Pre-Law Advising

The Department of Political Science offers pre-law advising for assistance in selecting courses that strengthen the skills necessary for success in law school.
BACHELOR’S DEGREE IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

The Department of Political Science at Sam Houston State University is comprised of academically strong faculty with practical experience in government and politics. The Bachelor of Arts (BA) and Bachelor of Science (BS) degrees in political science offer small class sizes, close contact with professors respected in their field, and involvement with the local community.

The department offers courses in five areas, which students can mix to meet their needs: American government and politics, international relations and foreign policy, comparative politics, public administration, and political theory and methodology.

REQUIREMENTS

Students must take a minimum of 12 hours of political science coursework in residence at SHSU. No grade below “C” in a political science course will count toward the major.

Minor: Political science majors must choose a minor of at least 18 hours that suits their interests and career needs. The legal studies minor is useful for positions in the public and private sectors requiring knowledge of the law or interaction with legal professions. In addition, it is well suited for students who wish to attend law school. Other common minors include American studies, communication studies, criminal justice, economics, general business, history, mass communication (journalism), Middle Eastern studies, philosophy, sociology, or a foreign language.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Once accepted, students may apply for relevant scholarships by completing the Scholarships4Kats online application. Transfer scholarships are available for students who would like to continue their academic career at Sam Houston State University.

INTERNSHIPS

SHSU political science students have interned with city and county governments, the Texas legislature, the U.S. Congress, non-profit organizations, international think tanks, major political campaigns, and law offices. Our flexible program allows for local internships, but has also placed students in other states and Washington, DC.