Political Science: Pre-Law, BS

Degree Requirements

Requirements for Students Matriculating in or before Academic Year 2022-2023. 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

Code | Title | Hours
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**General Education Requirements**

*English Composition*

- See Academic Regulation 3.5 (http://catalog.okstate.edu/university-academic-regulations/#english-composition)
- ENGL 1113 Composition I 3
- or ENGL 1313 Critical Analysis and Writing I

*American History & Government*

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

*Analytical & Quantitative Thought*

- Courses designated (A) 3

*Humanities (H)*

- Courses designated (H) 6

*Natural Sciences (N)*

- Must include one Laboratory Science (L) course 6
- Courses designated (N) with one (L)

*Social & Behavioral Sciences (S)*

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

**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.
- 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.) 3

*Natural & Mathematical Sciences*

- PHIL 1313 Logic and Critical Thinking (A) 3
- or PHIL 3003 Symbolic Logic (A)

(See note 2.b.)

*Foreign Languages*

(See note 3.)

0-6 hours

**Upper-Division General Education**

- 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.
- A minimum of 30 hours POLS (24 hours must be upper-division).

Requirements (21 hours):

- POLS 2013 Introduction to International Relations (S) 3
- or POLS 2113 Introduction to Comparative Politics (IS)
- 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
- 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 1
- 9 hours of upper-division Pre-Law courses from: 1

- AGEC 3713 Agricultural Law
- AMIS 4013 American Indian Sovereignty (D)
- AMST 3333 Crime, Law and American Culture (S)
- LSB 3213 Legal and Regulatory Environment of Business
- PHIL 3003 Symbolic Logic (A)
- PHIL 3413 Ethical Theory (H)
- PHIL 3843 Philosophy of Law (H)
- POLS 4353 Administrative Law
- POLS 4980 Advanced Topics in Public Law
- PSYC 4143 Psychology and Law
- SOC 4313 Sociology of Law
- SPCH 3733 Elements of Persuasion (S)
- SPCH 4793 Nonverbal Communication (S)

(See note 2.c.)

**Hours Subtotal** | 48

**Electives**

- Select 19 hours. 1

May need to include 6 hours upper-division general education outside major department. See note 2.c.

**Hours Subtotal** | 19

**Total Hours** | 120

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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.
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.
• Hours in One Department: For B.A. and B.S. degrees, no more than 54 hours in one department may be applied to degree requirements.

College of Arts and Sciences Requirements

1. General Education Requirements
   No more than two courses (or eight hours) from the major department (http://catalog.okstate.edu/college-arts-sciences-major-departments/) may be used to meet General Education and College and Departmental Requirements. The General Education required English Composition, required U.S. History, required American Government, one required MATH or STAT course, and required foreign language for B.A. degrees do not count against the two-course maximum.

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. The required six hours of upper-division General Education may not include courses from 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 3-hour 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
   a. 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 allowed from one department.
   b. 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 2028.

Example Plan of Study

Finish in Four Plan of Study

The plan below is an example of how students can successfully complete degree requirements in four years. This suggested class schedule plan may be used as a guide and can be adjusted based on individual needs. Students are required to meet with an academic advisor prior to enrollment each semester to plan their class schedule, and students are ultimately responsible for completing all degree requirements.
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