

**Requirements utilizing the BS Physics degree Option II with Certification in Physical Science:** PHYS 1710/PHYS 1730, PHYS 2220/PHYS 2240, PHYS 3010/PHYS 3030, PHYS 3210, PHYS 3310, PHYS 4110, PHYS 4210, PHYS 4310, PHYS 4700, PHYS 4950 (6 hours); CHEM 1410/CHEM 1430 or CHEM 1412/CHEM 1430 or CHEM 1413/CHEM 1430; CHEM 1420/CHEM 1440 or CHEM 1422/CHEM 1440 or CHEM 1423/CHEM 1440; CSCE 1020; MATH 1710, MATH 1720, MATH 2700, MATH 2730, MATH 3410. Upon completion of this program, students will be prepared to sit for the certification examinations in Physical Science.

See major for additional course work and GPA requirements.

Students must also complete "Perspectives on Science and Mathematics" (this requirement may be fulfilled by UCRS 4000 or any other course approved by the co-directors of Teach North Texas), 18 hours in education courses (TNTX 1100 and TNTX 1200, EDSE 3500, EDSE 4000, EDSE 4500, EDSE 4608, EDSE 4618, EDSE 4128), and meet all GPA requirements to apply for state certification. In order to enroll for the first required education course, the student must make application to the certification program in the College of Education in Matthews Hall, Room 105.

All state certification requirements and information on required examinations is available on the web site of the State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC), [www.sbec.state.tx.us](http://www.sbec.state.tx.us).

## Graduate Degrees

The department offers degree programs leading to the Master of Arts, Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy. For information, consult the *Graduate Catalog*.

## Courses of Instruction

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### Course and Subject Guide

The "Course and Subject Guide," found in the Courses of Instruction section of this book, serves as a table of contents and provides quick access to subject areas and prefixes.

# Department of Political Science

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## Introduction

Department courses meet the needs of both undergraduate and graduate students preparing to enter national, state and local government employment; public and private foreign service; law; politics; public and private research; writing and reporting of public affairs and political science; and government and social science teaching.

## Pre-Law Information

UNT annually prepares many students to enter law schools. No prescribed program of courses has been found to be key for a successful law career. A grade point average of 3.5 or higher will be competitive for admission to a nationally recognized school, but a minimum of 3.0 is suggested to apply for admission to law school. While many students undertake a liberal arts degree, law schools place important emphasis on the diversity of their student body and seek persons from different backgrounds, including the natural sciences. Consequently, there is no pre-law program of courses; however, UNT offers an array of courses that will help prepare you.

Future law school students should take courses that emphasize writing and oral skills, research into problems facing society, logical reasoning, the American legal system and Constitutional Law. Pre-law students should take the Law School Admission

Test (LSAT) during the summer before or fall term/semester of their senior year. Students should plan to attend a pre-law orientation session early in their career (freshman or sophomore year) at UNT. For more information, check [www.cas.unt.edu/advising/prelaw/](http://www.cas.unt.edu/advising/prelaw/) or send inquiries to [prelaw@unt.edu](mailto:prelaw@unt.edu).

### Political Science Requirement

The university may not award a baccalaureate degree or a lesser degree or academic certificate unless the student has completed 6 hours of credit in American government that include consideration of the Constitutions of the United States and Texas. The university may determine that a student has met the requirement in whole or in part on the basis of credit transferred from another accredited college or upon successful completion of an advanced standing examination. Completion of 12 semester hours of upper division ROTC courses may be substituted for PSCI 1050. The student may satisfy part (3 hours) or all of the 6-hour political science requirement by credit through examination.

### Programs of Study

The department offers undergraduate and graduate programs in the following areas:

- Bachelor of Arts,
- Master of Arts,
- Master of Science, and
- Doctor of Philosophy, all with a major in political science.

Concentrations under the political science major are available at the master's and doctoral levels in political theory and political methodology.

### Study Abroad Programs

The Department of Political Science is home to several study abroad programs. Students may participate in the summer study program in London, where courses on British politics, British legal systems, European politics and terrorism have been taught. Students also meet with members of the British Parliament, key leaders of British political parties, cabinet ministers, and judges and practitioners in the British legal system. The summer program in The Hague, Netherlands, brings students to the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia where they study international law and attend sessions of the court. Students also meet with judges, members of the prosecutor's office and other top officials.

## Bachelor of Arts with a Major in Political Science

### Degree Requirements

1. **Hours Required and General/College Requirements:** A minimum of 120 semester hours, of which 42 must be advanced, and fulfillment of degree requirements for the Bachelor of Arts degree as specified in the "General University Requirements" in the Academics section of this catalog and the College of Arts and Sciences requirements.

2. **Major Requirements:** All students entering UNT and wishing to pursue the Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in political science must first enter as pre-majors. Before applying for political science major status, pre-majors must complete at least 24 hours of college course work including the following:

- a. 6 hours of courses including PSCI 1040 or PSCI 1041, and PSCI 1050 or PSCI 1051 or PSCI 1060, or the equivalent, with a 2.5 GPA or better on these 6 hours;
- b. pre-majors who have completed the above requirements and who have a cumulative GPA of at least 2.5 (UNT and transfer credit) may file a formal application for major status.

Political science majors must complete 30 hours in political science: PSCI 1040 or PSCI 1041, and either PSCI 1050 or PSCI 1051 or PSCI 1060, PSCI 2300, any political theory course and 18 other hours, including at least one advanced course in each of three of the listed areas of study (not including political theory). Advanced courses are offered in six areas of study.

#### Field A, American Government and Politics:

PSCI 3010, PSCI 3100\*, PSCI 3110, PSCI 3120, PSCI 3130, PSCI 3160, PSCI 3420, PSCI 4020, PSCI 4100, PSCI 4120, PSCI 4140 and PSCI 4450.

**Field B, Public Law:** PSCI 3200, PSCI 3210, PSCI 4200, PSCI 4210, PSCI 4220 and PSCI 4810.

**Field C, Political Theory and Methodology:** PSCI 3310, PSCI 3320, PSCI 4320, PSCI 4360 and PSCI 4330\*.

**Field D, Public Policy:** PSCI 3420, PSCI 4130, PSCI 4450 and PSCI 4490.

**Field E, Comparative Government and Politics:** PSCI 3600, PSCI 3700\*, PSCI 4630, PSCI 4640, PSCI 4650, PSCI 4660, PSCI 4670, PSCI 4700, PSCI 4710 and PSCI 4720.

**Field F, International Relations:** PSCI 3500, PSCI 3810, PSCI 4520, PSCI 4800, PSCI 4810, PSCI 4820\*, PSCI 4821, PSCI 4822, PSCI 4823, PSCI 4824, PSCI 4825, PSCI 4830, PSCI 4840, PSCI 4850 and PSCI 4860.

Courses listed in more than one area of study may be counted toward the requirements of only one area.

\*May be repeated for credit as topics vary.

3. **Electives:** See four-year plan.

4. **Other Requirements:** Academic requirements for graduation with a BA degree in political science: A student must have a minimum of 2.5 grade point average in all work attempted, including transfer, correspondence, extension and residence work in all courses, and in all courses counting toward the political science major.

**BA with a Major in Political Science**

*The following four-year plan is one example of a variety of ways in which you can complete your chosen degree in four years, and will serve as guide for you to design your pathway to degree completion. Variations will depend on whether you need to take prerequisites or have college credit from exams or dual enrollment.*

*The College of Arts and Sciences expects you to have completed the State recommended high school program and be ready to enroll for Language 2040 or a mathematics course above college algebra. If you are not prepared for this level, the necessary prerequisites will either replace electives or increase the hours required for the degree.*

**FRESHMAN YEAR**

FALL	HOURS
ENGL 1310, College Writing I, or ENGL 1313, Computer Assisted College Writing I*	3
LANG 2040, Foreign Language (intermediate, may be used to satisfy a portion of the Understanding the Human Community requirement)**	3
PSCI 1040, American Government*	3
MATH (see approved list)**	3
Social and Behavioral Sciences	<u>3</u>
Total	15

SPRING	HOURS
ENGL 1320, College Writing II, or ENGL 1323, Computer Assisted College Writing II*	3
LANG 2050, Foreign Language (intermediate, may be used to satisfy a portion of the Understanding the Human Community requirement)**	3
PSCI 1050, American Government, or PSCI 1060, American Government: Topics*	3
Natural Sciences**	3
Visual and Performing Arts*	<u>3</u>
Total	15

**SOPHOMORE YEAR**

FALL	HOURS
HIST 2610, United States History to 1865*	3
PSCI 2300, Introduction to Political Research	3
PSCI Field C (advanced)	3
Elective	3
Physical Sciences**	<u>3</u>
Total	15

SPRING	HOURS
HIST 2620, United States History Since 1865*	3
Elective	3
Elective	3
Elective	3
Humanities*	<u>3</u>
Total	15

**JUNIOR YEAR**

FALL	HOURS
PSCI Elective	3
PSCI Field Elective (advanced, see major requirements)	3
Elective (advanced)	3
Elective	3
Laboratory Science**	<u>3</u>
Total	15

SPRING	HOURS
PSCI Elective	3
PSCI Field Elective (advanced, see major requirements)	3
PSCI Field Elective (advanced, see major requirements)	3
Elective	3
Elective	<u>3</u>
Total	15

**SENIOR YEAR**

FALL	HOURS
PSCI elective	3
Elective (advanced)	3
Elective (advanced)	3
Elective (advanced)	3
Elective (advanced)	<u>3</u>
Total	15

SPRING	HOURS
Elective (advanced)	3
Elective (advanced)	3
Elective (advanced)	3
Elective (advanced)	3
Elective (advanced)	<u>3</u>
Total	15

\*See the University Core Curriculum section of this catalog for approved list of course options.

\*\* See Arts and Sciences degree requirements section of this catalog for approved list of course options.

*Actual degree audits may vary depending on availability of courses in a given semester. Some courses may require prerequisites not listed. Students may wish to use opportunities for electives to complete a minor of their choice.*

## Degree Audits

During the sophomore year of enrollment, the student should make a degree audit. The student must bring or send all transcripts of prior college work, if any, to the departmental advisor, with whom an advisory sheet is made. Transcripts and advisory sheets are then taken to General Academic Building, Room 220, for the completion of the degree audit. The process should be completed in time for the next registration period.

## Minors

### Peace Studies

Students wishing to obtain a minor in peace studies must complete a minimum of 18 hours (6 advanced), including PSCI 3500 plus at least one course from each of these three areas:

- Determinants of Violence: CJUS 4330, CJUS 4350; EADP 4090; PSCI 4640, PSCI 4821; or, when topic is appropriate, ANTH 4801, ANTH 4701; HIST 4260, HIST 4262, HIST 4263; PSCI 4700 or PSCI 4820.
- Conflict Management: AECO 4000, AECO 4120; COMM 3320; PSCI 4660, PSCI 4822, PSCI 4823, PSCI 4825, PSCI 4850; or, when topic is appropriate, HIST 4260; PSCI 4700.
- Issues of Justice: ECON 3150; HIST 3150, HIST 4315, HIST 4390, HIST 4440, HIST 4450, HIST 4455, HIST 4465, HIST 4470, HIST 4780; PSCI 4210, PSCI 4360, PSCI 4520, PSCI 4660, PSCI 4720, PSCI 4800, PSCI 4810, PSCI 4823, PSCI 4824; SOCI 4540; or, when topic is appropriate, HIST 4260, HIST 4440; PSCI 4490, PSCI 4820 or PSCI 4850, or PSCI 4330 (when topic is appropriate).

Any of the following courses may also be taken to fulfill the remaining 6 hours: AECO 4420; ANTH 3130, HIST 4070, HIST 4350, HIST 4650, HIST 4660; JOUR 4240; PSCI 3600, PSCI 3810, PSCI 4630, PSCI 4830; SOCI 4160, SOCI 4750; or, when topic is appropriate, ANTH 4701; HIST 4260. Practicums, internships and special problems courses may also apply if approved by the Director of Peace Studies. Interested students should contact Dr. David Mason, Department of Political Science, Wooten Hall, by phone at 940-565-2386, or by e-mail at masontd@unt.edu.

## Political Science

A minor in political science requires 18 hours: PSCI 1040 and PSCI 1050, plus 12 semester hours that include 6 advanced.

## Certificate in Peace Studies

Fifteen hours, at least 9 of which must be upper division, including PSCI 3500 (Introduction to Peace Studies) and at least one course from each of three areas in the peace studies minor: determinants of violence, conflict resolution and issues of justice. Three hours of internship credit can be accepted.

## Pender Scholars

The department annually awards two \$1,000 scholarships based on merit to incoming students (fall term) who declare their intention to major in political science. The awardees are known as Pender Scholars in honor of the first chair of the political science department, J.W. "Dad" Pender.

High school seniors must rank in the top quarter of their class and have a score of at least 1100 recentered on the SAT (or its equivalent). Transfer students must have a 3.5 grade point average and a score of at least 1100 recentered on the SAT (or its equivalent). Application deadline is April 1; awards are announced September 15. Contact the undergraduate advisor in Wooten Hall, Room 141, for more information.

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