

Political Science B.A./B.S. - Legal Studies Emphasis

Curated for those students who plan to attend law school, the BA/BS in Political Science, emphasis in legal studies is a rigorous program of study that gives students the opportunity to learn and develop skills that will help them to succeed in law school in particular, and in any other career they may choose to pursue.

The undergraduate program requires students to select courses from four subcategories: Political Theory and Philosophy, Public Policy, American Government and Politics, and Comparative Politics and International Relations. Each subcategory contains a range of 6-7 courses, from which students must choose two courses (6 semester hours) per subcategory, for a total of eight courses (24 semester credit hours) across all subcategories. In addition, students are required to select 6 semester hours of elective credit (Electives in the Major) from a list of approved courses, along with the Required Courses in the Major.

The Bachelor of Science in Political Science degree also offers an emphasis in Legal Studies, which consists of six specific courses. Please note that some of the Political Science (PSCI) courses that make up the Legal Studies emphasis are also available as electives or as part of the subcategory course listings. Students who choose to complete the Legal Studies emphasis must take the 6 emphasis courses in addition to the required subcategory and elective coursework. Courses cannot be counted toward both the Legal Studies emphasis and the subcategory requirements. In other words, students cannot "double dip" by using Legal Studies emphasis courses to fulfill both subcategory and emphasis requirements.

For students pursuing the Legal Studies emphasis as part of the BS in Political Science degree, it is important to plan accordingly to ensure that these courses are taken beyond the required subcategory and elective coursework.

Core Curriculum Requirements (<https://coursecatalog.tamuc.edu/undergrad/core-curriculum-requirements/>)

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Required Courses in the Major 30

PSCI 347	Intro to Research Methods
PSCI 488	Contemporary Ideas
Political Theory and Philosophy	
Choose 2 courses from the following:	
PSCI 332	Democ & Democratization
PSCI 410	Order, Justice, and Community
PSCI 411	Liberty, the State, and the Person
PSCI 412	The Age of Ideology
PSCI 414	Amer Political Thought
PSCI 430	Rev & Revolutionary Movmt
Public Policy	
Choose 2 courses from the following:	
PSCI 335	Political Economy
PSCI 342	Intro to Global Pub Pol
PSCI 346	Intro to Public Policy
PSCI 437	Foreign Policy
PSCI 442	Constitutional Law
PSCI 443	Civil Liberties and Civil Rights
American Government and Politics	
Choose 2 courses from the following:	
PSCI 336	American State and Local Government
PSCI 341	American Presidency
PSCI 344	Amer Pol Par/Electoral Po
PSCI 345	Public Opinion
PSCI 441	Congressional Politics
PSCI 444	Law, Politics, and the Judicial Process
Comparative Politics and International Relations	
Choose 2 courses from the following:	

PSCI 331	European Political System
PSCI 332	Democ & Democratization
PSCI 333	Non-European Polit Systm
PSCI 342	Intro to Global Pub Pol
PSCI 430	Rev & Revolutionary Movmt
PSCI 437	Foreign Policy
PSCI 438	International Relations

Electives in the Major**6**

Choose 2 courses from the following that were not used to satisfy a requirement above

PSCI 335	Political Economy
PSCI 342	Intro to Global Pub Pol
PSCI 313	Intro to Comp Politics
PSCI 331	European Political System
PSCI 332	Democ & Democratization
PSCI 333	Non-European Polit Systm
PSCI 336	American State and Local Government
PSCI 341	American Presidency
PSCI 342	Intro to Global Pub Pol
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PSCI 345	Public Opinion
PSCI 346	Intro to Public Policy
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PSCI 438	International Relations
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PSCI 443	Civil Liberties and Civil Rights
PSCI 444	Law, Politics, and the Judicial Process
PSCI 497	Special Topic

Required Courses In the Emphasis**18**

CJ 431	Law and the Courts
PHIL 2303	Logic
MGT 301	Legal Environment of Business
PSCI 442	Constitutional Law
PSCI 443	Civil Liberties and Civil Rights
PSCI 444	Law, Politics, and the Judicial Process

BS OptionRequired courses for the BS **3**

PSCI 348	Applied Data Analysis
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Minor Required **18**Additional Emphasis Elective (Choose 1 from the following courses - only those courses that have not satisfied another requirement may be selected as an elective) **3**

CJ 1306	Courts and Criminal Procedure
ECO 2301	Prin Macro Economics
PHIL 331	History of Philosophy I
PHIL 332	History of Philosophy II
PHIL 360	General Ethics
CJ 2323	Legal Aspects of Law Enforcement

CJ 330	Criminology
PSCI 410	Order, Justice, and Community
PSCI 411	Liberty, the State, and the Person
PSCI 412	The Age of Ideology
Total Hours	120