

POLITICAL SCIENCE, BA

Degree Requirements

Requirements for Students Matriculating in or before Academic Year 2025-2026. Learn more about University Academic Regulation 3.1 (<http://catalog.okstate.edu/university-academic-regulations/#matriculation>).

Minimum Overall Grade Point Average: 2.00

Total Hours: 120

Code	Title	Hours
General Education Requirements		
<i>English Composition</i>		
See Academic Regulation 3.5 (http://catalog.okstate.edu/university-academic-regulations/#english-composition)		
ENGL 1113	Composition I	3
or ENGL 1313	Critical Analysis and Writing I	
Select one of the following:		3
ENGL 1213	Composition II	
ENGL 1413	Critical Analysis and Writing II	
ENGL 3323	Technical Writing	
<i>American History & Government</i>		
HIST 1103	Survey of American History	3
or HIST 1483	American History to 1865 (H)	
or HIST 1493	American History Since 1865 (DH)	
POLS 1113	American Government	3
<i>Quantitative Thought & Logical Reasoning (Q)</i>		
MATH or STAT course designated (Q)		3
<i>Understanding Humanities-Human Heritage & Cultures (H)</i>		
Courses designated (H)		6
<i>Reasoning in the Natural Sciences (N)</i>		
Must include one Laboratory-Based Inquiry (L) course		
Courses designated (N)		6
<i>Exploring Society & Human Behavior (S)</i>		
SPCH 2713	Introduction to Speech Communication (S)	3
or SPCH 3733	Elements of Persuasion (S)	
<i>Diversity (D)</i>		
Courses designated (D)		3
<i>Global Cultural Competency (G)</i>		
Courses designated (G)		3
<i>Additional General Education</i>		
Additional general education credit hours (at least 4 hours) are required to meet the total 40-hour minimum. If courses carry more than one general education designation and can be used to meet multiple minimum general education designation hours above, more than 4 hours of additional general education will be required here to meet the 40-hour minimum.		
Courses designated (Q), (H), (N), (S), (D), (G), or (F).		4
Hours Subtotal		40
College/Departmental Requirements		
<i>First Year Seminar</i>		
(Transfer students with 15 hours exempt)		1
<i>Arts & Humanities</i>		

See note 2.a.		9
<i>Natural & Mathematical Sciences</i>		
See note 2.b.		3
<i>Foreign Language</i>		
See note 3		9
<i>Non-Western Studies</i>		
See note 2.d.		
<i>Upper-Division General Education</i>		
Select 6 hours outside major department		
See note 2.c.		
Hours Subtotal		22
Major Requirements		
Minimum GPA 2.50 with a minimum grade of "C" in each course.		
<i>Core Requirements</i>		
POLS 2013	Introduction to International Relations (S)	3
or POLS 2113	Introduction to Comparative Politics (GS)	
POLS 2213	Fundamentals of Political Science	3
POLS 3103	Introduction to Political Inquiry	3
POLS 4903	Senior Capstone Seminar	3
At least 18 hours of upper-division (3000- or 4000-level) POLS (excluding core requirements listed above)		18
Upper-division courses to complete the required 39 may be POLS or any other 3000- or 4000-level courses		9
Hours Subtotal		39
Electives		
Select 19 hours		19
May need to include 6 hours upper-division general education outside major department (see note 2.c.), and 7 additional upper-division hour		
15 hours in one foreign language recommended for students focusing on International Relations		
Hours Subtotal		19
Total Hours		120

Upper-Division POLS Courses

Code	Title	Hours
POLS 3003	The Soviet Union: History, Society and Culture(GS)	3
POLS 3033	International Law	3
POLS 3053	Introduction to Central Asia Studies (IS)	3
POLS 3090	Teaching Practicum	1-6
POLS 3100	Political Science Internship	1-6
POLS 3101	Oklahoma Intercollegiate Legislature	1
POLS 3123	Russian & Eurasian Politics (G)	3
POLS 3143	European Politics (G)	3
POLS 3163	African Politics (G)	3
POLS 3193	Latin American Politics (GS)	3
POLS 3223	Asian Politics	3
POLS 3313	Middle Eastern Politics	3
POLS 3353	Political Parties	3
POLS 3423	Voting and Elections	3
POLS 3443	Pol Campaigns And Candidacy	3
POLS 3453	U.S. Congress	3

POLS 3483	The American Presidency	3
POLS 3493	Public Policy	3
POLS 3513	Public Opinion and Polling	3
POLS 3523	Money, Media And Politics	3
POLS 3533	Lobbying and the Power of Organized Interests	3
POLS 3613	State and Local Government	3
POLS 3663	Introduction to Political Thought	3
POLS 3683	Politics in Contemporary Film	3
POLS 3893	Terrorism & Counterterrorism	3
POLS 3953	Minorities in the American Political System (DS)	3
POLS 3963	State Courts and the Bar	3
POLS 3973	Race, Politics and Sports (D)	3
POLS 3983	Courts and Judicial Process (S)	3
POLS 3993	Legal Research And Analysis	3
POLS 4000	Advanced Topics in American Politics	3
POLS 4010	Advanced Topics in International Relations	3
POLS 4013	American Foreign Policy	3
POLS 4020	Advanced Topics in Comparative Politics	3
POLS 4023	Intelligence and Security Analysis	3
POLS 4033	Civil Wars (G)	3
POLS 4043	Global Political Economy	3
POLS 4053	War And World Politics (G)	3
POLS 4100	Problems of Government, Politics and Public Policy	1-6
POLS 4113	International Organization	3
POLS 4223	Social Movements	3
POLS 4333	Improving Democracy (S)	3
POLS 4353	Administrative Law	3
POLS 4363	Environmental Law And Policy	3
POLS 4403	Urban Politics and Management	3
POLS 4413	Government Budgeting	3
POLS 4453	Public Personnel Administration	3
POLS 4553	American Political Thought	3
POLS 4573	Democratic Theory	3
POLS 4593	Natural Resources and Environmental Policy	3
POLS 4623	Oklahoma Politics (S)	3
POLS 4653	Contemporary Political Thought	3
POLS 4693	Gender and Politics	3
POLS 4670	Advanced Topics in Political Theory	3
POLS 4963	U.S. Constitution: Civil Rights and Civil Liberties	3
POLS 4973	U.S. Constitution: Separation of Powers	3
POLS 4980	Advanced Topics in Public Law	3
POLS 4990	Independent Study	1-3
POLS 4993	Political Science Honors Thesis	3

Other Requirements

- See the College of Arts and Sciences Requirements.
- Minimum 2.0 GPA in all POLS courses.

- **Upper-Division Credit:** Total hours must include at least 40 hours in courses numbered 3000 or above.

College of Arts and Sciences Requirements

- Hours in One Department:** For B.A. and B.S. degrees, no more than 54 hours in one department may be required to meet degree requirements. Courses used to satisfy the General Education English Composition, U.S. History, American Government, and Mathematics or Statistics requirements will not count toward the 54-hour maximum required from one department.
- A&S College/Departmental Requirements**
 - Arts and Humanities are defined as any course carrying an (H) designation or courses from AMST, ART, DANC, ENGL (except ENGL 3323 Technical Writing) HIST, MUSI, PHIL (except PHIL 1313 Logic and Critical Thinking (Q), PHIL 3003 Symbolic Logic (Q) and PHIL 4003 Mathematical Logic and Computability), REL, TH, and foreign languages.
 - Natural and Mathematical Sciences are defined as any course from the following prefixes: ASTR, BIOC, BIOL, CHEM, CS (except CS 4883 Social Issues in Computing), GEOL, MATH, MICR, PBIO, PHYS, and STAT; or courses from other departments that carry an (A) or (N) general education designation.
 - Six upper-division hours are required from General Education or any CAS courses outside the student's major department (<http://catalog.okstate.edu/college-arts-sciences-major-departments/>). This requirement may be satisfied by courses also used to satisfy any part of a student's degree program (i.e., in General Education, College Departmental Requirements, Major Requirements or Electives).
 - Non-Western Studies Requirement for B.A. and B.F.A.; One course in Non-Western Studies (N.W.). This requirement may be satisfied by courses also used to satisfy any part of a student's degree program (i.e., in General Education, College Departmental Requirements, Major Requirements or Electives).
 - The College of Arts & Sciences requires a minimum 2.0 GPA in all major requirements and a minimum 2.0 GPA in all major-prefix courses applied to the degree.
- Foreign Language Proficiency**
 - The foreign language requirement for the B.A. may be satisfied by 9 hours college credit in the same language, which must include 3 hours at the 2000-level, or equivalent proficiency (e.g., passing an advanced standing examination; TOEFL exam; presenting a high school transcript which demonstrates the high school was primarily conducted in a language other than English; etc.). Computer Science courses may not be used to satisfy this requirement. Currently Arabic and Mvskoke are not offered at the 2000-level at OSU.
 - The foreign language requirement for the B.S., B.M. and B.F.A. may be satisfied by presenting a high school transcript which demonstrates two years of study of a single foreign language (passing grades at second-year level of study). It may also be satisfied by 6 hours college credit in the same language, which must include language courses 1713 and 1813, or equivalent proficiency (e.g., passing an advanced standing examination; TOEFL exam; presenting a high school transcript which demonstrates the high school was primarily conducted in a language other than English; etc.). Computer Science courses may not be used to satisfy this requirement.

c. In addition to a. and b., students pursuing teacher certification must meet novice-high foreign language proficiency by presenting a high school transcript which demonstrates two years of study of a single foreign language with no grade below B. Or, students may complete 3 hours college credit in a single language with no grade below C (or pass an advanced standing examination, College Level Examination Program (CLEP) exam, or Oral Proficiency Interview developed by the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages, equivalent to 3 hours of college credit.) Or, students may meet the requirement by transfer of documentation of meeting the foreign language competency from one of the teacher education programs in the State of Oklahoma approved by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.

4. **Exclusions.** Courses with ATHL or LEIS prefixes and leisure activity courses may not be used for degree credit.

Additional State/OSU Requirements

- At least: 60 hours at a four-year institution; 30 hours completed at OSU; 15 of the final 30 or 50% of the upper-division hours in the major field completed at OSU.
- Limit of: one-half of major course requirements as transfer work; one-fourth of hours earned by correspondence; 8 transfer correspondence hours.
- Students will be held responsible for degree requirements in effect at the time of matriculation and any changes that are made, so long as these changes do not result in semester credit hours being added or do not delay graduation.
- Degrees that follow this plan must be completed by the end of Summer 2031.