

B.A Political Science Degree Requirements 2021-2022

Please see reverse side for foreign language and graduation degree requirements.

Making Connections in Politics and Law (3 hours)

POSC 1103 Making Connections: Politics and Law

Communication (6 hours)

ENG 1003, English Composition I (grade of C or higher)

ENG 1013, English Composition II (grade of C or higher)

Mathematics (3 hours)

MATH 1023 College Algebra or

Higher level course with College Algebra as pre-requisite

Humanities & Fine Arts (3 hours)

PHIL 1103 Intro to Philosophy (required for major)

Humanities & Fine Arts (6 hours)

Must take at least 2 of the following:

Fine Arts: (1 must be taken from the three below)

ART 2503 Fine Arts-Visual

MUS 2503 Fine Arts- Music

THEA 2503 Fine Arts- Theater

Humanities:

ENG 2003 World Literature to 1660

ENG 2013 World Literature since 1660

Social Sciences (9 hours)

Must take at least 1 of the following:

HIST 2763 United States History to 1876

HIST 2773 United States History since 1876

Remaining 2 courses may be taken from the following:

ANTH 2233 Intro to Cultural Anthropology

CMAC 1003 Mass Communication in Modern Society

ECON 2313 Principles of Macroeconomics

ECON 2323 Principles of Microeconomics

ECON 2333 Economic Issues and Concepts

GEOG 2613 Introduction to Geography

HIST 1013 World History to 1500

HIST 1023 World History since 1500

PSY 2013 Introduction to Psychology

POSC 1003 Introduction to Politics

SOC 2213 Introduction to Sociology

Life Sciences (4 hours)

Must take 1 of the following:

BIOL 1003 & 1001 Biological Science and Lab

BIOL 1063 & 1001 People and Environment Lab

BIOL 1503 & 1501 Biology of Plants & Lab

BIOL 2013 & 2011 Biology of the Cell & Lab

BIOL 2103 & 2101 Microbiology, Nursing/Allied Health & Lab

BIOL 2203 & 2201 Human Anatomy & Physiology I & Lab

Physical Sciences (4 hours)

Must take 1 of the following:

CHEM 1013 & 1011 General Chemistry I & Lab

CHEM 1043 & 1041 Fund. Concepts of Chemistry & Lab

GEOL 1003 & 1001 Environmental Geology & Lab

PHSC 1014 Energy and the Environment

PHSC 1203 & 1201 Physical Science & Lab

PHYS 1103 & 1101 Intro to Space Science & Lab

PHYS 2034 University Physics I

PHYS 2054 General Physics I

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS (42 HOURS)

Must take the following two courses:

POSC 2103 Introduction to US Government

POSC 3003 Introduction to Political Analysis

Must take at least 1 course from each area for a total of 18 hours and an additional 18 hours of courses to meet major elective requirements.

American Politics

POSC 3113 American Municipal Government

POSC 3133 Political Parties and Interest Groups

POSC 3143 State and Local Government

POSC 3153 American Presidency

POSC 3163 Black Politics

POSC 3193 Arkansas Government and Politics

POSC 4113 American Legislative Process

POSC 4123 Women in Politics

POSC 4143 Public Opinion and Public Policy

POSC 4153 Politics & Political Culture by the Decade

Comparative Politics

POSC 1303 Introduction to Model United Nations*

POSC 3203 Introduction to Comparative Politics

POSC 3213 African Political Systems

POSC 3223 European Political Systems

POSC 3243 Religion and Politics

POSC 4223 Middle East Political Systems

POSC 4233 Body Politics or Life, Sex, & Death

***Note: Introduction to Model United Nations cannot be used to satisfy the requirement for International relations.**

International Relations

POSC 3303 Introduction to International Politics

POSC 4313 International Organizations

POSC 4323 Foreign Policy Analysis

Political Theory

POSC 3413 Classical and Medieval Political Theory

POSC 3423 American Political Theory

POSC 3433 Political Ideologies

POSC 3453 Modern Political Theory

POSC 4453 Analysis of Contemporary Political Theory

Public Administration

POSC 3503 Principles of Public Administration

POSC 3513 Public Budgeting Process

POSC 3523 Administrative Ethics

POSC 4503 Public Policy, Politics, and Power

POSC 4513 Disaster Response Operations Management

POSC 4523 Public Personnel Administration

POSC 4553 HSDA Capstone

POSC 4633 Environmental Law and Administration

Public Law

POSC 3613 American Constitutional Law

POSC 3623 Civil Rights and Liberties

POSC 3633 Legal Research, Writing, and Advocacy

POSC 3643 Judicial Process and Legal Reasoning

POSC 3683 Criminal Law and the Constitution

Other Courses in Political Science

POSC 4003	Special Topics in Political Science (topics and semester offerings may vary)
POSC 480V	Readings in Political Science (must have instructor and department permission)
POSC 481V	Internship (may receive a maximum of 6 hours of credit, must have instructor and department permission)

Foreign Language Requirement

In addition to the major requirements, the BA **Degree** requires 3 to 12 hours of language up to Intermediate II. Students with no foreign language experience are strongly encouraged to begin with Elementary 1 and work their way through to Intermediate II.

Students with some foreign language experience (as a second language or primary language) are encouraged to contact the Department of English, Philosophy, and World Languages about its placement test to determine what course to begin taking to complete the requirement up to Intermediate II.

Graduation Requirements

All students must meet the following requirements to receive a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science:

- Submit an "Intent to Graduate" application when registering for classes for the last semester or term.
- Graduation fee must be paid before the diploma, final transcript, and graduation attire can be released.
- Complete a First Year Experience/Making Connections Seminar during the first semester regardless of the number of concurrent credit hours, AP credit and other college credits earned in high school. Transfer students with 13 or more credited/transferable hours are exempted from this course.
- Complete ENG 1003 English Composition I and ENG 1013 English Composition II with a grade of a "C" or better
- Complete POSC 2103 Introduction to US Government and POSC 3003 Introduction to Political Analysis as part of major
- Complete 1 of the following as part of the General Education Requirements: HIST 2763 United States History to 1876 or HIST 2773 United States History since 1876
- Complete half of the last 50% of semester hours through the A-State campus.
- Complete a total of 120 hours
- Complete 18 of the last 24 semester hours must be Arkansas State University work
 - A-State's residency requirement must be met by completing 30 semester hours through the A-State campus.
 - Must complete at least 90 hours at A-State and/or institutions having a formal articulation agreement with A-State.
 - Course work must be completed at a regionally accredited baccalaureate-degree-granting institution
- Complete 45 Junior/Senior hours as part of 120-hour degree requirement after the first 30 hours
- 2.0 grade point average required for overall work (includes A-State and transfer courses)
- 2.0 grade point average required for all course work at A-State
- 2.0 grade point average required for major
- May only complete a maximum of 25% of an associate degree program examination (including CLEP), advance placement, evaluated military service credits, DANTES and USAFI courses
- Any transfer work completed at another institution, regardless of its affiliation with A-State, during the last semester will be counted toward the completion of degree requirements but a diploma will not be granted until an official transcript is received by the Office of the Registrar no later than two weeks after graduation ceremonies.

