

SHSU Catalog (2025/2026)

Bachelor of Arts, Political Science							
CORE REQUIREMENTS	Department of Political Science		936.294.1457	polisci@shsu.edu			
Course Name		Hours	TCCNS	SI	ISU		
Communication (6 hours)							
Composition I		3	ENGL 1301	ENG	ENGL 1301		
Composition II		3	ENGL 1302	ENG	ENGL 1302		
Mathematics (3 hours)							
Elementary Statistics OR College Mathematics		3	MATH 1342 MATH 1332		MATH 1342 MATH 1332		
Life & Physical Sciences (6 hours)							
Choose two courses from your current Texas community college's core approved list.							
Language, Philosophy, & Culture (3 hours) ¹							
Choose one course from your current Texas community college's core approved list.							
Creative Arts (3 hours)							
Choose one course from your current Texas community college's core approved list.							
American History (6 hours)							
United States History to 1876		3	HIST 1301	HST	Y 1301		
United States History since	1876	3	HIST 1302	HST	Y 1302		
Government/Political Science (6 hours) ²							
American Government		3	GOVT 2305	POL	S 2305		
Texas Government		3	GOVT 2306	POL	POLS 2306		
Social & Behavioral Science (3 hours)							
Choose one course from your current Texas community college's core approved list.							
Component Area Option Recommendations (6 hours) ¹							
Choose two courses from your current Texas community college's core approved list.							

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

Full degree can be found here: https://www.shsu.edu/programs/bachelor-degree-in-political-science/

Course Name	Hours	TCCNS	SHSU			
Introduction to Political Science	3	GOVT 2304	POLS 2304			
Foreign Language (14 hours)						
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Courses for required minor

A minor is required for this program. A full list of minors can be found here: https://catalog.shsu.edu/degree-programs/

A minor is required for this program. The following minors cannot be paired with this degree program: Minor in Political Science.

- 1 Intermediate I and II of foreign language satisfies Core Curriculum requirements for Component Area IV: Language, Philosophy, & Culture, and 3 credits of Component Area IX: Component Area Option
- 2 No grade below a C in a Political Science course will count toward the major.

^{*}SHSU accepts a maximum of 70 credit hours: 66 academic hours + 4 hours of activity-based physical education (kinesiology) hours. Students must earn a 2.0 minimum overall GPA in all coursework, overall major GPA in all major coursework, SHSU GPA in all coursework, and SHSU major GPA in all major coursework.