



Political Science - Bachelor of Science
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2025-2026 Transfer Course Sheet

Minimum GPA | 2.5
 Minimum Transferable Hours | 24
 Maximum Transferable Hours | 60
 Second Choice Major Eligible | YES

Required Coursework for Admission

Course Name	Hrs.	TCCNS	TAMU
Composition and Rhetoric I or II	3	ENGL 1301 or ENGL 1302	ENGL 103 or ENGL 104
American Government	3	GOVT 2305	POLS 206
State & Local Government +	3	GOVT 2306	POLS 207

This transfer course sheet is applicable for applicants applying between August 1st, 2025 and October 15th, 2026.

+ Both POLS 206 and 207 are strongly preferred for transfer admissions. However, the department could accept either a non-Texas state and local government class (e.g. Oklahoma state government) or, if such a class is not offered, any other 3-hour government course towards POLS major electives as part of admission review. Applicants are encouraged to address the lack of a POLS 207 equivalent in their transfer application essay as POLS 207 will be a requirement of this degree.

Recommended Coursework for Admission

Course Name	Hrs.	TCCNS	TAMU
Math for Business & Social Sciences I *	3	MATH 1324 or MATH 2413	MATH 140 or MATH 151
Math for Business & Social Sciences II *	3	MATH 1325 or MATH 2414	MATH 142 or MATH 152

* Applicants with **45 credit hours or more** earned are **REQUIRED** to have both math courses completed at the time of application.

- **Maximum Transferable Hours are hours completed at the time of application.** See "Additional Transfer Requirements" on page 2 of this document for more information.
- Required courses listed must be completed with a grade of C or better.
- ENGL 1301 is a transferable course but may not satisfy the Communication requirements in this degree plan.
- AP/IB scores must be submitted at the time of application to be considered for coursework required for admission.
- The Department of Political Science will accept AP/IB credit when applicable. **DO NOT** retake classes for which you have AP/IB credit.
- Trigonometry, College Algebra (MATH 1314), Pre-Calculus, and Statistics are transferable courses but will not satisfy the Mathematics requirements in this degree plan.
- Bachelor of Science applicants are *strongly encouraged* to complete at least 2 semesters (6 hours) of degree-applicable math before applying for transfer.
- Bachelors of Science applicants who did not complete 2 years of the same foreign language in high school are encouraged to complete 2 semesters (8 hours) of the same college level foreign language before applying for transfer as a degree requirement for all Bachelor of Science degree plans at TAMU.

The recommendations below represent what a typical TAMU student's schedule looks like during the first four semesters. If working to complete an Associate's Degree before transferring, please align your degree plan to satisfy TAMU degree requirements. You may not have to complete the coursework in the sequence below but this major requires or recommends specific coursework to be completed.

First Year

FALL SEMESTER

TCCNS	TAMU	Course Name	Hrs.
ENGL 1301	ENGL 103	Composition and Rhetoric I	3
GOVT 2305	POLS 206	American Government	3
MATH 1324	MATH 140	Math for Business & Social Sciences I	3
HIST 1301	HIST 105	American History I	3
Total			12

SPRING SEMESTER

TCCNS	TAMU	Course Name	Hrs.
ENGL 1302	ENGL 104	Composition and Rhetoric II	3
GOVT 2306	POLS 207	State & Local Government	3
MATH 1325	MATH 142	Math for Business & Social Sciences II	3
	core.tamu.edu	Life & Physical Science	3
Total			12



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FALL SEMESTER

TCCNS	TAMU	Course Name	Hrs.
PHIL 2303	PHIL 240	Introduction to Logic	3
	core.tam.u.edu	Social & Behavioral Science	3
	core.tam.u.edu	Creative Arts	3
	core.tam.u.edu	Life & Physical Science	3
Total			12

SPRING SEMESTER

TCCNS	TAMU	Course Name	Hrs.
	core.tam.u.edu	Life & Physical Science	3
	core.tam.u.edu	Social & Behavioral Science	3
	core.tam.u.edu	Language, Philosophy & Culture	3
HIST 1302	HIST 106	American History II	3
Total			12

Coursework Timeline

- Applications to the summer/fall term may be asked to submit spring final grades. Competitive applicants will have Required and Recommended coursework completed by the application deadline.
- Summer coursework will not be considered for summer/fall applicants.
- Fall coursework will not be considered for spring applicants.
- Applicants to the spring term should have the Required and Recommended coursework completed by the end of Summer II semester before applying.

Additional Transfer Requirements

- Transfer applicants should have completed a full semester (spring or fall) course load of 12 transferable hours (minimum) after graduating from high school.
- Maximum credit hours listed are hours completed at the time of application. The department strongly recommends that students apply for transfer as early as possible.
- The Department of Political Science is looking for students who are interested in pursuing our degree as a focus. The essay and supporting materials should reflect the students' interest in pursuing our degree, including but not limited to background circumstances in academic career, influences towards major consideration,, career aspirations with degree as part of students' path, and how students' understanding of impacts from acts of service.
- All courses completed, regardless of degree applicability, are considered including accepted credit by exam hours. Applicants cannot select which hours are transferable, or opt to exclude completed hours, all completed hours will be factored when calculating total credit hours completed.
- **Meeting minimum requirements does not guarantee admission.** The entire record is reviewed for consistency in coursework and grades.

Career & Educational Opportunities

Political science is the study of governments, the processes by which government officials and institutions make public policies, and the effects of those policies on society. The governments of all nations – and all levels of government such as those for cities and states as well as national governments – are subjects of study in this discipline. Political science also researches the political attitudes and behavior of citizens and of those individuals who hold official government positions. It also examines the relationships among the nations of the world. Among other things, political science addresses power, authority, influence, identity, ethics, law, liberty, justice, wealth, and violence.

The study of political science introduces students to a powerful set of analytical tools for understanding interactions within and among groups of people. These include systematic knowledge of recurring patterns and problems in political life and methods for collecting and analyzing data and other forms of evidence. Studying political science also cultivates critical thinking and effective communication and prepares students for active citizenship, professional success, and lifelong learning. Both the BA and BS are options within this major. For more information please visit careercenter.tam.u.edu.

Transfer Course Sheet Notes

1. Admission preference is given to applicants with the highest GPA and the most appropriate courses completed.
2. Transfer applicants are encouraged to complete [University Core Curriculum](#) coursework found in the [Undergraduate Catalog](#) unless specified above.
3. This Transfer Course Sheet was supported in a partnership between the Office of Admissions and the Bush School of Government and Public Service at Texas A&M University with the Undergraduate Catalog having the most extant and definitive information.

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