



Bachelor of Arts (BA)
Political Science
Minor Required

2025-2026

		H	Course #	Course Title	Min. Grade	GEC	Prerequisite	Additional Notes
FIRST YEAR	FALL	3	Choose 1	Communication	C	010	For all 010 courses: Satisfactory scores on English portion of ACT test and TSI examination or ENGL 0301. For ENGL 1302, a grade of "C" or better in ENGL 1301.	See General Education Core for more details Option: ENGL 1301
		3	Choose 1	Integrative/Experiential Learning Option		090		See General Education Core for course options.
		3	Choose 1	American History		060		See General Education Core for more details. Options: HIST 1301 or HIST/MASC 2327
		3	Choose 1	Mathematics	C	020	College Ready TSI status in Mathematics or MATH 0314/0332/0342.	See General Education Core for course options.
		3	Choose 1	Social and Behavioral Sciences		080		See General Education Core for course options. ECON 2301 recommended.
			UNIV	1301 Learning Framework 1101 Academic and Career Success 1001/1300 Living and Working by Design				As required, based on a number of factors such as credit hours earned, TSI status, high school rank, major declaration, etc.
	15 Semester Total Hours							
	SPRING	3	Choose 1	Communication	C	010	For all 010 courses: Satisfactory scores on English portion of ACT test and TSI examination 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		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		030	May apply pending course selection	See General Education Core for course options. 1 credit hour of lab may apply to category 090.
		3	Choose 1	Creative Arts (Core)		050		See General Education Core for course options.
16 Semester Total Hours								
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SECOND YEAR	FALL	3	POLS 2306	Texas Government & Politics		070		
		1	Choose 1	Integrative/Experiential Learning Option		090		See General Education Core for course options.
		3	Choose 1	Language, Philosophy & Culture		040		See General Education Core for course options.
		4	Choose 1	Life and Physical Sciences		030	May apply pending course selection	See General Education Core for course options. 1 credit hour of lab may apply to category 090.
		3	13XX - 43XX	Minor course				
		14 Semester Total Hours						
	SPRING	4	POLS 2470	Introduction to Political Science Research			POLS 2305 or POLS 2385 or POLS 2301 or POLS 2313	Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.
		3	Choose 1	Gateway to Political Science Course			POLS 2305	Can be POLS 2330, POLS 2340, POLS 2350
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		3	13XX - 43XX	Minor course				
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	16 Semester Total Hours							

The 2024-2026 list of core courses can be found in the 2024-2026 Undergraduate Catalog: www.utrgv.edu/catalog > See 'Bachelors Degree Program Regulations'

Symbols Key

Minimum Grade: A - Excellent; B - Good; C - Satisfactory; D - Below Average; CR - Credit; P - Passing; S - Satisfactory.
Bolded Course #: Program Admission Requirement

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.

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THIRD YEAR	FALL	3	POLS 33XX/43XX	U.S. Political Institutions & State/Local Politics			POLS 2305, 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 Degree Plan for List of Courses. Note: 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.
		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							
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FOURTH YEAR	FALL	3	POLS 33/43XX	Advanced Political Science Elective			POLS 2305; pending course selection may also require POLS 2306	See options on degree plan. Students may take 3 credit hours of POLS 3190 or POLS 3393 to satisfy 3 of the 6 credit hours for the advanced electives in political science. POLS 3390 may be taken no more than twice (6 hours) for credit; topics must be different. Only 3 credit hours of POLS 3391 will be accepted to satisfy 3 of the 6 credit hours for the advanced electives in political science. Only 3 credit hours of POLS 3392 will be accepted to satisfy 3 of the 6 credit hours for the advanced electives in political science.
		3	POLS 33/43XX	Advanced Political Science Elective			POLS 2305; pending course selection may also require POLS 2306	See options on degree plan. Students may take 3 credit hours of POLS 3190 or POLS 3393 to satisfy 3 of the 6 credit hours for the advanced electives in political science. POLS 3390 may be taken no more than twice (6 hours) for credit; topics must be different. Only 3 credit hours of POLS 3391 will be accepted to satisfy 3 of the 6 credit hours for the advanced electives in political science. Only 3 credit hours of POLS 3392 will be accepted to satisfy 3 of the 6 credit hours for the advanced electives in political science.
		3	13XX - 43XX	Free Elective				
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		3	33XX - 43XX	Free Advanced Elective				
	15 Semester Total Hours							
	SPRING	3	POLS 4370	Senior Research Seminar	C		POLS 2305 and POLS 2470.	
		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							

120 TOTAL HOURS
(42) Advanced minimum credit hours

Revised: Tuesday, February 18th, 2025