semester**
- POLS ELECTIVE
- POLS ELECTIVE
- ELECTIVE OR MINOR
- ELECTIVE OR MINOR
- ELECTIVE OR MINOR

**SENIOR HOURS 30**
**TOTAL DEGREE HOURS 120**
**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)

**EDUCATE**

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

**ENGAGE**

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

**EXCEL**

- 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

*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.

- Attend department, college and university awards ceremonies
- Consider participating in UTA ring ceremony
- Take steps to attend graduation

- 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
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. 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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