#### • Must earn 54 upper-division hours (at least 27 in POLS)

- POLS 4370 Senior Research Seminar (in senior year)

- Must earn a second major or minor in different discipline

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#### 2018-2019 ACADEMIC PLAN

33XX - 43XX

**13XX - 43XX** 

33XX - 43XX

12XX - 42XX

POLS 33XX/43XX

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#### **FOURTH YEAR**

**Additional Info** 

Political Science majors must complete the following

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

POLS 2470 Introduction to Political Science Research

o POLS 2330 Introduction to Globalization

o POLS 2340 Introduction to Political Theory

o POLS 2350 Introduction to Political Economy

Any two of the following gateway courses (by

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)

sophomore year)

Advanced Elective Advanced Elective POLS 33/43XX

33XX - 43XX Second Major or Advanced Elective 33XX - 43XX Second Major or Advanced Elective 33XX - 43XX Second Major or Advanced Elective POLS 33/43XX

33XX - 43XX Second Major or Advanced Elective POLS 4370 Senior Research Seminar

### **THIRD YEAR**

Second Major or Minor course

Second Major or Minor course

Second Major or Minor course

Second Major or Elective course

Political Theory Subfield

Public Policy Subfield

World Politics Subfield

World Politics Subfield

Groups/Behavior Subfield

Institutions/State Subfield

POLS 33XX/43XX Political Economy &

POLS 33XX/43XX U.S. Govt./Politics –

POLS 33XX/43XX U.S. Govt./Politics –

# **SECOND YEAR**

Language, Philosophy & Culture Choose 1 Integrative/Experiential Learning Choose 1 POLS 2306 Texas Government & Politics

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Life and Physical Sciences Choose 1

13XX - 43XX Second Major or Minor course

**POLS 23XX** Gateway to Political Science Course: Choose 1 POLS 2470 Intro to Political Science Research

POLS 23XX or ECON 23XX Gateway to Political Science Course: Choose 1

13XX - 43XX Second Major or Minor course 13XX - 43XX Second Major or Minor course

"Choose 1" Indicates course options. If options are not listed, please review the 2018-19 General Education Core or the degree plan for this major: www.utrgv.edu/degreeplans.

## **FIRST YEAR**

Integrative/Experiential Learning Choose 1 Communication Choose 1

American History Choose 1

FILL 1314 College Algebra

UNIV 1301 Learning Framework Social and Behavioral Sciences Choose 1

American History Choose 1 Communication Choose 1

Life and Physical Sciences Choose 1 U.S. Federal Govt. & Politics POLS 2305

**Creative Arts** Choose 1

# BLUEPRINT EXPERIENCES

	FIRST YEAR	SECOND YEAR	THIRD YEAR	FOURTH YEAR AND BEYOND	<u>CAREERS</u>
MILESTONES	<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> </ul>	<ul> <li>□ Shoot for a GPA of 4.0.</li> <li>□ Complete major foundation classes, such as POLS 2470 and two of the following: POLS 2230, 2340, 2350</li> <li>□ Complete 30 credit hours.</li> </ul>	□ Shoot for a GPA of 4.0. □ Complete 30 credit hours. □ Have you landed an internship or acquired research experience? This is the year to make it happen. • RGV Legislative Internship • Austin (State Capitol) Legislative Internship • Government Internship • Legal Internship	□ Shoot for a GPA of 4.0. □ "I have a plan for after graduation." If this describes you, great! If not, visit your Faculty Advisor or Career Center! □ Register for your Capstone/senior/portfolio project: POLS 4370 Senior Research Seminar. □ Complete at least 30 credit hours to graduate. □ Submit your application(s) for graduate school, an apprenticeship, or for fulltime employment.	<ul> <li>Public policy</li> <li>Urban planning</li> <li>City or town management</li> <li>Legislative, Executive, or Judicial Services</li> <li>Program</li> </ul>
ADVICE & SUPPORT	<ul> <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 MyMajors.</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> </ul>	<ul> <li>□ Want to explore different careers? Check out MyMajors!</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> </ul>	<ul> <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> </ul>	<ul> <li>Engage in an independent study project or an academic internship to complement your major.</li> <li>Discuss future plans with your faculty mentor or advisor that includes employment, finances, and other life goals.</li> <li>Apply for graduation one semester prior to your anticipated date. Visit the Academic Advising Center to ensure you are on track.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>administration</li> <li>General services</li> <li>Community affairs</li> <li>Social services</li> <li>Law enforcement</li> <li>Research</li> <li>Intelligence</li> <li>Foreign service</li> </ul>
APPLY WHAT YOU LEARN	<ul> <li>Look for a service-learning course! For guidance, visit Engaged Scholarship &amp; Learning Office.</li> <li>Participate in a campus-sponsored community service project.</li> <li>Ask a student in class to study with you.</li> <li>Set up your profile on the Engagement Zone through</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>□ To find undergraduate research opportunities, visit the Engaged Scholarship &amp; Learning Office.</li> <li>□ Consider attending the LeaderShape Institute or attend the Engaged Scholar Symposium.</li> <li>□ Look at study abroad opportunities! Consider</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>☐ Go show off your research, service-learning or creative works at the Engaged Scholar Symposium!</li> <li>☐ Sharpen your writing skills! Take an intensive writing course such as ENGL 3342 or become the secretary for your organization.</li> <li>☐ Consider serving on a campus life/community</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>□ Continue to present research or creative works at the Engaged Scholar Symposium.</li> <li>□ Set up an informational interview with an individual (especially an alumnus) currently in the field you aspire to work in.</li> <li>□ Identify employers of interest and seek them out at job</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Elected or appointed leadership</li> <li>Campaign management</li> <li>Staff administration</li> </ul>
GLOBAL, CAMPUS & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT	<ul> <li>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>	attending a semester at another university in a different country.  Check out a cultural campus or community event such as HESTEC or FESTIBA.  Join another student organization. Perhaps from the list at <a href="http://www.utrgv.edu/political-science/undergraduate/student-organizations/index.htm">http://www.utrgv.edu/political-science/undergraduate/student-organizations/index.htm</a> or visit VLink for options.  Check out a campus event that offers free lunch-bring a friend!	committee or become a student leader and make a difference. Visit VLink or speak with your Student Government Association for more information!  Travel the world! Look into study abroad opportunities at Office for International Programs & Partnerships.	fairs, online, at on-campus information sessions, staffing agencies, etc. The Career Center can help.  Before a job interview, schedule a mock interview with the Career Center or speech coaching with the Communication Hauser Lab.	<ul> <li>Special interest advocacy</li> <li>Political advising</li> <li>Lobbying</li> <li>Public relations</li> <li>Community organizing</li> <li>Government relations</li> </ul>
LIFE AFTER GRADUATION	<ul> <li>□ Create a résumé and set up your profile on the Handshake 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 Handshake!</li> <li>□ Check your UTRGV email for the daily Messenger- locate and attend one student workshop.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>□ Update your resume in Handshake 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 acceptance for graduate school or an employment offer? If not, network: talk to faculty, the Career Center, and get on LinkedIn.</li> <li>□ Formulate and implement a strategy for life after graduation: attend career fairs, graduate fairs, apply to fellowships, etc.</li> <li>□ Update your information with Alumni Relations. Enjoy alumni mixers, events and continued access to Career Center services!</li> <li>□ Remember to do your exit loan counseling on studentleans gray</li> </ul>	For additional info, visit the Career Center website and check out "What Can I Do With This Major?" www.utrgv.edu/careercenter

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