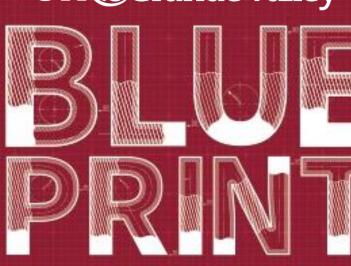
POLITICAL SCIENCE (BA) Catalog: 2019-20 **COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS**



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Additional Info

Political Science majors must complete the following

courses & requirements to graduate with a B.A. in

Any two of the following gateway courses (by

POLS 2470 Introduction to Political Science Research

POLS 2330 Introduction to Globalization

• POLS 2340 Introduction to Political Theory

POLS 2350 Introduction to Political Economy

Political Science.

(by sophomore year)

POLS Upper-Division Subfields:

2 Courses in World Politics

1 Course in Political Theory

1 Course in U.S. Political Institutions

1 Course in U.S. Political Groups & Behavior

1 Course in Political Economy & Public Policy

2 More POLS Courses (may include internships)

• POLS 4370 Senior Research Seminar (in senior year)

• Must earn a second major or minor in different discipline • Must earn 54 upper-division hours (at least 27 in POLS)

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"Choose 1" Indicates course options. If options are not listed, please review the General Education Core or the degree plan for this major: www.utrgv.edu/degreeplans. Courses in red are part of the General Education Core Curriculum (GEC).



as part of a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science degree can lead to many diverse career fields, including but not limited to civil service, teaching, law, policy consultant, journalism, non-profit sector management, Foreign Service, politics, and government. Acquired skills include oral, written, and technological communication, critical thinking and problem solving, and quantitative and qualitative analysis. A degree in political science can lead to a Master of Arts and Ph.D. degrees. The Department of Political Science has divided the discipline into four sub fields: 1. U.S. Government & Politics

Degree Info

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ADVICE & SUPPORT	 Neet with your academic advisor and bring your orientation folder with you to every session! Choose a major with confidence- Visit my.UTRGV.edu and check out MyMajors. Visit a faculty member during their office hours and ask a question about class. Classes fill up fast. When registration opens, be sure to register on the first day for your group. Cold or flu getting you down? We have Student Health Services on campus with free office visits. 	 Want to explore different careers? Check out MyMajors! Come ready with course suggestions and questions when you visit your academic advisor. Visit the Communication Hauser Lab for help with your speeches. Trouble making your tuition payment? The Financial Aid Office can help. Payment plans and emergency loans are also available 	 Seek out research opportunities within your major and join a professional organization such as Model UN Club. Check DegreeWorks to make sure you are on track for graduation next year. Apply for internship and/or job shadowing opportunities. Discuss this with your advisor, faculty mentor, or Career Center. 	 Engage in an independent of the internship to complement of the internship to complement of the includes future plane that includes emplois that includes emplois anticipated date. Vier of the insure you are on the insure you are on the international sectors.
APPLY WHAT YOU LEARN	 Look for a service-learning course! For guidance, visit Engaged Scholarship & Learning Office. Participate in a campus-sponsored community service project. Ask a student in class to study with you. 	 To find undergraduate research opportunities, visit the Engaged Scholarship & Learning Office. Consider attending the LeaderShape Institute or attend the Engaged Scholar Symposium. 	 Go show off your research, service-learning or creative works at the Engaged Scholar Symposium! Sharpen your writing skills! Take an intensive writing course such as ENGL 3342 or become the secretary for your organization. 	 Continue to present Engaged Scholar Sy Set up an informati (especially an alumn work in.
GLOBAL, CAMPUS & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT	 Set up your profile on the Engagement Zone through My.UTRGV.edu. Attend a diversity based campus or community event (e.g. MLK Day of Service). Attend a departmental program such as Undergraduate Political Science Association. Join a student organization! Consider looking into Undergraduate Political Science Association or visit VLink (utrgv.edu/vlink) for options. 	 Look at study abroad opportunities! Consider attending a semester at another university in a different country. Check out a cultural campus or community event such as HESTEC or FESTIBA. Join another student organization. Perhaps from the list at <u>http://www.utrgv.edu/political- science/undergraduate/student- organizations/index.htm</u> or visit VLink for options. Check out a campus event that offers free lunch- bring a friend! 	 Consider serving on a campus life/community committee or become a student leader and make a difference. Visit VLink or speak with your Student Government Association for more information! Travel the world! Look into study abroad opportunities at Office for International Programs & Partnerships. 	 Identify employers fairs, online, at on-oragencies, etc. The C Before a job intervio Career Center or sp Hauser Lab.
LIFE AFTER GRADUATION	 Create a résumé and set up your profile on the Handshake icon: (My.UTRGV.edu). Got summer plans? Visit Career Center and ask about places to do some job shadowing. Research shows that students who work on campus perform better than those who work off campus. Look for a job on Handshake! Check your UTRGV email for the daily Messenger- locate and attend one student workshop. 	 Update your resume in Handshake and have it reviewed. Visit the Career Center site to find a job fair to attend. At the event, approach a recruiter and discuss internships. Will a minor expand your career options? We recommend any discipline within the Liberal Arts College, such as Philosophy, or Economics in the College of Business. Explain to someone how your academic program aligns with your strengths and interests. 	 Check out the Political Science department website for postings on career/graduate school. http://www.utrgv.edu/political-science/ Think about three people you can ask for letters of recommendation (professors, mentors, advisors, supervisors, etc.). Give them at least two weeks' advance notice! When is the deadline for your graduate school application? Visiting the program admissions webpage. Most do not accept late applicants! 	 Have you received y an employment off Career Center, and Formulate and impligraduation: attend fellowships, etc. Update your inform alumni mixers, even Center services! Remember to do you studentloans.gov.



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- General services
- Community affairs
- Social services
- Law enforcement
- Research
- Intelligence
- Foreign service
- Elected or appointed leadership
- Campaign management
- Staff administration
- Special interest advocacy
- Political advising
- Lobbying
- Public relations
- Community organizing
- Government relations

For additional info, visit the Career Center website and check out "What Can I Do With This Major?" www.utrgv.edu/careercenter