



College of: Arts & Sciences

Degree/Major: BS/Political Science

Academic Year: 2015-16

Proposed Four-Year Degree Plan (120 Total Hours)

The following is an example 8-semester plan. This is used to illustrate the course sequencing and the expectations for course loading. Students may use this as a guide as they plan their undergraduate education, but should adjust it to fit their personal goals. Students are responsible for completing requirements in the official degree sheet for each major. It is mandatory for a student to meet with an academic advisor prior to course enrollment each semester.

Assumption: Entering students have 2 years of a foreign language from high school.

Current Course Rotation: (F) = Fall only (S) = Spring only

Students must refer to the current course catalog for the availability of course offerings as well as visit with their academic advisor to find out about any special offerings.

Year One					
Fall Semester			Spring Semester		
A&S	1111	Freshman Orientation	ENGL	1213	Freshman Composition II
ENGL	1113	Freshman Composition I		3 hours	Analytical & Quantitative Thought
MATH	1483	or 1493 or 1513	HIST	1103	Survey of American History
	4 hours	Natural Science with Lab		3 hours	Humanities
POLS	1113	Intro to American Government	POLS	2113	Intro to Comparative Politics (S)
Total: 14 credit hours			Total: 15 credit hours		
Getting involved with student organizations will further your classroom experiences.			Registering at Career services is free, and gives you countless opportunities.		

Year Two					
Fall Semester			Spring Semester		
POLS	3663	Political Thought (F)	POLS	3103	Intro to Political Inquiry (S)
	4 hours	Natural Science		3 hours	Natural & Mathematical Sciences
	3 hours	Arts & Humanities	SPCH	2713	Intro to Speech Communication
	3 hours	Natural & Mathematical Sciences		3 hours	Electives
	3 hours	Electives		3 hours	Social Science (not POLS)
Total: 16 credit hours			Total: 15 credit hours		
Interested in Study Abroad? This would be a good time to visit the Study Abroad Office.			Start looking into 2nd Major or Minor; most minors are 15 - 18 hours.		

Year Three					
Fall Semester			Spring Semester		
POLS	3 hours	Upper-Division POLS from Area 1	POLS	3 hours	Upper-Division POLS from Area 3
POLS	3 hours	Upper-Division POLS from Area 2	POLS	3 hours	Upper-Division POLS
	3 hours	Upper-Division Social Science with Diversity (not POLS)		3 hours	Upper-Division Humanities with International
	3 hours	Natural & Mathematical Sciences		3 hours	Upper-Division Related
	3 hours	Upper-Division Related		3 hours	Upper-Division Related
Total: 15 credit hours			Total: 15 credit hours		
Interested in an internship? This is an ideal time to research possibilities.			Interested in law school or graduate school? Start planning to take LSAT or GRE Exam.		

Between Years Three and Four, contact your advisor about an official graduation check.

Year Four					
Fall Semester			Spring Semester		
POLS	3 hours	Upper-Division POLS	POLS	4903	Senior Capstone Seminar
POLS	3 hours	Upper-Division POLS		3 hours	Upper-Division Related
	3 hours	Upper-Division Related		3 hours	Electives (not POLS)
	3 hours	Electives		3 hours	Electives (not POLS)
	3 hours	Electives (not POLS)		3 hours	Electives (not POLS)
Total: 15 credit hours			Total: 15 credit hours		
Be prepared to apply for Spring graduation this semester. Check on 2nd Major or Minor.			Celebrate your accomplishment at May Graduation with your fellow Cowboys!!		

OTHER REQUIREMENTS:

The College of Arts & Sciences requires 6 hours Upper-Division General Education outside the major department.

Total hours must include at least 40 hours in courses numbered 3000 or above.

Hours in one department in excess of 54 will be added to the minimum total of 120 required for graduation.

1. GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

a. No more than two courses (or eight hours) from the major department may be used to meet General Education and College and Departmental Requirements. The General Education Controlled Elective, required English Composition, required U.S. History, required American Government, one required MATH course, and required foreign language for B.A. degrees do not count against the two-course maximum.

b. The Diversity, International Dimension, and Scientific Investigation requirements 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).

2. A&S COLLEGE/DEPARTMENTAL REQUIREMENTS

a. Arts and Humanities are defined as any course carrying an (H) designation or courses from AMST, ART, ENGL (except 3323), HIST, MUSI, PHIL(except 1313 and 3003), REL, TH, and foreign languages (second year and above). No more than six hours may be music or theatre performance or art studio.

b. Natural and Mathematical Sciences are defined as any course from the following prefixes: ASTR, BIOC, BIOL, BOT, CHEM, CS (except 4883), GEOL, MATH, MICR, PHYS, STAT and ZOOL; or courses from other departments that carry an (A) or (N) general education designation.

c. The required six hours of upper-division General Education may not include courses from the student's major department. 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. – consult academic advisor

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.

3. FOREIGN LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

a. The foreign language requirement for the B.A. may be satisfied by 10 hours college credit in the same language, or equivalent proficiency (e.g., passing an advanced standing examination; completing a second-year or higher college-level course in the language, etc.).

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 any of the options listed above for the B.A. utilizing elective hours.

c. In addition to a. and b., students pursuing secondary education 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 5 hours college credit in the same language with no grade below C (or pass an advanced standing examination equivalent to 5 hours of college credit.)

4. EXCLUSIONS

a. Courses used to satisfy the English Composition, American History and Government requirement will not count toward the 54 hour maximum allowed from one department.

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