

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

The 2026-2027 list of core courses can be found in the 2026-2027 Undergraduate Catalog: [www.utrgv.edu/catalog](http://www.utrgv.edu/catalog) > See 'Bachelors Degree Program Regulations'

Symbols Key											
Campus: B - Offered in Brownsville; E - Offered in Edinburg; O - Offered Online; T - Travel Required											
Bolted Course Number*: Program Admission Requirement											
Min Grade: A - Excellent; B - Good; C - Satisfactory; D - Below Average; CR - Credit; P - Passing; S - Satisfactory.											
Core: 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;											
Core: 090 - Applied Communication and Literacies; Humanities; Leadership; Science Labs; Interdisciplinary; Technologies; Language Diversity & Writing											
Year	Semester	Credit Hours	Campus	Course Number	Course Title	Minimum Grade	Core	Prerequisite	Additional Notes		
1	Fall	3	B/E/O	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		
1	Fall	3	B/E/O	Choose 1	Integrative/Experiential Learning Option		090		See General Education Core for course options.		
1	Fall	3	B/E/O	Choose 1	American History		060		See General Education Core for more details. Options: HIST 1301 or HIST/MASC 2327		
1	Fall	3	B/E/O	Choose 1	Mathematics	C	020	College Ready TSI status in Mathematics or MATH 0314/0332/0342.	See General Education Core for course options.		
1	Fall	3	B/E/O	Choose 1	Social and Behavioral Sciences		080		See General Education Core for course options. ECON 2301 recommended.		
1	Fall		B/E/O	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.		
1	Fall	15	<b>Semester Total Hours</b>								
1	Spring	3	B/E/O	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.		
1	Spring	3	B/E/O	Choose 1	American History		060		See General Education Core for more details. Options: HIST 1302 or HIST/MASC 2328		
1	Spring	3	B/E/O	POLS 2305	U.S. Federal Govt & Politics		070				
1	Spring	4	B/E/O	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.		
1	Spring	3	B/E/O	Choose 1	Creative Arts (Core)		050		See General Education Core for course options.		
1	Spring	16	<b>Semester Total Hours</b>								
Year	Semester	Credit Hours	Campus	Course Number	Course Title	Minimum Grade	Core	Prerequisite	Additional Notes		
2	Fall	3	B/E/O	POLS 2306	Texas Government & Politics		070				
2	Fall	1	B/E/O	Choose 1	Integrative/Experiential Learning Option		090		See General Education Core for course options.		
2	Fall	3	B/E/O	Choose 1	Language, Philosophy & Culture		040		See General Education Core for course options.		
2	Fall	4	B/E/O	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.		
2	Fall	3	B/E/O	13XX - 43XX	Minor course						
2	Fall	14	<b>Semester Total Hours</b>								
2	Spring	3	B/E	POLS 2380	Political Science Research and Methods			POLS 2305.	Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.		
2	Spring	3	B/E/O	Choose 1	Gateway to Political Science Course			POLS 2305	Can be POLS 2330, POLS 2340, POLS 2350		
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2	Spring	3	B/E/O	13XX - 43XX	Minor course						
2	Spring	3	B/E/O	13XX - 43XX	Minor course						
2	Spring	15	<b>Semester Total Hours</b>								

Year	Semester	Credit Hours	Campus	Course Number	Course Title	Minimum Grade	Core	Prerequisite	Additional Notes	
3	Fall	3	B/E/O	POLS 33XX/43XX	U.S. Political Institutions & State/Local Politics			POLS 2305, POLS 3310, and POLS 3311 have a prerequisite of both POLS 2305 and POLS 2306.	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	Fall	3	B/E	POLS 3380	Introduction to Statistics for Political Science			POLS 2380.	Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.	
3	Fall	3	B/E/O	POLS 33XX/43XX	U.S. Political Groups & Behavior			POLS 2305	See Degree Plan for List of Courses and additional notes.	
3	Fall	3	B/E/O	POLS 33XX/43XX	World Politics			POLS 2305	See Degree Plan for List of Courses and additional notes.	
3	Fall	3	B/E/O	33XX - 43XX	Minor course (Advanced)					
3	Fall	<b>15 Semester Total Hours</b>								
3	Spring	3	B/E/O	POLS 33XX/43XX	World Politics			POLS 2305	See Degree Plan for List of Courses and additional notes.	
3	Spring	3	B/E/O	POLS 33XX/43XX	Political Economy & Public Policy			POLS 2305	See Degree Plan for List of Courses and additional notes.	
3	Spring	3	B/E/O	POLS 33XX/43XX	Political Theory			POLS 2305	See Degree Plan for List of Courses and additional notes.	
3	Spring	3	B/E/O	POLS 33/43XX	Advanced and Experiential Political Science Electives			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. POLS 3319, 3391, and POLS 3392 require acceptance into the Archer Fellowship program; POLS 3690 requires acceptance into the State Capitol Internship program and is only available in the Spring semester of odd-numbered years; and POLS 3190 and POLS 3393 have additional minimum credit-hour and GPA requirements.	
3	Spring	3	B/E/O	33XX - 43XX	Minor course (Advanced)					
3	Spring	<b>15 Semester Total Hours</b>								
Year	Semester	Credit Hours	Campus	Course Number	Course Title	Minimum Grade	Core	Prerequisite	Additional Notes	
4	Fall	3	B/E/O	POLS 33/43XX	Advanced and Experiential Political Science Electives			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. POLS 3319, 3391, and POLS 3392 require acceptance into the Archer Fellowship program; POLS 3690 requires acceptance into the State Capitol Internship program and is only available in the Spring semester of odd-numbered years; and POLS 3190 and POLS 3393 have additional minimum credit-hour and GPA requirements.	
4	Fall	3	B/E/O	13XX - 43XX	Minor course					
4	Fall	3	B/E/O	13XX - 43XX	Free Elective					
4	Fall	3	B/E/O	13XX - 43XX	Free Elective					
4	Fall	3	B/E/O	33XX - 43XX	Free Advanced Elective					
4	Fall	<b>15 Semester Total Hours</b>								
4	Spring	3	B/E	POLS 4370	Senior Research Seminar	C		POLS 2305		
4	Spring	3	B/E/O	13XX - 43XX	Free Elective				May need to be advanced level (3000-4000) to meet institutional minimum of 42 advanced hours.	
4	Spring	3	B/E/O	13XX - 43XX	Free Elective				May need to be advanced level (3000-4000) to meet institutional minimum of 42 advanced hours.	
4	Spring	3	B/E/O	33XX - 43XX	Free Advanced Elective					
4	Spring	3	B/E/O	33XX - 43XX	Free Advanced Elective					
4	Spring	<b>15 Semester Total Hours</b>								
		<b>120</b>	<b>TOTAL HOURS</b>							
		<b>(42)</b>	<b>Advanced minimum credit hours</b>							