# POLITICAL SCIENCE: PUBLIC POLICY, BA

## 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

### 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  
- or ENGL 1313 Critical Analysis and Writing I  

Select one of the following:

- ENGL 1213 Composition II
- ENGL 1413 Critical Analysis and Writing II
- ENGL 3323 Technical Writing

**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)

- POLS 1113 American Government

**Analytical & Quantitative Thought (A)**

- MATH or STAT course designated (A)

**Humanities (H)**

Courses designated (H)  

**Natural Sciences (N)**

Must include one Laboratory Science (L) course

Courses designated (N)

**Social & Behavioral Sciences (S)**

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

**Additional General Education**

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

**Hours Subtotal**  

**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)

**Arts & Humanities**

See note 2.a.

**Natural & Mathematical Sciences**

See note 2.b.

### Hours Subtotal

**Major Requirements**

Minimum GPA 2.50 with grade of "C" in each course.

POLS 2013 Introduction to International Relations (S)  

or POLS 2113 Introduction to Comparative Politics (IS)

- POLS 2213 Fundamentals of Political Science
- POLS 3103 Introduction to Political Inquiry
- POLS 3493 Public Policy
- POLS 4903 Senior Capstone Seminar

Select 6 hours outside major department. See note 2.c.

**Foreign Language**

9 hours. See note 3.

**Non-Western Studies**

See note 2.d.

**Upper-Division General Education**

Select 12 hours from the following (3 hours must be POLS):

- AGEC 2313  
  Case Studies in Agricultural Trade and Development
- AGEC 3703  
  Issues in Agricultural Policy
- AGEC 4503  
  Environmental Economics and Resource Development
- AMEC 4703  
  American Agricultural Policy
- AMIS 4013  
  American Indian Sovereignty (D)
- AMST 4103  
  The Death Penalty in America (S)
- ECON 2103  
  Introduction to Microeconomics (S)
- ECON 2203  
  Introduction to Macroeconomics
- ECON 3423  
  Public Finance
- ECON 3903  
  Economics of the Environment
- ECON 4113  
- ECON 4913  
  Urban and Regional Economics
- GEOG 2002  
  Global Sustainability (N)
- MGMT 3011  
  Business, Government and Society
- NREM 4043  
  Natural Resource Administration and Policy
- POLS 2030  
  Topics in Public Policy & Administration
- POLS 2313  
  Social Justice Politics (D)
- POLS 3513  
  Public Opinion and Polling
- POLS 3533  
  Lobbying: the Art of Influence and Manipulation
- POLS 3613  
  State and Local Government
- POLS 3893  
  Terrorism & Counterterrorism
- POLS 4013  
  American Foreign Policy
- POLS 4043  
  Global Political Economy
- POLS 4363  
  Environmental Law and Policy
- POLS 4593  
  Natural Resources and Environmental Policy
- POLS 4623  
  Oklahoma Politics (S)
- SOC 2243  
  Drugs and Drug Policy in the United States
- SOC 3333  
  Policing and Society (S)
- SOC 4453  
  Environmental Inequality (S)
Upper-division division courses to complete the required 39 may be POLS or any other 3000- or 4000- level courses

Hours Subtotal 9

Electives
Select 19 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 1 additional upper-division hour

Hours Subtotal 19

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, BIOL, CHEM, CS (except CS 4883 Social Issues in Computing), GEO, 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.

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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