

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 BS degree follows specific course requirements as specified in the SHSU Undergraduate Catalog. The BS degree program requires a minor field of 18-24 hours and 36 hours in the major. The minimum total hours required for the BS 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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<u>SHSU Course #</u>	<u>SHSU Course Title</u>	<u>LSCS Course #</u>
Communication (6 hrs)		
ENG 164	Composition I	ENGL 1301
ENG 165	Composition II	ENGL 1302
Mathematics (3 hrs)		
MTH 164	College Mathematics	MATH 1332
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	CHEM 1405
or CHM 138/118	General Chemistry I	CHEM 1411
or CHM 139/119	General Chemistry II	CHEM 1412
or CHM 136/116	Introduction Organic & Biochemistry/Lab	CHEM 1419
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	ENGL 2332 ENGL 2333
or ENG 266	Readings in Literary Genres	ENGL 2322 ENGL 2323
or PHIL 261	Intro to Philosophy	PHIL 1301
or PHIL 263	Intro to Ethics	PHIL 2306
Visual & Performing Arts (3 hrs)		
AGR 299	Floral Design	ARTS 1301
or ART 160	Introduction to Visual Arts	ARTS 1301
or ART 260	Survey I: Art History	ARTS 1303
or ART 161	Basic Design I	ARTS 1311
or ART 163	Drawing	ARTS 1316

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or DNC 172	Dance as Art	DANC 2303
or DNC 176	Rhythmic Structure of Movement	DANC 1301
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	Intro. 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
Social & Behavioral Science (3 hrs)		
ECO 230	Introduction to Economics	ECON 2371
or ECO 233	Microeconomics	ECON 2302
or ECO 234	Macroeconomics	ECON 2301
or GEO 161	Geographic Skills	GEOG 1300
or PHIL 262	Critical Thinking	PHIL 2303
or PSY 131	Introduction to Psychology	PSYC 2301
or PSY 289	Psychology of Adjustment	PSYC 2315
or SOC 131	Principles of Sociology	SOCI 1301
or SOC 264	Social Problems	SOCI 1306

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Other Requirements (4 hrs)		
KIN 215	Fitness for Living	KINE 1111
CS 133 (143)	Introduction to Computing (or approved substitute)	COSC 1401
BIO, CHM, GEL, PHY (8 hrs)		
Must be different from the first 8 hours of lab sciences from one field.		
Math or Lab Science (3 hrs)		
Must be different from the first 16 hours of lab sciences and 3 hours of math courses.		
Speech Communication (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
Political Science Requirements (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 (15 hrs)		
300 or 400 level		
General Electives (13 hrs)		
Minor (18 hrs)		
Total Hours		*120
*Students should use elective and/or minor hours to satisfy the 42 advanced hour requirement.		

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

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