

# POLITICAL SCIENCE: PUBLIC POLICY, 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
<b>General Education Requirements</b>		
<i>English Composition</i>		
See Academic Regulation 3.5 ( <a href="http://catalog.okstate.edu/university-academic-regulations/#english-composition">http://catalog.okstate.edu/university-academic-regulations/#english-composition</a> )		
ENGL 1113 or ENGL 1313	Composition I Critical Analysis and Writing I	3
Select one of the following:		3
ENGL 1213 ENGL 1413 ENGL 3323	Composition II Critical Analysis and Writing II Technical Writing	
<i>American History &amp; Government</i>		
HIST 1103 or HIST 1483 or HIST 1493	Survey of American History American History to 1865 (H) American History Since 1865 (DH)	3
POLS 1113	American Government	3
<i>Quantitative Thought &amp; Logical Reasoning (Q)</i>		
MATH or STAT course designated (Q)		3
<i>Understanding Humanities-Human Heritage &amp; 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 &amp; Human Behavior (S)</i>		
SPCH 2713 or SPCH 3733	Introduction to Speech Communication (S) Elements of Persuasion (S)	3
<i>Diversity (D)</i>		
Courses designated (D)		3
<i>Global Cultural Competency (G)</i>		
Courses designated (G)		3
<i>Additional General Education</i>		
Courses designated (Q), (H), (N), (S), (D), (G), or (F).		4
<b>Hours Subtotal</b>		<b>40</b>
<b>College/Departmental Requirements</b>		
<i>First Year Seminar</i>		1
(Transfer students with 15 hours exempt)		
<i>Arts &amp; Humanities</i>		
See note 2.a.		9
<i>Natural &amp; Mathematical Sciences</i>		
See note 2.b.		3

### Foreign Language

9 hours. See note 3. 9

### Non-Western Studies

See note 2.d.

Upper-Division General Education

Select 6 hours outside major department. See note 2.c.

**Hours Subtotal 22**

### Major Requirements

Minimum GPA 2.50 with grade of "C" in each course.

POLS 2013 or POLS 2113	Introduction to International Relations (S) Introduction to Comparative Politics (GS)	3
POLS 2213	Fundamentals of Political Science	3
POLS 3103	Introduction to Political Inquiry	3
POLS 3493	Public Policy	3
POLS 4903	Senior Capstone Seminar	3
Any Upper Division POLS course		3
Select 12 hours from the following (3 hours must be POLS):		12
AGEC 2313	Case Studies in Agricultural Trade and Development	
AGEC 3703	Issues in Agricultural Policy	
AGEC 4503	Environmental Economics and Resource Development	
AGEC 4703	American Agricultural Policy	
AMIS 4013	American Indian Sovereignty (D)	
AMST 4103	The Death Penalty in America (S)	
ECON 2103	Introduction to Microeconomics (S)	
ECON 2203	Introduction to Macroeconomics	
ECON 3423	Public Finance	
ECON 3903	Economics of the Environment	
ECON 4113	Energy Economics: Traditional and Renewable Energy Markets	
ECON 4913	Urban and Regional Economics	
GEOG 2002	Global Sustainability (N)	
MGMT 3011	Business, Government and Society	
NREM 4043	Natural Resource Administration and Policy	
POLS 2030	Topics in Public Policy & Administration	
POLS 2313	Social Justice Politics (D)	
POLS 3513	Public Opinion and Polling	
POLS 3533	Lobbying and the Power of Organized Interests	
POLS 3613	State and Local Government	
POLS 3893	Terrorism & Counterterrorism	
POLS 4013	American Foreign Policy	
POLS 4043	Global Political Economy	
POLS 4363	Environmental Law And Policy	
POLS 4593	Natural Resources and Environmental Policy	
POLS 4623	Oklahoma Politics (S)	
SOC 2243	Sociology of Drugs	
SOC 3333	Policing and Society (S)	
SOC 4453	Environmental Inequality (S)	

Upper-division division courses to complete the required 39 may be POLS or any other 3000- or 4000- level courses	9
<b>Hours Subtotal</b>	<b>39</b>
<b>Electives</b>	
Select 19 hours	
May need to include 6 hours of a foreign language (see note 3)	
May need to include 6 hours upper-division general education outside major department (see note 2.c.), and 1 additional upper-division hour	
<b>Hours Subtotal</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>120</b>

## 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

1. **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.
2. **A&S College/Departmental Requirements**
  - a. 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.
  - b. 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.
  - c. 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).
  - d. 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).
  - e. 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.
3. **Foreign Language Proficiency**
  - a. 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.

- b. 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.