# Political Science: Pre-Law, BA

## Degree Requirements

**Requirements for Students Matriculating in or before Academic Year 2024-2025.** 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

### General Education Requirements

#### English Composition
See Academic Regulation 3.5 (http://catalog.okstate.edu/university-academic-regulations/#english-composition)

- ENGL 1113  
  or ENGL 1313  
  Composition I  
  3

- ENGL 1213  
  or ENGL 1413  
  Composition II  
  3

- ENGL 3323  
  Technical Writing  
  3

#### American History & Government

- HIST 1103  
  Survey of American History  
  3

- or HIST 1483  
  American History to 1865 (H)  
  3

- 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) with one (L)  
  6

#### Social & Behavioral Sciences (S)

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

#### Additional General Education

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

### Diversity (D) & International Dimension (I)

- May be completed in any part of the degree plan.
- At least one Diversity (D) course
- 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.)  
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#### Natural & Mathematical Sciences

- PHIL 1313  
  Logic and Critical Thinking (A)  
  3

- or PHIL 3003  
  Symbolic Logic (A)  
  3

- (See note 2.b.)

- Foreign Languages  
  (See note 3.)  
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- Non-Western Studies  
  (See note 2.d.)

- Upper-Division General Education

  6 hours outside major department  
  (See note 2.c.)

#### Hours Subtotal  
22

### Major Requirements

- Minimum GPA 2.50 with a minimum grade of "C" in each course.
- A minimum of 30 hours POLS (24 hours must be upper-division).

#### Requirements:

- POLS 2013  
  Introduction to International Relations (S)  
  3

- or POLS 2113  
  Introduction to Comparative Politics (IS)  
  3

- POLS 2023  
  The Individual And The Law  
  3

- POLS 2213  
  Fundamentals of Political Science  
  3

- POLS 3103  
  Introduction to Political Inquiry  
  3

- POLS 3983  
  Courts and Judicial Process (S)  
  3

- POLS 3993  
  Legal Research And Analysis  
  3

- POLS 4353  
  Administrative Law  
  3

- or POLS 4980  
  Advanced Topics in Public Law  
  3

- POLS 4963  
  U.S. Constitution: Civil Rights and Civil Liberties  
  3

- POLS 4973  
  U.S. Constitution: Separation of Powers  
  3

- POLS 4903  
  Senior Capstone Seminar  
  3

- 9 hours of any upper-division POLS  
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- 9 hours of upper-division Pre-Law courses from:  
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- AGEC 3713  
  Agricultural Law  
  3

- AMIS 4013  
  American Indian Sovereignty (D)  
  3

- AMST 3333  
  Crime, Law and American Culture (S)  
  3

- LSB 3213  
  Legal and Regulatory Environment of Business  
  3

- PHIL 3003  
  Symbolic Logic (A)  
  3

- PHIL 3413  
  Ethical Theory (H)  
  3

- PHIL 3843  
  Philosophy of Law (H)  
  3

- POLS 4353  
  Administrative Law  
  3

- POLS 4980  
  Advanced Topics in Public Law  
  3

- PSYC 4143  
  Psychology and Law  
  3

- SOC 4313  
  Sociology of Law  
  3

- SPCH 3733  
  Elements of Persuasion (S)  
  3

- or SPCH 4793  
  Nonverbal Communication (S)  
  3

### Hours Subtotal  
48

### Electives

- May need to include 6 hours upper-division general education outside major department (see note 2.c.).  
- 10

### Hours Subtotal  
10

### Total Hours  
120

### 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, 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 (http://catalog.okstate.edu/college-arts-sciences-major-departments/). 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 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).
   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 2030.