

2023-2024 Degree Map-Bachelor of Arts in Political Science (Page 1 of 2)

This map is a term-by-term sample course schedule. The milestones listed to the right of each term are designed to keep you on course to graduate in four years. The Sample Schedule serves as a general guideline to help you build a full schedule each term. See course descriptions and prerequisites at <http://www.atu.edu/catalog/>

Employment Information: A baccalaureate degree in political science offers excellent preparation for careers in government and education, further study in graduate school or law school, and careers in the private sector of the economy. Options include: Regulatory Affairs Manager, Administrative Law Judge, Criminal Investigator, etc.

#Prerequisite Courses: ENGL 0303 _____ MATH 0803 _____ MATH 1003 _____ MATH 0903 _____ MATH 1110 _____

Sample Schedule	Milestones/Notes	
Semester 1	Hrs.	Grade
ENGL 1013-Comp I (ACTS=ENGL 1013)	3	#
Fine Arts & Humanities	3	
Mathematics	3	#
HIST 1503, HIST 1513, or GEOG 2013	3	
SOC 1003, PSY 2003 or ECON 2003	3	
TECH 1001- Orientation to the University	1	
Total hours	16	GPA

Sample Schedule	Milestones/Notes	
Semester 2	Hrs.	Grade
ENGL 1023- Comp II (ACTS= ENGL 1023)	3	#
Science with Lab	4	
HIST 2003- U.S. History to 1877 (ACTS= HIST 2113)	3	
POLS 2003- American Government (ACTS= PLSC 2003)	3	
General Elective	3	
Total hours	16	GPA

Sample Schedule	Milestones/Notes	
Semester 3	Hrs.	Grade
HIST 2013- U.S. History since 1877 (ACTS= HIST 2123)	3	
Science with Lab	4	
Beginning Language I	3	See Foreign Language Note below.
POLS 2253- Survey of Western Political Thought	3	Offered Alternate Spring Semesters
POLS 2513- Research Design	3	Offered Alternate Spring Semesters
Total hours	16	GPA

Sample Schedule	Milestones/Notes	
Semester 4	Hrs.	Grade
Fine Arts & Humanities	3	
Beginning Language II	3	See Foreign Language Note below.
POLS Elective	3	See Note 2 Below
POLS Elective	3	
General Elective	3	
Total hours	15	GPA

The Arkansas Course Transfer System (ACTS) is designed to assist in planning the academic progress of students. This system contains information about the transferability of courses within Arkansas public colleges and universities. The Arkansas Course Transfer System can be accessed by searching keyword "ACTS" at <https://adhe.edu/>

Fine Arts and Humanities	U.S. History & Government
ART 2123 Experiencing Art (ACTS=ARTA1003)	HIST 1903 Survey of American History
MUS 2003 Introduction to Music (ACTS=MUSC1003)	HIST 2003 U.S. History to 1877 (ACTS=HIST2113)
TH 2273 Introduction to Theatre (ACTS=DRAM 1003)	HIST 2013 U.S. History since 1877 (ACTS=HIST2123)
ENGL/JOUR 2173 Introduction to Film	POLS 2003 American Government (ACTS=PLSC2003)
ENGL 2003 Introduction to World Literature (ACTS=ENGL2113)	
ENGL 2013 Intro. to American Literature (ACTS=ENGL2653)	
PHIL 2003 Introduction to Philosophy (ACTS=PHIL1103)	
PHIL 2053 Introduction to Critical Thinking (ACTS=PHIL 1003)	
1013 from SPAN, FR, GER, JPN, CHIN, or LAT	
1023 from SPAN, FR, GER, JPN, CHIN, or LAT	
	Science with Lab
	BIOL 1014- Intro. to Biological Science (ACTS= BIOL1004)
	BIOL/PHSC 1004- Principles of Environmental Science
	GEOL 1014- Physical Geology (ACTS= GEOL 1114)
	PHSC 1013/1021- Physical Sci/Lab (ACTS= PHSC 1004)
<i>University Honors students should consult Course Catalog for appropriate Fine Arts/Humanities, US History/Government and Social Science options for University Honors Curriculum</i>	

Sample Schedule	Milestones/Notes	
Semester 5	Hrs.	Grade
POLS 2403- Compative Government	3	Offered Alternate Fall Semesters
POLS Elective	3	See Note 2 Below
General Elective	3	
General Elective	3	
General Elective	3	
Total hours	15	GPA

Sample Schedule	Milestones/Notes	
Semester 6	Hrs.	Grade
POLS 2413 ¹ or POLS 2153 ²	3	See Note 1 Below
POLS Elective	3	
General Elective	2	
General Elective	3	
General Elective (3000-4000 level)	4	
Total hours	15	GPA

Sample Schedule	Milestones/Notes	
Semester 7	Hrs.	Grade
POLS Elective	3	
POLS Elective	3	
POLS Elective	3	
General Elective (3000-4000 level)	3	
General Elective (3000-4000 level)	3	
Total hours	15	GPA

Sample Schedule	Milestones/Notes	
Semester 8	Hrs.	Grade
POLS 4963- Senior Seminar	3	
General Elective (3000-4000 level)	3	
General Elective (3000-4000 level)	3	
General Elective (3000-4000 level)	3	
Total Hours	12	GPA

**General Electives: 20 hours (1000-4000 level) ; 19 hours (3000-4000 level)

indicates a "C" or better is required

Foreign Language Note: Students may substitute 3 hours of electives for a Foreign Language for each year of foreign language completed in high school with a grade of "C >."

Note 1	Note 2
¹ International Relations: offered alternate Fall Semesters ² Intro to Strategic Studies: offered alternate Spring Semesters	Majors are required to take 21 elective credits in political science, 18 of which are upper level political courses.
Career Tracks and approved courses are listed on page 2 of the Degree Map. The Course Catalog also has additional information	It is recommended students pursue one of six Career Tracks based on the types of jobs that are most appealing to them:

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Career Tracks

Law School Track	Public Policy/Administration Track	International Relations/Studies Track
POLS 3023 Judicial Process POLS 3043 Judicial Politics POLS 3063 Modern Political Thought POLS 3253 Classical Political Thought POLS 4043 Constitutional Law POLS 4973-6 Internship POLS 4983 Political Science Seminar	POLS 3033 American State & Local Government POLS 3043 Judicial Politics POLS 3053 Introduction to Public Administration POLS 3083 Political Parties and Interest Groups POLS 3093 American Municipal Government POLS 3143 The United States Presidency POLS 4973-6 Internship POLS 4983 Political Science Seminar	POLS 3063 Modern Political Thought POLS 3423 Problems in International Affairs POLS 3433 United Nations POLS 3473 National Security Policy POLS 4973-6 Internship POLS 4983 Political Science Seminar
Graduate School Track	American Politics, Campaigns & Elections Track	Strategic Studies
POLS 3513 Research Methods** American Government Courses (6 Credits: See Catalog for Options) International Relations Courses (6 Credits: See Catalog for Options) Political Theory Courses (6 Credits: See Catalog for Options)	POLS 3033 State and Local Government POLS 3083 Political Parties & Interest Groups POLS 3093 American Municipal Government POLS 3123 American Political Behavior POLS 3133 United States Congress POLS 3143 The United States Presidency POLS 3513 Research Methods** POLS 4976-6 Internship POLS 4983 Political Science Seminar	POLS 2153 Introduction to Strategic Studies POLS 3013 Recent American Foreign Policy POLS 3063 Modern Political Thought POLS 3423 Problems in International Affairs POLS 3433 United Nations POLS 3473 National Security Policy POLS 4973-6 Internship POLS 4983 Political Science Seminar

** SOC/PSY 2053 or STAT 3153 may substitute