

POLITICAL SCIENCE

Associate of Arts

The Associate of Arts degree with a field of study in Political Science is designated for students planning to transfer to a baccalaureate degree program in Political Sciences or related field at four-year institutions. The curriculum includes general academic courses and electives that enable students who intend to major in Political Science, Public Affairs or Public Administration to transfer to four-year institutions. A degree in Political Science prepares students for a wide array of career options. These include public administrator, diplomatic corps member, elected official, legislative aide, policy analyst, journalist, lawyer, lobbyist, public opinion surveyor and college professor.

Program Learning Outcomes

1. Students will design an original research project that utilizes a research method commonly used in Political Science.
2. Students will design an original research project that applies one or more prominent theories in Political Science.
3. Students will interpret data results from Political Science surveys.
4. Students will assess a case study related to one of the Political Science subfields (American Politics, International Relations or Comparative Politics).
5. Students will compare Hispanic political participation, voting behavior or public opinion with the political experiences of the larger US population.
6. Students will collaborate with a professional working in a field related to political science and describe that professional's role in the political system.

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Field of Study - 18-19 credit hours

GOVT 2304	Introduction to Political Science	3
GOVT 2311	Mexican American and Latinx Politics	3
GOVT 2389	Academic Cooperative	3
PHIL 2307	Introduction to Social and Political Philosophy	3
ECON 2301	Principles of Economics I - Macro	3
Elective to be chosen from one of the following classes:		3-4
HIST 2321	World Civilizations I	
HIST 2322	World Civilizations II	
EDUC 1300	Learning Framework	
MATH 1442		
Any SPAN, SGNL, ANTH, CRIJ, PSYC, SOCI, SOCW or SPCH course.		

STC Core Curriculum - 42 credit hours

Complete 42 credit hours of required Core Curriculum including the following:¹

Mathematics

MATH 1442		
MATH 1414	College Algebra	

Language, Philosophy & Culture

PHIL 2306	Introduction to Ethics	
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Component Area Option

Any SPCH course.

SPCH 2335	Argumentation and Debate (Recommended)	
Total Credit Hours		60-61

¹ In addition to the courses in the Field of Study, the student is required to take 42 credit hours from the STC Core Curriculum. These courses must not duplicate courses taken to fulfill field of study requirements.

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Recommended Course Sequence

Course	Title	Credit Hours
First Year		
Fall		
HIST 1301 or HIST 2327 or HIST 2381	United States History I or Mexican-American History I or African American History I	3
ENGL 1301	Composition I	3
GOVT 2305	Federal Government	3
Component Area Option - Core Curriculum		3
Recommended:		
SPCH 2335	Argumentation and Debate	
Credit Hours		12
Spring		
HIST 1302 or HIST 2328 or HIST 2382	United States History II or Mexican-American History II or African American History II	3
ENGL 1302	Composition II - Rhetoric	3
MATH 1442 or MATH 1414	or College Algebra	4
GOVT 2306	Texas Government	3
Credit Hours		13
Summer		
Social and Behavioral Sciences Elective - Core Curriculum		3
Creative Arts Elective - Core Curriculum		3
Credit Hours		6
Second Year		
Fall		
GOVT 2304	Introduction to Political Science	3
GOVT 2311	Mexican American and Latinx Politics	3
Elective - Field of Study ¹		3-4
Life and Physical Sciences Elective - Core Curriculum		4
PHIL 2306	Introduction to Ethics	3
Credit Hours		16
Spring		
PHIL 2307	Introduction to Social and Political Philosophy	3
GOVT 2389	Academic Cooperative	3
Life and Physical Sciences Elective - Core Curriculum		4
ECON 2301	Principles of Economics I - Macro	3
Credit Hours		13
Total Credit Hours		60

¹ Courses to be chosen from Field of Study Elective.