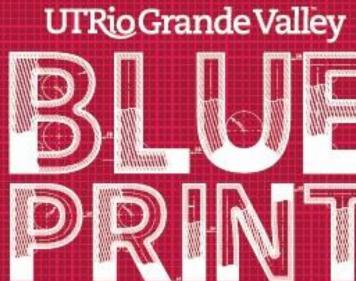
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**Department Chair** 

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**Additional Info** 

Political Science majors must complete the following

courses & requirements to graduate with a B.A. in

Any two of the following gateway courses (by

POLS 2470 Introduction to Political Science Research

POLS 2330 Introduction to Globalization

• POLS 2340 Introduction to Political Theory

POLS 2350 Introduction to Political Economy

Political Science.

(by sophomore year)

POLS Upper-Division Subfields:

2 Courses in World Politics

1 Course in Political Theory

1 Course in U.S. Political Institutions

1 Course in U.S. Political Groups & Behavior

1 Course in Political Economy & Public Policy

2 More POLS Courses (may include internships)

• POLS 4370 Senior Research Seminar (in senior year)

 Must earn a second major or minor in different discipline Must earn 54 upper-division hours (at least 27 in POLS)

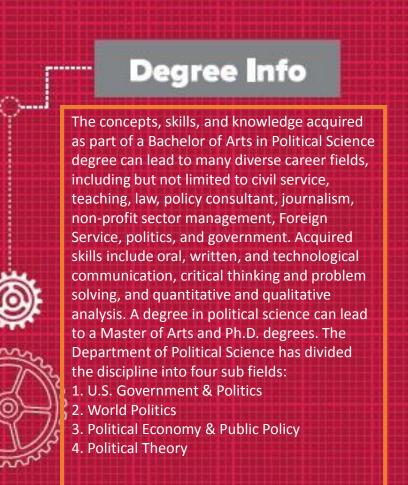
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MILESTONES ADVICE & SUPPORT	<ul> <li>UTRGV has a Writing Center and a Learning Center. Make it a point to visit them!</li> <li>Complete your core English classes (section 010) during your first year.</li> <li>Complete 30 credit hours every year in order to graduate in 4 years.</li> <li>Shoot for a GPA of 4.0.</li> <li>Take MATH 1340 in your first year.</li> <li>Meet with your academic advisor and bring your orientation folder with you to every session!</li> <li>Choose a major with confidence- Visit my.UTRGV.edu and check out the Kuder Journey.</li> <li>Visit a faculty member during their office hours and ask a question about class.</li> <li>Classes fill up fast. When registration opens, be sure to register on the first day for your group.</li> <li>Cold or flu getting you down? We have Student Health Services on campus with free office visits.</li> <li>Look for a service-learning course! For guidance, visit Engaged Scholarship &amp; Learning Office.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Shoot for a GPA of 4.0.</li> <li>Complete major foundation classes, such as POLS 2370 and two of the following: POLS 2230, 2340, 2350</li> <li>Complete 30 credit hours.</li> <li>Want to explore different careers? Check out Kuder Journey!</li> <li>Come ready with course suggestions and questions when you visit your academic advisor.</li> <li>Visit the Communication Hauser Lab for help with your speeches.</li> <li>Trouble making your tuition payment? The Financial Aid Office can help. Payment plans and emergency loans are also available</li> <li>To find undergraduate research opportunities, visit the Engaged Scholarship &amp; Learning Office.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Shoot for a GPA of 4.0.</li> <li>Complete 30 credit hours.</li> <li>Have you landed an internship or acquired research experience? This is the year to make it happen.</li> <li>RGV Legislative Internship</li> <li>Austin (State Capitol) Legislative Internship</li> <li>Government Internship</li> <li>Legal Internship</li> <li>Legal Internship</li> <li>Seek out research opportunities within your major and join a professional organization such as Model UN Club.</li> <li>Check DegreeWorks to make sure you are on track for graduation next year.</li> <li>Apply for internship and/or job shadowing opportunities. Discuss this with your advisor, faculty mentor, or Career Center.</li> <li>Go show off your research, service-learning or creative works at the Engaged Scholar Symposium!</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>AND BEYOND</li> <li>Shoot for a GPA of 4.0.</li> <li>"I have a plan for after graduation great! If not, visit your Faculty Ad</li> <li>Register for your Capstone/senior 4370 Senior Research Seminar.</li> <li>Complete at least 30 credit hours</li> <li>Submit your application(s) for grad apprenticeship, or for fulltime em</li> <li>Engage in an independent study printernship to complement your m</li> <li>Discuss future plans with your fact that includes employment, finance anticipated date. Visit the Academensure you are on track.</li> <li>Continue to present research or continue to present research or continue to present research or continue to present symposium.</li> </ul>
APPLY WHAT	<ul> <li>Participate in a campus-sponsored community service project.</li> <li>Ask a student in class to study with you.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Consider attending the LeaderShape Institute or attend the Engaged Scholar Symposium.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Sharpen your writing skills! Take an intensive writing course such as ENGL 3342 or become the secretary for your organization.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Set up an informational interview (especially an alumnus) currently work in.</li> </ul>
YOU LEARN GLOBAL, CAMPUS & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT	<ul> <li>Set up your profile on the Engagement Zone through My.UTRGV.edu.</li> <li>Attend a diversity based campus or community event (e.g. MLK Day of Service).</li> <li>Attend a departmental program such as Undergraduate Political Science Association.</li> <li>Join a student organization! Consider looking into Undergraduate Political Science Association or visit VLink (utrgv.edu/vlink) for options.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Look at study abroad opportunities! Consider attending a semester at another university in a different country.</li> <li>Check out a cultural campus or community event such as HESTEC or FESTIBA.</li> <li>Join another student organization. Perhaps from the list at <u>http://www.utrgv.edu/political-science/undergraduate/student-organizations/index.htm</u> or visit VLink for options.</li> <li>Check out a campus event that offers free lunch-bring a friend!</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Consider serving on a campus life/community committee or become a student leader and make a difference. Visit VLink or speak with your Student Government Association for more information!</li> <li>Travel the world! Look into study abroad opportunities at Office for International Programs &amp; Partnerships.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Identify employers of interest and fairs, online, at on-campus inform agencies, etc. The Career Center of</li> <li>Before a job interview, schedule a Career Center or speech coaching Hauser Lab.</li> </ul>
LIFE AFTER GRADUATION	<ul> <li>Create a résumé and set up your profile on the Career Connection icon: (My.UTRGV.edu).</li> <li>Got summer plans? Visit Career Center and ask about places to do some job shadowing.</li> <li>Research shows that students who work on campus perform better than those who work off campus. Look for a job on the Career Center portal!</li> <li>Check your UTRGV email for the daily Messenger- locate and attend one student workshop.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Update your resume in Career Connection and have it reviewed.</li> <li>Visit the Career Center site to find a job fair to attend. At the event, approach a recruiter and discuss internships.</li> <li>Will a minor expand your career options? We recommend any discipline within the Liberal Arts College, such as Philosophy, or Economics in the College of Business.</li> <li>Explain to someone how your academic program aligns with your strengths and interests.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Check out the Political Science department website for postings on career/graduate school.</li> <li>http://www.utrgv.edu/political-science/</li> <li>Think about three people you can ask for letters of recommendation (professors, mentors, advisors, supervisors, etc.). Give them at least two weeks' advance notice!</li> <li>When is the deadline for your graduate school application? Visiting the program admissions webpage. Most do not accept late applicants!</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Have you received your acceptantian employment offer? If not, network Career Center, and get on Linkedl</li> <li>Formulate and implement a strategraduation: attend career fairs, grafellowships, etc.</li> <li>Update your information with Alualumni mixers, events and contine Center services!</li> <li>Remember to do your exit loan constudentloans.gov.</li> </ul>



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#### **CAREERS**

- Public policy
- Urban planning
- City or town management
- Legislative, Executive, or Judicial Services
- Program administration
- General services
- Community affairs
- Social services
- Law enforcement
- Research
- Intelligence
- Foreign service
- Elected or appointed leadership
- Campaign management
- Staff administration
- Special interest advocacy
- Political advising
- Lobbying
- Public relations
- Community organizing
- Government relations

For additional info, visit the **Career Center website and** check out "What Can I Do With This Major?" www.utrgv.edu/careercenter