

Political Science

Scholars have long recognized the interdependence of local, national, and international affairs, as well as the interrelatedness of the many activities and forms of behavior found in the categories of social sciences, liberal arts, and humanities. In addition, there is now a growing awareness of the relevance and interrelatedness of the phenomena studied by natural and physical scientists. The point has been reached where virtually every area of knowledge is of some interest to the social and political scientist.

The term "political scientist" is somewhat general, referring to someone who has an interest in studying politics, political behavior, and/or government. Actually, most political scientists focus on one of the following areas: American politics, comparative politics, political behavior, international politics, public policy, public administration, or political theory and methods.

A major in political science will not prepare you for a specific job, although it is an excellent program of study for those interested in a career in political science as a profession, government service at various levels, law enforcement, journalism, law, or business. It is very useful for those oriented toward any career that requires a college degree with a liberal arts emphasis, which, according to recent research, would include most career paths. SHSU graduates have found success in public office, on professional staffs in a number of government agencies and legislative offices, in the practice of law, in public school teaching, as college faculty members, and in private business.

The BA degree follows specific course requirements as specified in the SHSU Undergraduate Catalog. The BA degree program requires a minor field of 18-24 hours and 30 hours in the major. The minimum total hours required for the BA degree is 120. Students may be eligible for an Associates degree from Lone Star College System after their first two years of study. Please see your Lone Star College advisor to check the requirements or refer to your LSC-Catalog pages 76-77.

LSCS and the partner universities provide equal employment, admission, and educational opportunities without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age or disability.

The staff members in the Academic Student Services Office at the UC assist all students in determining which program of study to pursue. This includes providing information about the variety of programs available, reviewing transcripts to aid in identifying any courses to be completed before entering the program of choice, and serving as liaison between the student and university program representatives. Students who have already earned an associate's degree or have a substantial number of college academic credit hours should contact the Academic Student Services Office for advising and to begin the transfer admission process for the university offering the degree program they desire to pursue.

This brochure was created by the Academic Student Services Office based on information from the partner university.

For more information, please contact the Academic Student Services Office at the University Center:

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Bachelor of Arts

Sam Houston State University



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| SHSU Course # | SHSU Course Title | LSCS Course # |
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| Communication (6 hrs) | | |
| ENG 164 | Composition I | ENGL 1301 |
| ENG 165 | Composition II | ENGL 1302 |
| Mathematics (3 hrs) | | |
| MTH 164 | College Mathematics | MATH1332 |
| or MTH 170 | Pre-Calculus Algebra | MATH 1314 |
| or approved substitute | | |
| Natural Science (8 hrs) Choose two courses with labs from one field. | | |
| BIO 138/118 | Introductory Biology II | BIOL 1406 |
| or BIO 139/119 | Introductory Biology I | BIOL 1407 |
| or CHM 135/115 | Inorganic & Environmental Chemistry | CHEM1405 |
| or CHM 138/118 | General Chemistry I | CHEM1411 |
| or CHM 139/119 | General Chemistry II | CHEM1412 |
| or CHM 136/116 | Introduction Organic & Biochemistry/Lab | CHEM1419 |
| or GEL 133/113 | Physical Geology | GEOL 1403 |
| or GEL 134/114 | Historical Geology | GEOL 1404 |
| or PHY 138/118 | General Physics I | PHYS 1401 |
| or PHY 139/119 | General Physics II | PHYS 1402 |
| Humanities (3 hrs) | | |
| ENG 265 | Readings in Literature of Western World | ENGL2332 ENGL2333 |
| or ENG 266 | Readings in Literary Genres | ENGL 2322 ENGL 2323 |
| or PHL 261 | Introduction to Philosophy | PHIL 1301 |
| or PHL 263 | Introduction to Ethics | PHIL 2306 |
| Visual & Performing Arts (3 hrs) | | |
| AGR 299 | Floral Design | ARTS 1301 |
| or ART 160 | Introduction to Visual Arts | ARTS1301 |
| or ART 260 | Survey I: Art History | ARTS1303 |
| or ART 161 | Basic Design I | ARTS 1311 |
| or ART 163 | Drawing | ARTS 1316 |
| or DNC 172 | Dance as Art | DANC 2303 |
| or DNC 176 | Rhythmic Structure of Movement | DANC 1301 |

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| or THR 160 | Introduction to Production | DRAM 1330 |
| or THR 164 | Acting I | DRAM 1351 |
| or THR 166 | Theatre Appreciation | DRAM 1310 |
| or THR 230 | Stage Make-Up | DRAM 1341 |
| or THR 231 | Theatre Speech I | DRAM 2336 |
| or MUS 161 | Introduction to the Study of Music | MUSI 1301 |
| or MUS 138 | Survey of Music Literature | MUSI 1308 |
| or MUS 264 | History of Rock, Jazz & Popular Music | MUSI 1310 |
| or MUS 265 | Music Appreciation | MUSI 1306 |
| Cultural Studies (3 hrs) | | |
| BSL 236 | Multicultural Influences on Learning | |
| or GEO 265 | World Regional Geography | GEOG 1303 |
| or GEO 266 | World Regional Geography | |
| or HIS 265 | World History | HIST 2311 |
| or HIS 266 | World History | HIST 2312 |
| or SOC 168 | Intro to Ethnic Studies | SOCI 2319 |
| or (SPAN, FREN, GERM) 263, 264 | | |
| History (6 hrs) | | |
| HIS 163 | U.S. History to 1876 | HIST 1301 |
| HIS 164 | U.S. History since 1876 | HIST 1302 |
| Political Science (6 hrs) | | |
| POL 261 | Principles of American Government-National & State | GOVT 2301 |
| POL 285 | American Public Policy | GOVT 2302 |
| Other Requirements (4 hrs) | | |
| KIN 215 | Fitness for Living | KINE 1111 |
| CS 133 (143) | Introduction to Computing | COSC 1401 |
| PHL Elective (3 hrs) | | |
| ART, DNC, MUS, THR or PHL 366 | | |
| Foreign Language (14 hrs) | | |
| FL 141 | SPAN, FREN, GERM | FL 1411 |
| FL 142 | | FL 1412 |
| FL 263 | | FL 2311 |
| FL 264 | | FL 2312 |

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| Speech Communications (3 hrs) | | |
| COM 161 | Public Speaking | SPCH 1315 |
| or COM 282 | Communication for Business and the Professions | SPCH 1321 |
| or COM 284 | Argumentation & Debate | SPCH 2335 |
| or THR 164 | Acting I | DRAM 1351 |
| or THR 231 | Theatre Speech I | DRAM 2336 |
| Bachelor of Science in Political Science (15 hrs) | | |
| POL 374 | Quantitative Methods | |
| POL 377 | Introduction to Political Theory | |
| POL 3 hrs | International Relations or Comparative Politics | |
| POL 379 | Research & Writing in Political Science | |
| POL 472 | Political Attitudes & Behavior | |
| Advanced POL Electives (9 hrs) | | |
| 300 or 400 level | | |
| General Electives (16 hrs) | | |
| Minor (18 hrs) | | |
| Total Hours | | *120 |
| *Students should use elective and/or minor hours to satisfy the 42 advanced hour requirement. | | |

* See SHSU catalog for any changes

*See LSCS catalog for more details on Associate's Degree