

POLITICAL SCIENCE PROGRAM

The Political Science Program has a mission of providing students with knowledge and training necessary for personal, academic, and professional development in a friendly academic environment. The curriculum is designed to help students develop their reasoning and analytical skills and improve their competence in oral and written communications. The fundamental goal of the Program is to provide students with the theoretical underpinnings and analytical tools required to research and understand political issues and governmental processes. In addition to providing support courses for all undergraduate studies at Prairie View A&M University, the Program strives to achieve the following pivotal goals:

- Prepare students for graduate and professional schools by exposing them to a variety of concepts, theories and methodologies used in the study of Political Science;
- Train students for careers in government, law, education, journalism, urban planning, international affairs, business and many other fields on which public policy has an impact; and
- Help students develop a sustained interest in the day-to-day activities of governmental institutions and processes, as well as in events and issues that occur daily at the local, state, national, and international levels.

The Program offers a B.A. in Political Science with courses tailored to accommodate students of diverse educational and career interests. The curriculum includes a list of courses covering the traditional sub-fields of Political Science. The two main concentrations are Pre-law and General Political Science. Both American government and international politics are emphasized in the course offerings. In each track, the program requires the completion of 33 credit hours of Political Science courses, of which POSC 2123, POSC 2133, POSC 2413, POSC 3543 and POSC 4113 are required for majors and minors in the discipline.

Teacher Certification (Secondary Government/Political Science)

Students seeking teacher certification should consult with an advisor for requirements and guidelines.

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE DEGREE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Core Curriculum.....42 SCH

All Political Science Core Curriculum requirements are shown in the suggested degree program. In order to fulfill the 6 SCH of natural sciences requirements, students are advised to take a BIOL, CHEM, PHYS, or PHSC sequence.

Foreign Language Requirements (one language).....6 SCH

Major Requirements33 SCH

POSC 2123, 2133, 2413, 3543, 4113, and 18 semester hours from the political science curriculum. Students must earn a minimum grade of “C” in all classes pertaining to their major and in those required in the support area and unrestricted electives. Furthermore, a minimum grade of “C” is required in the minor area (if applicable).

Support Area.....12 SCH

ECON 2113 3 SCH

ENGL 2143..... 3 SCH

GEOG 1113 3 SCH

PSYC 2613 3 SCH

Minor Requirements 18 SCH

Unrestricted Electives.....9 SCH

Total Degree Requirement.....120 SCH

Minor Field Requirements.....24 SCH

(When the program area is taken as a Minor in another degree program)

POSC 2123, 2133, 2413, 3543, 4113 and 9 semester hours of Political Sciences electives