



**Bachelor of Arts (BA)  
Political Science  
Minor Required**

**2024-2026**

	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 Living and Working by Design				As required, based on credit hours earned, TSI status, High School rank, major declaration. May apply as free elective.
<b>15 Semester Total Hours</b>								
FIRST YEAR	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.
<b>16 Semester Total Hours</b>								
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				
		<b>14 Semester Total Hours</b>						
SECOND YEAR	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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<b>16 Semester Total Hours</b>								

The 2024-2026 list of core courses can be found in the 2024-2026 Undergraduate Catalog: [www.utrgv.edu/catalog](http://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)				
<b>14 Semester Total Hours</b>								
THIRD YEAR	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)				
<b>15 Semester Total Hours</b>								
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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				
<b>15 Semester Total Hours</b>								
FOURTH YEAR	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				
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<b>15 Semester Total Hours</b>								

120 TOTAL HOURS  
(42) Advanced minimum credit hours

Revised: Thursday, August 29th, 2024