

POLITICAL SCIENCE: PUBLIC POLICY, BS

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 |
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| 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 | | |

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| UNIV 1111 | First Year Seminar (or other approved first year seminar course) | 1 |
| <i>Arts & Humanities</i> | | |
| See note 2.a. | | 3 |
| <i>Natural & Mathematical Sciences</i> | | |
| See note 2.b. | | 9 |
| <i>Foreign Language</i> | | |
| See note 3. | | |
| 0-6 hours | | |
| Upper-Division General Education | | |
| Select 6 hours outside major department. See note 2.c. | | |
| Hours Subtotal | | 13 |
| Major Requirements | | |
| Minimum GPA 2.50 with a minimum grade of "C" in each course. | | |
| 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 3493 | Public Policy | 3 |
| POLS 4903 | Senior Capstone Seminar | 3 |
| Any upper division POLS course | | 3 |
| Select 12 hours from the following (3 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 | |

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| POLS 4623 | Oklahoma Politics (S) | |
| SOC 2243 | Sociology of Drugs | |
| SOC 3333 | Policing and Society (S) | |
| SOC 4453 | Environmental Inequality (S) | |
| 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 28 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 | | |
| Hours Subtotal | | 28 |
| Total Hours | | 120 |

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.