

BA in Political Science

Possible career paths for students pursuing this degree are: National or federal government jobs, politics (politicians, political action committees, etc.), law, law enforcement, education (higher education, secondary education), business/private sector, non-profit organizations, military.

Marketable Skills

Students will develop the following marketable skills:

1. Confidence: Be self-assured through appreciating your own talents, abilities, skills, and qualities.
2. Communication: Reach mutual understanding through effective exchange of information, ideas, and feelings.
3. Critical thinking: Analyze and evaluate issues in order to solve problems and develop informed opinions.
4. Global awareness: Understand and appreciate people, cultures, and ideas from around the world that impact our community.
5. Leadership: Step up, think, and act critically and creatively to bring others together to accomplish a common task.
6. Problem-solving: Find solutions to difficult or complex issues.
7. Research: Be able to search, investigate and critically analyze information in response to a specific research question.
8. Social responsibility: Act ethically and responsibly for the benefit of society and the public good.
9. Social skills: Effectively use body language, verbal and non-verbal communication skills and personal appearance to communicate and interact with others.
10. Teamwork: Participate as an effective, efficient member of a group in order to meet a common goal.
11. Writing: Communicate using text in a clear and concise.

Students will also understand about politics, the law, and government, whether foreign or domestic, and gain the ability to comprehend a scientific way of thinking and studying politics as a social science.

Fast Track

The Fast-Track Program (<http://catalog.utep.edu/admissions/undergraduate/fast-track/#text>) enables outstanding undergraduate UTEP students to receive both undergraduate and graduate credit for up to 15 hours of UTEP course work as determined by participating Master's and Doctoral programs.

Not all undergraduate programs have elected to participate in the Fast Track option, so students should see their departmental graduate advisor for information about requirements and guidelines. A list of courses that have been approved for possible use at the graduate level is found here (<http://catalog.utep.edu/admissions/undergraduate/fast-track/#fastrackcoursestext>). In addition to maintaining a GPA of at least 3.30 in the political science major, applicants must have completed POLS 3300 (Research Methods) with at least a B course grade and must have completed at least two upper-division political science courses with As.

In addition to POLS 2310 and POLS 2311, the major requires 30 semester hours in Political Science, including POLS 3300. Each student selects one of four degree plans:

1. The general major in Political Science
2. The concentration in Law and Politics
3. The concentration in Public Administration and Service
4. The concentration in International Politics

These degree plans are outlined below. Each major must also complete a minor of at least 18 hours. The minor can be from another Liberal Arts discipline, from approved inter-disciplinary minors, or from approved disciplines in other colleges, and should be selected in consultation with the departmental undergraduate advisor.

Degree Plan

BA in Political Science

Code	Title	Hours
Minor Required		
This program requires the selection of a minor.		18
University Core Curriculum		
Complete the University Core Curriculum requirements. (p. 9)		42
Political Science Major (This area requires a minimum GPA of 2.0)		
Required Courses:		
POLS 2310	Introduction to Politics	3
POLS 2311	American Govern & Politics	3

Subfields:

POLS 3300	Research in Political Science ^c	3
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Select one course in three of the following subfields:		9
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American Political Behavior:

POLS 3312	Party System, Campaigns Elect.
POLS 3313	Pub Opinion/Media & Technology
POLS 3314	Ethnicity & Race In Amer Pol
POLS 4304	Envir. Just. & Min. Comm U.S.
POLS 4310	American Legislatures
POLS 4311	The Presidency
POLS 4313	Southwestern Border Politics
POLS 4314	Women, Power and Politics
POLS 4315	Latinos In Amer Political Syst
POLS 4317	U.S. Constitutional Structure
POLS 4318	Teaching Democracy
POLS 4319	Special Topics in Am. Politics

Law and Politics:

POLS 3315	Judicial Process
POLS 3320	Constitutional Law
POLS 3321	Civil Rights & Liberties
POLS 3322	Law and Society
POLS 3323	Internatl & Comparative Courts
POLS 3324	Indigenous Law and Politics
POLS 4320	Judicial Politics
POLS 4322	Legal Reasoning
POLS 4323	Courts in Action
POLS 4324	Introduction to Private Law
POLS 4325	Spec Topics in Law & Politics

International Relations:

POLS 3360	International Relations
POLS 3361	International Security
POLS 3362	International Law and Politics
POLS 4330	Foreign Policy of the U.S.
POLS 4339	US-Latin American Relations
POLS 4363	North American Relations
POLS 4364	Internat'l Political Economy
POLS 4365	International Organizations
POLS 4366	Sp Topics/Internat'l Relations
POLS 4367	Ethnic Conflict and Civil Wars
POLS 4368	Conflict Analysis

Comparative Politics:

POLS 3325	Peru: Politics of Surprise
POLS 3326	Politics of East Asia
POLS 3332	Political Geography
POLS 3334	Politics in World Regions
POLS 3337	Latin American Politics
POLS 3339	Comparative Political Systems
POLS 3345	Democracy and Democratization
POLS 4328	Politics of China
POLS 4329	Elections Around the World
POLS 4337	The Politics of Mexico
POLS 4343	Politics of Brazil

POLS 4346	Russia's Challenges/21st Cent
POLS 4347	European Union Politics
POLS 4348	Politics/Developing Countries
POLS 4350	Sp Topics in Comparative Gov

Public Administration:

POLS 3350	Intro to Public Administration
POLS 3351	The Public Policy Process
POLS 3353	State and Local Administration
POLS 4356	Non-Profit Organizations
POLS 4357	Leadership/Civic Participation
POLS 4358	Special Topics in Public Admin
POLS 4359	Urban Planning

Additional Hours:

Select eighteen hours of the following:

18

POLS 3312	Party System, Campaigns Elect.
POLS 3313	Pub Opinion/Media & Technology
POLS 3314	Ethnicity & Race In Amer Pol
POLS 3315	Judicial Process
POLS 3320	Constitutional Law
POLS 3321	Civil Rights & Liberties
POLS 3322	Law and Society
POLS 3323	Internatl & Comparative Courts
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POLS 3334	Politics in World Regions
POLS 3337	Latin American Politics
POLS 3339	Comparative Political Systems
POLS 3345	Democracy and Democratization
POLS 3350	Intro to Public Administration
POLS 3351	The Public Policy Process
POLS 3353	State and Local Administration
POLS 3354	Internship
POLS 3360	International Relations
POLS 3361	International Security
POLS 3362	International Law and Politics
POLS 3365	Political Simulations
POLS 4300	Adv Rsrch Methods/Pol Science
POLS 4304	Envir. Just. & Min. Comm U.S.
POLS 4310	American Legislatures
POLS 4311	The Presidency
POLS 4313	Southwestern Border Politics
POLS 4314	Women, Power and Politics
POLS 4315	Latinos In Amer Political Syst
POLS 4317	U.S. Constitutional Structure
POLS 4318	Teaching Democracy
POLS 4319	Special Topics in Am. Politics
POLS 4320	Judicial Politics
POLS 4322	Legal Reasoning
POLS 4323	Courts in Action
POLS 4324	Introduction to Private Law

POLS 4325	Spec Topics in Law & Politics
POLS 4328	Politics of China
POLS 4329	Elections Around the World
POLS 4330	Foreign Policy of the U.S.
POLS 4343	Politics of Brazil
POLS 4337	The Politics of Mexico
POLS 4339	US-Latin American Relations
POLS 4340	The American Constitution
POLS 4344	Sp Topics in Political Theory
POLS 4346	Russia's Challenges/21st Cent
POLS 4347	European Union Politics
POLS 4348	Politics/Developing Countries
POLS 4350	Sp Topics in Comparative Gov
POLS 4356	Non-Profit Organizations
POLS 4357	Leadership/Civic Participation
POLS 4358	Special Topics in Public Admin
POLS 4359	Urban Planning
POLS 4363	North American Relations
POLS 4364	Internat'l Political Economy
POLS 4365	International Organizations
POLS 4366	Sp Topics/Internat'l Relations
POLS 4367	Ethnic Conflict and Civil Wars
POLS 4368	Conflict Analysis
POLS 4370	Independent Reading in Pol Sci

Open Electives

Select additional hours to complete a total of one hundred twenty hours

Foreign Language

Select six credit of Foreign Language. All six credits must be in the same language sequence. ¹ 6

Block Electives

Complete twelve upper-division hours from the blocks below, with three to six hours in each (p. 13) 12

Total Hours**120**

C Course requires a grade of C or better.

¹ French and Spanish majors must fulfill this requirement in a language other than their major.

BA in Political Science with a Concentration

Required Credits: 120

Code	Title	Hours
Minor Required		
This program requires the selection of a minor.		18
University Core Curriculum		
Complete the University Core Curriculum requirements. (p. 9)		42
Concentration		
Complete a concentration		36
Open Electives		
Select additional hours to complete a total of one hundred twenty hours		
Foreign Language		
Select six credit of Foreign Language. All six credits must be in the same language sequence. ¹		6
Block Electives		
Complete twelve upper-division hours from the blocks below, with three to six hours in each (p. 13)		12
Total Hours		120

C Course requires a grade of C or better.

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Concentrations

International Politics

This area requires a minimum GPA of 2.0

Code	Title	Hours
Required Courses:		
POLS 2310	Introduction to Politics	3
POLS 2311	American Gover & Politics	3
POLS 3339	Comparative Political Systems	3
POLS 3360	International Relations	3
POLS 3300	Research in Political Science ^C	3
Major Electives:		
Select three courses from the following:		9
POLS 3323	Internatl & Comparative Courts	
POLS 3325	Peru: Politics of Surprise	
POLS 3326	Politics of East Asia	
POLS 3332	Political Geography	
POLS 3334	Politics in World Regions	
POLS 3337	Latin American Politics	
POLS 3345	Democracy and Democratization	
POLS 4328	Politics of China	
POLS 4329	Elections Around the World	
POLS 4337	The Politics of Mexico	
POLS 4343	Politics of Brazil	
POLS 4346	Russia's Challenges/21st Cent	
POLS 4347	European Union Politics	
POLS 4348	Politics/Developing Countries	
POLS 4350	Sp Topics in Comparative Gov	
Additional Electives:		
Select three courses of the following:		9
POLS 3361	International Security	
POLS 3362	International Law and Politics	
POLS 4330	Foreign Policy of the U.S.	
POLS 4339	US-Latin American Relations	
POLS 4363	North American Relations	
POLS 4364	Internat'l Political Economy	
POLS 4365	International Organizations	
POLS 4366	Sp Topics/Internat'l Relations	
POLS 4367	Ethnic Conflict and Civil Wars	
POLS 4368	Conflict Analysis	
Additional Requirement:		
Select one course of the following:		3
POLS 3324	Indigenous Law and Politics	
POLS 3312	Party System, Campaigns Elect.	
POLS 3313	Pub Opinion/Media & Technology	
POLS 3314	Ethnicity & Race In Amer Pol	
POLS 4304	Envir. Just. & Min. Comm U.S.	
POLS 4310	American Legislatures	

POLS 4311	The Presidency
POLS 4313	Southwestern Border Politics
POLS 4314	Women, Power and Politics
POLS 4315	Latinos In Amer Political Syst
POLS 4317	U.S. Constitutional Structure
POLS 4318	Teaching Democracy
POLS 4319	Special Topics in Am. Politics
POLS 3315	Judicial Process
POLS 3320	Constitutional Law
POLS 3321	Civil Rights & Liberties
POLS 3322	Law and Society
POLS 4320	Judicial Politics
POLS 4322	Legal Reasoning
POLS 4323	Courts in Action
POLS 4324	Introduction to Private Law
POLS 4325	Spec Topics in Law & Politics

Total Hours**36**

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Law and Politics

This area requires a minimum GPA of 2.0

Code	Title	Hours
Required Courses:		
POLS 2310	Introduction to Politics	3
POLS 2311	American Gover & Politics	3
POLS 3315	Judicial Process	3
POLS 3320	Constitutional Law	3
POLS 3300	Research in Political Science ^c	3
Major Electives:		
Select four courses of the following:		12
POLS 3321	Civil Rights & Liberties	
POLS 3322	Law and Society	
POLS 3323	Internatl & Comparative Courts	
POLS 3324	Indigenous Law and Politics	
POLS 3362	International Law and Politics	
POLS 4320	Judicial Politics	
POLS 4322	Legal Reasoning	
POLS 4323	Courts in Action	
POLS 4324	Introduction to Private Law	
POLS 4325	Spec Topics in Law & Politics	
POLS 4340	The American Constitution	
Additional Electives:		
Select two courses of the following:		6
POLS 3312	Party System, Campaigns Elect.	
POLS 3313	Pub Opinion/Media & Technology	
POLS 3314	Ethnicity & Race In Amer Pol	
POLS 4310	American Legislatures	
POLS 4311	The Presidency	
POLS 4313	Southwestern Border Politics	
POLS 4314	Women, Power and Politics	

POLS 4315	Latinos In Amer Political Syst	
POLS 4319	Special Topics in Am. Politics	
Additional Requirement:		
Select one of the following:		3
POLS 3339	Comparative Political Systems	
POLS 3360	International Relations	
POLS 3325	Peru: Politics of Surprise	
POLS 3326	Politics of East Asia	
POLS 3332	Political Geography	
POLS 3334	Politics in World Regions	
POLS 3337	Latin American Politics	
POLS 3345	Democracy and Democratization	
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POLS 4350	Sp Topics in Comparative Gov	
POLS 3361	International Security	
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POLS 4339	US-Latin American Relations	
POLS 4363	North American Relations	
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POLS 4365	International Organizations	
POLS 4366	Sp Topics/Internat'l Relations	
POLS 4367	Ethnic Conflict and Civil Wars	
POLS 4368	Conflict Analysis	

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Public Administration and Service

This area requires a minimum GPA of 2.0

Code	Title	Hours
Required Courses:		
POLS 2310	Introduction to Politics	3
POLS 2311	American Gover & Politics	3
POLS 3350	Intro to Public Administration ^C	3
POLS 3300	Research in Political Science ^C	3
Major Electives:		
Select three courses from the following:		9
POLS 3351	The Public Policy Process	
POLS 3353	State and Local Administration	
POLS 3354	Internship	
POLS 4356	Non-Profit Organizations	
POLS 4357	Leadership/Civic Participation	
POLS 4358	Special Topics in Public Admin	
POLS 4359	Urban Planning	

Additional Electives:

Select three courses from the following:

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POLS 3312	Party System, Campaigns Elect.
POLS 3313	Pub Opinion/Media & Technology
POLS 3314	Ethnicity & Race In Amer Pol
POLS 4310	American Legislatures
POLS 4311	The Presidency
POLS 4313	Southwestern Border Politics
POLS 4314	Women, Power and Politics
POLS 4315	Latinos In Amer Political Syst
POLS 4319	Special Topics in Am. Politics
POLS 4340	The American Constitution

Upper-Division POLS:

Select six hours from the following:

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POLS 3312	Party System, Campaigns Elect.
POLS 3313	Pub Opinion/Media & Technology
POLS 3314	Ethnicity & Race In Amer Pol
POLS 3315	Judicial Process
POLS 3321	Civil Rights & Liberties
POLS 3322	Law and Society
POLS 3323	Internatl & Comparative Courts
POLS 3324	Indigenous Law and Politics
POLS 3325	Peru: Politics of Surprise
POLS 3326	Politics of East Asia
POLS 3332	Political Geography
POLS 3334	Politics in World Regions
POLS 3337	Latin American Politics
POLS 3339	Comparative Political Systems
POLS 3345	Democracy and Democratization
POLS 3351	The Public Policy Process
POLS 3353	State and Local Administration
POLS 3354	Internship
POLS 3360	International Relations
POLS 3361	International Security
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POLS 4320	Judicial Politics
POLS 4322	Legal Reasoning
POLS 4323	Courts in Action
POLS 4324	Introduction to Private Law
POLS 4325	Spec Topics in Law & Politics
POLS 4328	Politics of China
POLS 4329	Elections Around the World
POLS 4330	Foreign Policy of the U.S.

POLS 4337	The Politics of Mexico
POLS 4339	US-Latin American Relations
POLS 4340	The American Constitution
POLS 4343	Politics of Brazil
POLS 4344	Sp Topics in Political Theory
POLS 4346	Russia's Challenges/21st Cent
POLS 4347	European Union Politics
POLS 4348	Politics/Developing Countries
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University Core Curriculum (A program may recommend specific courses. All courses require a C or better.)

I. Communication (six hours)

Code	Title	Hours
Courses in this category focus on developing ideas and expressing them clearly, considering the effect of the message, fostering understanding, and building the skills needed to communicate persuasively. Courses involve the command of oral, aural, written, and visual literacy skills that enable people to exchange messages appropriate to the subject, occasion, and audience. Course objectives for this component are: Critical Thinking Skills, Communication Skills, Teamwork, and Personal Responsibility.		
Select six hours of the following:		6
For students whose secondary education was in English:		
COMM 1611	Written and Oral Communication	
ENGL 1313	Writing About Literature	
RWS 1301	Rhetoric & Composition I	
RWS 1302	Rhetoric & Composition 2	
RWS 1601	Rhetoric, Composition & Comm	
For students whose secondary education was not in English:		
ESOL 1311	Expos Engl Compos-Spkr Esl	
ESOL 1312	Res & Crit Writng Spkr Esl	
TOTAL HOURS		6

II. American History (six hours)

Code	Title	Hours
Courses in this category focus on the consideration of past events and ideas relative to the United States, with the option of including Texas History for a portion of this component area. Courses involve the interaction among individuals, communities, states, the nation, and the world, considering how these interactions have contributed to the development of the United States and its global role. Course objectives for this component are: Critical Thinking Skills, Communication Skills, Social Responsibility, and Personal Responsibility.		
HIST 1301	History of U.S. to 1865	3

HIST 1302	History of U.S. Since 1865	3
TOTAL HOURS		6

III. Language, Philosophy & Culture (three hours)

Code	Title	Hours
Courses in this category focus on how ideas, values, beliefs, and other aspects of culture express and affect human experience. Courses involve the exploration of ideas that foster aesthetic and intellectual creation in order to understand the human condition across cultures. Course objectives for this component are: Critical Thinking Skills, Communication Skills, Social Responsibility, and Personal Responsibility.		
Select one of the following:		
		3
ANTH 2325	Language in Culture & Society	
AFST 2300	Intro-African Amer Studies	
CHIC 2302	Latina/o Presence in the U.S.	
ENGL 2311	English Literature	
ENGL 2312	English Literature	
ENGL 2313	Intro to American Fiction	
ENGL 2314	Intro to American Drama	
ENGL 2318	Intro to American Poetry	
ENGL 2325	Language in Culture & Society	
FREN 2322	Making of the "Other" Americas	
HIST 2301	World History to 1500	
HIST 2302	World History Since 1500	
LING 2325	Language in Culture & Society	
PHIL 1301	Introduction to Philosophy	
PHIL 2306	Ethics	
RS 1301	Introduct to Religious Studies	
SPAN 2340	Seeing & Naming: Conversations	
WS 2300	Introduction to Womens Studies	
WS 2350	Global Feminisms	
TOTAL HOURS		3

IV. Mathematics (three hours)

Code	Title	Hours
Courses in this category focus on quantitative literacy in logic, patterns, and relationships. Courses involve the understanding of key mathematical concepts and the application of appropriate quantitative tools to everyday experience. Course objectives for this component are: Critical Thinking Skills, Communication Skills, and Empirical & Quantitative Skills.		
Select one of the following:		
		3
MATH 1309	College Algebra	
MATH 1310	Trigonometry and Conics	
MATH 1319	Math in the Modern World	
MATH 1320	Math for Social Sciences I	
MATH 1411	Calculus I	
MATH 1508	Precalculus	
MATH 2301	Math for Social Sciences II	
STAT 1380	Statistical Literacy	
STAT 2480	Elementary Statistical Methods	
TOTAL HOURS		3

V. Life & Physical Sciences (six hours)

Code	Title	Hours
Courses in this category focus on describing, explaining, and predicting natural phenomena using the scientific method. Courses involve the understanding of interactions among natural phenomena and the implications of scientific principles on the physical world and on experiences. Course objectives for this component are: Critical Thinking Skills, Communication Skills, Empirical & Quantitative Skills, and Teamwork.		
Required: Lecture/Lab Sequence plus Additional Lecture		
ASTR 1107	Astronomy Lab I	

ASTR 1307	Elem Astronomy-Solar System
ASTR 1308	Elem Astr Stars & Galaxies
BIOL 1103	Introductory Biology Lab
BIOL 1104	Human Biology Laboratory
BIOL 1107	Topics in Study of Life I
BIOL 1108	Organismal Biology Laboratory
BIOL 1203	Introductory Biology
BIOL 1304	Human Biology
BIOL 1305	General Biology
BIOL 1306	Organismal Biology
BIOL 2111	Human Anat/Physio Lab I
BIOL 2113	Human Anat/Physio Lab II
BIOL 2311	Human Anat/Physiology I
BIOL 2313	Human Anat/Physiology II
CHEM 1105	Laboratory for CHEM 1305
CHEM 1106	Laboratory for CHEM 1306
CHEM 1107	Intro General Chemistry Lab
CHEM 1108	Intro Organic & Biochem Lab
CHEM 1305	General Chemistry
CHEM 1306	General Chemistry
CHEM 1307	Intro to General Chemistry
CHEM 1308	Intro Organic & Biochemistry
ESCI 1101	Environmental Sci. Lab
ESCI 1102	Non-major Lab for ESCI 1301
ESCI 1301	Intro to Environmental Sci
GEOG 1106	Laboratory for GEOG 1306
GEOG 1306	Physical Geography
GEOL 1103	Lab for GEOL 1313
GEOL 1104	Lab for GEOL 1314
GEOL 1111	Principles of Earth Sci - Lab
GEOL 1112	Laboratory for Geology 1212
GEOL 1211	Principles of Earth Sciences
GEOL 1212	Principles of Earth Science
GEOL 1230	The Blue Planet
GEOL 1231	Natural Hazards
GEOL 1313	Intro to Physical Geology
GEOL 1314	Intro to Historical Geol
HSCI 2302	Fundamentals of Nutrition
HSCI 2303	Wellness Dynamics
MICR 2330	Microorganisms and Disease
PHYS 1403	General Physics I
PHYS 1404	General Physics II
PHYS 2120	Laboratory for PHYS 2320
PHYS 2121	Laboratory for PHYS 2321
PHYS 2320	Introductory Mechanics
PHYS 2321	Introductory Electromagnetism

TOTAL HOURS**6**

VI. Political Science (six hours)

Code	Title	Hours
Courses in this category focus on consideration of the Constitution of the United States and the constitutions of the states, with special emphasis on that of Texas. Courses involve the analysis of governmental institutions, political behavior, civic engagement, and their political and philosophical foundations. Course objectives for this component are: Critical Thinking Skills, Communication Skills, Social Responsibility and Personal Responsibility.		
Required Courses:		
POLS 2310	Introduction to Politics	3
POLS 2311	American Gover & Politics	3
TOTAL HOURS		6

VII. Social & Behavioral Sciences (three hours)

Code	Title	Hours
Courses in this category focus on the application of empirical and scientific methods that contribute to the understanding of what makes us human. Courses involve the exploration of behavior and interactions among individuals, groups, institutions, and events, examining their impact on the individual, society, and culture. Course objectives for this component are: Critical Thinking Skills, Communication Skills, Empirical & Quantitative Skills, and Social Responsibility.		
Select one of the following:		3
ANTH 1301	Intro-Phys Anth/Archeolog	
ANTH 1302	Intro-Cultural Anthropology	
ANTH 1310	Cultural Geography	
ANTH 2320	Introduction to Human Language	
ASIA 2300	Asian American Studies	
CE 2326	Econ for Engrs & Scientists	
CHIC 2311	Intro to Chicano Studies	
COMM 2350	Interpersonal Communication	
COMM 2372	Mass Media and Society	
ECON 2303	Principles of Macroeconomics	
ECON 2304	Principles of Microeconomics	
EDPC 1301	Introduction to Ed Psychology	
EDU 1342	Action Research in Classrooms	
ENGL 2320	Introduction to Human Language	
GEOG 1310	Cultural Geography	
LEAD 2300	Leadership in Action	
LING 2320	Introduction to Human Language	
LING 2340	Lang. Inside & Out: Sel Topics	
PSYC 1301	Introduction to Psychology	
SOCI 1301	Introduction to Sociology	
SOCI 1310	Cultural Geography	
TOTAL HOURS		3

VIII. Creative Arts

Code	Title	Hours
Courses in this category focus on the appreciation and analysis of creative artifacts and works of the human imagination. Courses involve the synthesis and interpretation of artistic expression and enable critical, creative, and innovative communication about works of art. Course objectives for this component are: Critical Thinking Skills, Communication Skills, Teamwork, and Social Responsibility.		
Select one of the following:		3
ART 1300	Art Appreciation	
ARTH 1305	History of Art I	
ARTH 1306	History of Art II	
CHIC 1311	Chicana/o Fine Arts Appreciat	
DANC 1304	Introduction to Dance	
FILM 1390	Intro-Art of Motion Pict.	

MUSL 1324	Music Appreciation	
MUSL 1327	Jazz to Rock	
MUSL 2321	Music, Culture, and Society	
THEA 1313	Introduction to Theatre	
TOTAL HOURS		3

IX. Component Area Option (six hours)

Code	Title	Hours
a. A minimum of 3 SCH must meet the definition and corresponding Core Objectives specified in one of the foundational component areas. b. As an option for up to 3 semester credit hours of the Component Area Option, an institution may select course(s) that: (i) Meet(s) the definition specified for one or more of the foundational component areas; and (ii) Include(s) a minimum of three Core Objectives, including Critical Thinking Skills, Communication Skills, and one of the remaining Core Objectives of the institution's choice.		
ANTH 1312 Science & Society		
ANTH 1313 Human Variation		
BUSN 1301	Intro to Global Business	
COMM 1301	Public Speaking	
COMM 1302	Business/Profession Comm	
CS 1310	Intro-Computational Thinking	
CS 1320	Computer Programming Sci/Engr	
EL 1301	Eng Innovation and Leadership	
ENGR 1302	Engineering Design Experience	
ENGR 1303	Applied Engineering Analysis	
KIN 1301 Physical Activity for Health & Wellness		
LEAD 1300	Introduction to Leadership	
SCI 1301	Inquiry in Math & Science	
SOC1 1312 Science & Society		
SPLP 1312	Comm. Var. Across the Lifespan	
UNIV 1301	Seminar/Critical Inquiry	
TOTAL HOURS		6

Block Electives

(Core courses and courses from major or minor area cannot be counted as block electives)

Fine and Performing Arts

Code	Title	Hours
ART 3300	Art Exploration	3
ARTE 3307		3
ARTH 3353	Pre-Columb Art & Arch	3
CHIC 3302	Chicano Cinema	3
CHIC 3303	Border Image in Mexican Film	3
CHIC 3304	Chicano/Latino Music in the US	3
CHIC 3335	Regional Mexican Music	3
CHIC 3343	Latino/a Voices in Perf Activi	3
CHIC 3344	Chicana/o Theatre	3
CHIC 3345	The Roots of Latina/o Hip Hop	3
CHIC 3346	Dances of Mexico and Spain	3
CHIC 3347	AmerCinema of the US-Mex Bord	3
DANC 3303	Critical Dance Histories	3
DANC 3322	World Dance	3
DANC 3347	Jazz & Other Stage Danc Form I	3
DANC 3348	American Dance Forms - Jazz	3
DANC 3349	Hip Hop Dance I	3
FILM 3302	Chicano Cinema	3

FILM 3303	The Border Image in Mex. Film	3
FILM 3315	Screenwriting	3
FILM 3391	African-American Filmmakers	3
FILM 3394	Documentary Cinema	3
FILM 3395	Women and Film	3
FILM 4340	Selected Topics/ Film Studies	3
FREN 4389	Acting Out:Spectacle & Stage	3
MUSL 3324	Music in World Cultures	3
MUSL 3325	Cumbia: Mus, Diff, & Id. in Am	3
MUSL 3326	Social History of Rock	3
MUSL 3327	History of Jazz	3
MUSL 3329	Topics in Music Hist & Culture	3
MUSL 3332	Music and Film	3
MUSL 3333	Music of the Middle East	3
MUSL 3334	Intro to Ethnomusicology	3
SPAN 4341	Modern Drama	3
THEA 3335	Latinx/Latine Theatre	3
THEA 3340	History of Costume Design	3
THEA 3341	Principles of Costuming	3
THEA 3342	Lighting Design	3
THEA 3343	Scenic Painting	3
THEA 3350	Creative Drama	3
THEA 3351	Theatre Hist and Literature I	3
THEA 3352	Theatre Hist and Literature II	3
THEA 3355	Broadway Musicals-A History	3
THEA 3356	Women in Drama	3
THEA 4304	Theatre Pract/Non-Majors	3
WS 3331	Gender & Popular Culture	3
WS 3335	Feminist Film	3
WS 3382	Gender Issues in the Arts	3

Humanities

Code	Title	Hours
AFST 3303	Theories in African Amer. Stud	3
AFST 3390	Topics in African/Amer Studies	3
CHIC 3301	La Chicana	3
CHIC 3305	Chic Ident Form:Race,Class&Gen	3
CHIC 3311	Chicano Studies: Societal Issu	3
CHIC 4301	Chicano Legal History	3
CHIC 4308	Chicana/o Thought	3
CRW 3362	Intro to Creative Writing	3
CRW 3373	Writing in Society	3
ENGL 3300	Intro. to Literary Studies	3
ENGL 3301	Literary Studies	3
ENGL 3302	Literature and Film	3
ENGL 3304	Gothic Literature	3
ENGL 3305	Children's Literature	3
ENGL 3306	Young Adult Literature	3
ENGL 3309	Detective Fiction	3
ENGL 3310	Chicana/o Literature	3
ENGL 3311	American Literature to 1865	3
ENGL 3312	Am. Literature 1865 to Present	3

ENGL 3315	African American Literature	3
ENGL 3316	Native American Literature	3
ENGL 3317	Postcolonial Literature	3
ENGL 3318	British Literature Before 1485	3
ENGL 3319	Sixteenth-Cent. Prose & Poetry	3
ENGL 3320	Shakespeare	3
ENGL 3321	Shakespeare's Plays and Poetry	3
ENGL 3323	17th Century Prose and Poetry	3
ENGL 3325	Literature of the Bible	3
ENGL 3327	Jewish American Literature	3
ENGL 3328	Holocaust Literature and Film	3
ENGL 3330	Restoration & 18th Century Lit	3
ENGL 3331	World Literature	3
ENGL 3333	Romantic Literature	3
ENGL 3337	Victorian Literature	3
ENGL 3341	History of Form I	3
ENGL 3344	Am. Poetry 1900 to Present	3
ENGL 3360	Women in Literature	3
ENGL 3371	Southwestern Literature	3
ENGL 3374	Folklore Of Mexican American	3
ENGL 4308	Chaucer	3
ENGL 4309	Milton	3
ENGL 4314	Literary Criticism	3
ENGL 4316	Am. Nonfiction/Poetry To 1900	3
ENGL 4317	American Fiction To 1900	3
ENGL 4318	Early 20TH Cent Am. Fiction	3
ENGL 4319	Am. Fiction 1945 to Present	3
ENGL 4322	The American Drama	3
ENGL 4325	British Drama Since 1880	3
ENGL 4340	Advanced Literary Studies	3
ENGL 4347	British Novel thru 18th Cent	3
ENGL 4348	British Novel: 19th Century	3
ENGL 4349	British Novel: 20th Century	3
ENGL 4350	Maj Am. Writer(s) through 1900	3
ENGL 4351	Maj Am Writer(s) since 1900	3
FREN 3301	French Literature to 1715	3
FREN 3303	French Literature Since 1715	3
FREN 3320	French Civilization	3
FREN 3355	Assuming the Power of Speech	3
FREN 4387	Poetry, Art of Ages:Lai to Rai	3
FREN 4388	Pleasure of Text: Genre, Narra	3
FREN 4389	Acting Out:Spectacle & Stage	3
FREN 4390	Topics in French	3
all HIST 3300 - HIST 4300 except HIST 4325, HIST 4330, HIST 4390		
all HUMN 3300 - HUMN 4300		
JS 3300 - JS 4300		
LABS 3300	The Americas	3
LABS 3301	The Border	3
LING 3313	English Historical Linguistics	3
LING 3315	History of Spanish Language	3
MS 3313	U.S. Military History	3
all PHIL 3300 - PHIL 4300		

all RS 3300 - RS 4300		
RWS 3305	Intro to Tec Wrt and User Exp	3
RWS 3354	Methods for Inquiry & Design	3
RWS 3355	Workplace Writing	3
RWS 3359	Technical Writing	3
RWS 3367	Foundations of User Exp	3
RWS 4320	Web Authoring	3
all SPAN 3300 - SPAN 4300 except SPAN 3309, SPAN 3311, SPAN 4301		
WS 3351	Gender & Religion	3
WS 3360	Women in Literature	3
WS 3383	Gender Issues in Humanities	3
WS 4310	Feminist Theory	3

Social and Behavioral Sciences

Code	Title	Hours
AFST 3303	Theories in African Amer. Stud	3
AFST 4304	Envir. Just. & Min. Comm. U.S.	3
all ANTH 3300 - ANTH 4300		
CHIC 3301	La Chicana	3
CHIC 3305	Chic Ident Form:Race,Class&Gen	3
CHIC 3311	Chicano Studies: Societal Issu	3
CHIC 3339	Cultural Diversity & Youth: US	3
CHIC 4301	Chicano Legal History	3
CHIC 4304	Envir. Just. & Min. Comm U.S.	3
CHIC 4306	Comm Formation on US/MX Border	3
CHIC 4307	Hispanic Entrepreneurship	3
CHIC 4308	Chicana/o Thought	3
CHIC 4309	American Immigration & Soc Jus	3
COMM 3322	Communication and Conflict	3
COMM 3323	Comm & Org Leadership	3
COMM 3344	Media Programming for Radio/TV	3
COMM 3345	Media Scriptwriting	3
COMM 3353	Intercultural Communication	3
COMM 3354	Small Group	3
COMM 3355	Organizational Communication	3
COMM 4341	Media Announcing & Performance	3
COMM 4350	Selected Topics	3
COMM 4352	Contemporary Rhetoric	3
COMM 4360	Environmental Communication	3
COMM 4361	Environmental Conflict & Comm	3
COMM 4362	Gender and Communication	3
COMM 4363	Political Communication	3
COMM 4364	Communicating Positive Devian	3
COMM 4365	Comm Healthy Communities	3
COMM 4366	Communication of Public Herit	3
COMM 4368	Borderlands Communication	3
CRIJ 3321	Family Violence	3
CRIJ 3351	Crim Just on US-Mexico Border	3
CRIJ 4303	Crime, Criminal Justice & Film	3
CRIJ 4311	Immigration Law and Admin	3
CRIJ 4385	Study Abroad in Crim Justice	3
INSS 3301	Historical Dev of Nat'l Sec	3

INSS 3302	Sem in Intel and Nat'l Sec	3
INSS 4350	Selected Problems in Intel	3
INSS 4351	Professional Practices	3
LABS 3300	The Americas	3
LABS 3301	The Border	3
LABS 4301	Topics Lat Amer/Border Stud	3
LEAD 3300	Contemporary Theories of Lead	3
LEAD 4350	Leadership and Social Change	3
LEAD 4351	Community Engaged Leadership	3
LEAD 4380	Special Topics in Leadership	3
all LING 3300 - LING 4300 except LING 3313, LING 3315		
all POLS 3300 - POLS 4399		
PSYC 3315	Psychology and the Law	3
PSYC 4309	History & Systems Psychology	3
PSYC 4316	Language and Cognition	3
all SOCI 3300 - SOCI 4300		
WS 3301	La Chicana	3
WS 3370	Gender Roles & Society	3
WS 3372	Women & Work in the Sex Indust	3
WS 3380	Social Justice Values at Work	3
WS 3384	Gender Issues in Social Scincs	3
WS 4310	Feminist Theory	3
WS 4360	Jr/Sr Seminar/Women's Studies	3
RWS 3345	Editing	3
RWS 3355	Workplace Writing	3
RWS 3357	Issues in Tech & Rhetoric	3
RWS 3358	Special Topics in Writing	3
RWS 3359	Technical Writing	3
RWS 3365	Adv Composition:Rhet Theory	3
RWS 3366	Advanced Composition: Argument	3
RWS 4300	Senior Writing Practicum	3

The courses below will apply to different blocks based on the term and section completed

- Please see dept or schedule book (online) for details
 - CHIC 4350 Topics in Chicano Studies
 - WS 3390 Women's Studies:Special Topics

4-Year Sample Degree Plan

Code	Title	Hours
BA in POLITICAL SCIENCE		
FRESHMAN		
Fall		
RWS 1301		3
HIST 1301		3
General Core MATH		3
General Core Lang, Phil & Culture		3
POLS 2310		3
Spring		
RWS 1302		3
HIST 1302		3
POLS 2311		3
General Core Life/Phy Science w/Lab		4

General Core Soc & Behav Sciences	3
SOPHOMORE	
Fall	
General Core Life/Phys Science	3
General Core Component Area	3
POLS Field or Concentration Mand	3
Minor	3
Foreign Language	3
Spring	
General Core Component Area	3
General Core Creative Arts	3
POLS Field or Concentration Mand	3
Minor	3
Foreign Language	3
JUNIOR	
Fall	
POLS 3300	
POLS Field or Elective	3
Minor	3
Block Elective	3
Spring	
POLS Field or Elective	3
POLS Field or Elective	3
Minor	3
Minor	3
Block Elective	3
SENIOR	
Fall	
Major POLS Elective	3
Major POLS Elective	3
Block Elective	3
Open Elective	3
Upper Division Elective	3
Spring	
Major POLS Elective	3
Minor	3
Block Elective	3
Open Elective	3
Open Elective	2
Total Hours	114