POLITICAL SCIENCE, BS

Degree Requirements

Requirements for Students Matriculating in or before Academic Year 2023-2024. Learn more about University Academic Regulation 3.1 (http://catalog.okstate.edu/university-academic-regulations/#matriculation).

Minimum Overall Grade Point Average: 2.00
Total Hours: 120

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American History & Government

HIST 1103 | Survey of American History or HIST 1483 American History to 1865 (H) or HIST 1493 American History Since 1865 (DH) | 3     |
| POLS 1113 | American Government                                                  | 3     |

Analytical & Quantitative Thought (A)

MATH or STAT course designated (A) | 3     |

Humanities (H)

Courses designated (H) | 6     |

Natural Sciences (N)

Must include one Laboratory Science (L) course

Courses designated (N) | 6     |

Social & Behavioral Sciences (S)

SPCH 2713 | Introduction to Speech Communication (S) or SPCH 3733 Elements of Persuasion (S) | 3     |

Additional General Education

Courses designated (A), (H), (N), or (S) | 10    |

Hours Subtotal | 40    |

Diversity (D) & International Dimension (I)

May be completed in any part of the degree plan

Select at least one Diversity (D) course

Select at least one International Dimension (I) course

College/Departmental Requirements

First Year Seminar
(Transfer students with 15 hours exempt) | 1     |

Arts & Humanities
See note 2.a. | 3     |

Natural & Mathematical Sciences
See note 2.b. | 9     |

Foreign Language
See note 3

0-6 hours

Upper-Division General Education

Select 6 hours outside major department

See note 2.c.

Hours Subtotal | 13    |

Major Requirements

Minimum GPA 2.50 with a minimum grade of “C” in each course.

Core Requirements

POLS 2013 | Introduction to International Relations (S) | 3     |
| POLS 2113 | Introduction to Comparative Politics (IS)   | 3     |
| POLS 2213 | Fundamentals of Political Science            | 3     |
| POLS 3103 | Introduction to Political Inquiry             | 3     |
| POLS 4903 | Senior Capstone Seminar                      | 3     |

At least 18 hours of upper-division (3000- or 4000-level) POLS (excluding core requirements listed above)

Upper-division courses to complete the required 39 may be POLS or any other 3000- or 4000-level courses | 9     |

Hours Subtotal | 39    |

Electives

Select 28 hours

May need to include 6 hours of a foreign language (see note 3)

May need to include 6 hours upper-division general education outside major department. (see note 2.c.), and 7 additional upper-division hour

15 hours in one foreign language recommended for students focusing on International Relations

Hours Subtotal | 28    |

Total Hours | 120    |

With approval from the advisor and department head, a maximum of 30 hours from an accredited doctoral law program may be used for these areas.

Upper-Division POLS Courses

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POLS 3493  Public Policy  3
POLS 3513  Public Opinion and Polling  3
POLS 3523  Money, Media And Politics  3
POLS 3533  Lobbying: the Art of Influence and Manipulation  3
POLS 3613  State and Local Government  3
POLS 3663  Introduction to Political Thought  3
POLS 3683  Politics in Contemporary Film  3
POLS 3893  Terrorism & Counterterrorism  3
POLS 3953  Minorities in the American Political System (DS)  3
POLS 3963  State Courts and the Bar  3
POLS 3973  Race, Politics and Sports (D)  3
POLS 3983  Legal Research And Analysis  3
POLS 4000  Advanced Topics in American Politics  3
POLS 4010  Advanced Topics in International Relations  3
POLS 4013  American Foreign Policy  3
POLS 4020  Advanced Topics in Comparative Politics  3
POLS 4023  Security Analysis and Briefing  3
POLS 4033  Civil Wars (I)  3
POLS 4043  Global Political Economy  3
POLS 4053  War And World Politics (I)  3
POLS 4100  Problems of Government, Politics and Public Policy  1-6
POLS 4113  International Organization  3
POLS 4223  Social Movements  3
POLS 4333  Improving Democracy: How to Reform Government by the People (S)  3
POLS 4353  Political Campaigns and Elections  3
POLS 4423  Campaign Finance and Public Campaigns  3
POLS 4533  Legal Research And Analysis  3
POLS 4553  American Political Thought  3
POLS 4573  Democratic Theory  3
POLS 4593  Natural Resources and Environmental Policy  3
POLS 4623  Oklahoma Politics (S)  3
POLS 4653  Contemporary Political Thought  3
POLS 4670  Advanced Topics in Political Theory  3
POLS 4693  Gender and Politics  3
POLS 4963  U.S. Constitution: Civil Rights and Civil Liberties  3
POLS 4973  U.S. Constitution: Separation of Powers  3
POLS 4980  Advanced Topics in Public Law  3
POLS 4990  Independent Study  1-3
POLS 4993  Political Science Honors Thesis  3

Other Requirements

- See the College of Arts and Sciences Requirements.
- Minimum 2.0 GPA in all POLS courses.

• Upper-Division Credit: Total hours must include at least 40 hours in courses numbered 3000 or above.

College of Arts and Sciences Requirements

1. Hours in One Department: For B.A. and B.S. degrees, no more than 54 hours in one department may be required to meet degree requirements. Courses used to satisfy the General Education English Composition, U.S. History, American Government, and Mathematics or Statistics requirements will not count toward the 54-hour maximum required from one department.

2. A&S College/Departmental Requirements
   a. Arts and Humanities are defined as any course carrying an (H) designation or courses from AMST, ART, DANC, ENGL (except ENGL 3323 Technical Writing) HIST, MUSI, PHIL (except PHIL 1313 Logic and Critical Thinking (A), PHIL 3003 Symbolic Logic (A) and PHIL 4003 Mathematical Logic and Computability), REL, TH, and foreign languages.
   b. Natural and Mathematical Sciences are defined as any course from the following prefixes: ASTR, BIOC, BIOL, CHEM, CS (except CS 4883 Social Issues in Computing), GEOL, MATH, MICR, PBIO, PHYS, and STAT; or courses from other departments that carry an (A) or (N) general education designation.
   c. Six upper-division hours are required from General Education or any CAS courses outside the student’s major department. This requirement may be satisfied by courses also used to satisfy any part of a student’s degree program (i.e., in General Education, College Departmental Requirements, Major Requirements or Electives).
   d. Non-Western Studies Requirement for B.A. and B.F.A.: One course in Non-Western Studies (N.W.). This requirement may be satisfied by courses also used to satisfy any part of a student’s degree program (i.e., in General Education, College Departmental Requirements, Major Requirements or Electives).
   e. The College of Arts & Sciences requires a minimum 2.0 GPA in all major requirements and a minimum 2.0 GPA in all major-prefix courses applied to the degree.

3. Foreign Language Proficiency
   a. The foreign language requirement for the B.A. may be satisfied by 9 hours college credit in the same language, which must include 3 hours at the 2000-level, or equivalent proficiency (e.g., passing an advanced standing examination; TOEFL exam; presenting a high school transcript which demonstrates the high school was primarily conducted in a language other than English; etc.). Computer Science courses may not be used to satisfy this requirement. Currently Arabic and Mvskoke are not offered at the 2000-level at OSU.
   b. The foreign language requirement for the B.S., B.M. and B.F.A. may be satisfied by presenting a high school transcript which demonstrates two years of study of a single foreign language (passing grades at second-year level of study). It may also be satisfied by 6 hours college credit in the same language, which must include language courses 1713 and 1813, or equivalent proficiency (e.g., passing an advanced standing examination; TOEFL exam; presenting a high school transcript which demonstrates the high school was primarily conducted in a language other than English; etc.). Computer Science courses may not be used to satisfy this requirement.
c. In addition to a. and b., students pursuing teacher certification
must meet novice-high foreign language proficiency by
presenting a high school transcript which demonstrates two
years of study of a single foreign language with no grade below
B. Or, students may complete 3 hours college credit in a single
language with no grade below C (or pass an advanced standing
examination, College Level Examination Program (CLEP) exam,
or Oral Proficiency Interview developed by the American Council
on the Teaching of Foreign Languages, equivalent to 3 hours of
college credit.) Or, students may meet the requirement by transfer
of documentation of meeting the foreign language competency
from one of the teacher education programs in the State of
Oklahoma approved by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher
Education.

4. Exclusions. Courses with ATHL or LEIS prefixes and leisure activity
courses may not be used for degree credit.

Additional State/OSU Requirements

- At least: 60 hours at a four-year institution; 30 hours completed at
OSU; 15 of the final 30 or 50% of the upper-division hours in the major
field completed at OSU.
- Limit of: one-half of major course requirements as transfer work; one-
fourth of hours earned by correspondence; 8 transfer correspondence
hours.
- Students will be held responsible for degree requirements in effect at
the time of matriculation and any changes that are made, so long as
these changes do not result in semester credit hours being added or
do not delay graduation.
- Degrees that follow this plan must be completed by the end of
Summer 2029.