

FIRST YEAR	I H		Course #	Course Title	Min. Grade	GEC	Prerequisite	Additional Notes
	FALL	3	Choose 1	Communication (Core)	C	010	For all 010 courses: Satisfactory scores on ENGL portion of ACT test or TSI reading/writing exams or ENGL 0301. For ENGL 1302, a grade of "C" or better in ENGL 1301.	See General Education Core for more details Options: ENGL 1301
		3	Choose 1	Integrative/Experiential Learning Option (Core)		090		See General Education Core for course options.
		3	Choose 1	American History (Core)		060		See General Education Core for more details. Options: HIST 1301 or HIST/MASC 2327
		3	Choose 1	Mathematics (Core)	C	020	Satisfactory scores on Math portion of ACT test or TSI math exam or MATH 0314/0332/0342.	See General Education Core for course options.
		3	Choose 1	Social and Behavioral Sciences (Core)		080		See General Education Core for course options. ECON 2301 recommended.
			UNIV	1301 Learning Framework 1101 Academic and Career Success 1001 Living and Working by Design				As required, based on credit hours earned, TSI status, High School rank, major declaration.
	15 Semester Total Hours							
SPRING	3	Choose 1	Communication (Core)	C	010	For all 010 courses: Satisfactory scores on ENGL portion of ACT test or TSI reading/writing exams or ENGL 0301. For ENGL 1302, a grade of "C" or better in ENGL 1301.	See General Education Core for more details Options: ENGL 1302 or ENGL 1305.	
	3	Choose 1	American History (Core)		060		See General Education Core for more details. Options: HIST 1302 or HIST/MASC 2328	
	3	POLS 2305	U.S. Federal Govt & Politics		070			
	4	Choose 1	Life and Physical Sciences (Core)		030/090		See General Education Core for course options.	
	3	Choose 1	Creative Arts (Core)		050		See General Education Core for course options.	
	16 Semester Total Hours							
SECOND YEAR	I H		Course #	Course Title	Min. Grade	GEC	Prerequisite	Additional Notes
	FALL	3	POLS 2306	Texas Government & Politics		070		
		1	Choose 1	Integrative/Experiential Learning Option (Core)		090		See General Education Core for course options.
		3	Choose 1	Language, Philosophy & Culture (Core)		040		See General Education Core for course options.
		4	Choose 1	Life and Physical Sciences (Core)		030/090		See General Education Core for course options.
		3	13XX - 43XX	Minor course				
	14 Semester Total Hours							
	SPRING	4	POLS 2470	Introduction to Political Science Research			POLS 2305	Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.
3		POLS 23XX	Gateway to Political Science Course			POLS 2305	Can be POLS 2330, POLS 2340, POLS 2350	
3		POLS 23XX or ECON 23XX	Gateway to Political Science Course			POLS 2305	Can be POLS 2330, POLS 2340, POLS 2350 or ECON 2301. Note: May not take both POLS 2350 and ECON 2301 to fulfill the Gateway to Political Science requirement.	
3		13XX - 43XX	Minor course					
3		13XX - 43XX	Minor course					
16 Semester Total Hours								

CORE: The 2020-2021 list of core courses can be found in the 2020-2021 Undergraduate Catalog: www.utrgv.edu/catalog > See 'Core Curriculum'

Symbols Key

Critical ('I'): sequence sensitive course.

Minimum Grade: A - Excellent; B - Good; C - Satisfactory; D - Below Average;
CR - Credit; P - Passing; S - Satisfactory.

General Education Core (GEC) Sections: 010 - Communication; 020 - Mathematics; 030 - Life and Physical Sciences; 040 - Language, Philosophy & Culture; 050 - Creative Arts; 060 - American History; 070 - Government/Political Science; 080 - Social and Behavioral Sciences; 090 - Applied Communication and Literacies; 090 - Humanities; 090 - Leadership; 090 - Science Labs; 090 - Interdisciplinary ; 090 - Technologies; 090 - Language Diversity & Writing.

		I	H	Course #	Course Title	Min. Grade	GEC	Prerequisite	Additional Notes	
THIRD YEAR	FALL		3	POLS 33XX/43XX	U.S. Political Institutions & State/Local Politics			POLS 2305	See Degree Plan for List of Courses. Note: POLS 3310, POLS 3311, and POLS 3319 have a prerequisite of both POLS 2305 and POLS 2306. Additionally, POLS 3319 requires acceptance into the Archer Center program. See additional notes on degree plan.	
			3	POLS 33XX/43XX	U.S. Political Groups & Behavior			POLS 2305	See Degree Plan for List of Courses and additional notes.	
			3	POLS 33XX/43XX	World Politics			POLS 2305	See Degree Plan for List of Courses and additional notes.	
			2	12XX - 42XX	Free Elective					
			3	33XX - 43XX	Minor course (Advanced)					
		14 Semester Total Hours								
	SPRING		3	POLS 33XX/43XX	World Politics			POLS 2305	See Degree Plan for List of Courses and additional notes.	
			3	POLS 33XX/43XX	Political Economy & Public Policy			POLS 2305	See Degree Plan for List of Courses and additional notes.	
			3	POLS 33XX/43XX	Political Theory			POLS 2305	See Degree Plan for List of Courses and additional notes.	
			3	13XX - 43XX	Minor course					
			3	33XX - 43XX	Minor course (Advanced)					
		15 Semester Total Hours								
			I	H	Course #	Course Title	Min. Grade	GEC	Prerequisite	Additional Notes
	FOURTH YEAR	FALL		3	POLS 33/43XX	Advanced Political Science Elective			POLS 2305	Can be any POLS Upper-Division Course or Internship. Note: POLS Internship courses and Archer courses have a prerequisite of both POLS 2305 AND POLS 2306.
			3	POLS 33/43XX	Advanced Political Science Elective			POLS 2305	Can be any POLS Upper-Division Course or Internship. Note: POLS Internship courses and Archer courses have a prerequisite of both POLS 2305 AND POLS 2306.	
			3	13XX - 43XX	Free Elective					
			3	13XX - 43XX	Free Elective					
			3	33XX - 43XX	Free Advanced Elective					
15 Semester Total Hours										
SPRING			3	POLS 4370	Senior Research Seminar	C		POLS 2305		
			3	13XX - 43XX	Free Elective				May need to be advanced level (3000-4000) to meet institutional minimum of 42 advanced hours.	
			3	13XX - 43XX	Free Elective				May need to be advanced level (3000-4000) to meet institutional minimum of 42 advanced hours.	
			3	33XX - 43XX	Free Advanced Elective					
			3	33XX - 43XX	Free Advanced Elective					
		15 Semester Total Hours								

Notes

In the prescribed electives, POLS 4392, POLS 4393, POLS 4394, and POLS 4305 combined may be taken no more than three times for credit, only two of which may be used to satisfy degree requirements

POLS 4310, POLS 4311, and POLS 4312 may not be used to satisfy both U.S. Political Institutions & State/Local Politics requirement and a requirement for the Legal Studies minor if selected.

Minors vary in credit hours required. If applicable, the credit hours in the minor selected may impact the number of free electives required to reach the 120 credit hours needed to earn a bachelor's degree.

Free elective credit hours at the advanced level may be needed to achieve the institutional minimum of 42 advanced hours.

Graduation Requirements

Students must complete POLS 4370 Senior Research Seminar with a minimum grade of C.

120 TOTAL HOURS

(42 Advanced minimum credit hours)

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