

POLITICAL SCIENCE: PRE-LAW, BA

Degree Requirements

Requirements for Students Matriculating in or before Academic Year 2024-2025. Learn more about University Academic Regulation 3.1 (<http://catalog.okstate.edu/university-academic-regulations/#matriculation>).

Minimum Overall Grade Point Average: 2.00

Total Hours: 120

Code	Title	Hours
General Education Requirements		
<i>English Composition</i>		
See Academic Regulation 3.5 (http://catalog.okstate.edu/university-academic-regulations/#english-composition)		
ENGL 1113	Composition I	3
or ENGL 1313	Critical Analysis and Writing I	
ENGL 1213	Composition II	3
or ENGL 1413	Critical Analysis and Writing II	
or ENGL 3323	Technical Writing	
<i>American History & Government</i>		
HIST 1103	Survey of American History	3
or HIST 1483	American History to 1865 (H)	
or HIST 1493	American History Since 1865 (DH)	
POLS 1113	American Government	3
<i>Analytical & Quantitative Thought (A)</i>		
MATH or STAT course designated (A)		3
<i>Humanities (H)</i>		
Courses designated (H)		6
<i>Natural Sciences (N)</i>		
Must include one Laboratory Science (L) course.		
Courses designated (N) with one (L)		6
<i>Social & Behavioral Sciences (S)</i>		
SPCH 2713	Introduction to Speech Communication (S)	3
or SPCH 3733	Elements of Persuasion (S)	
<i>Additional General Education</i>		
Courses designated (A), (H), (N), or (S)		10
Hours Subtotal		40
Diversity (D) & International Dimension (I)		
May be completed in any part of the degree plan.		
At least one Diversity (D) course		
At least one International Dimension (I) course		
College/Departmental Requirements		
<i>First Year Seminar</i>		
(Transfer students with 15 hours exempt)		1
<i>Arts & Humanities</i>		
(See note 2.a.)		9
<i>Natural & Mathematical Sciences</i>		
PHIL 1313	Logic and Critical Thinking (A)	3
or PHIL 3003	Symbolic Logic (A)	

(See note 2.b.)		
<i>Foreign Languages</i>		
(See note 3.)		9
<i>Non-Western Studies</i>		
(See note 2.d.)		
<i>Upper-Division General Education</i>		
6 hours outside major department		
(See note 2.c.)		
Hours Subtotal		22
Major Requirements		
Minimum GPA 2.50 with a minimum grade of "C" in each course.		
A minimum of 30 hours POLS (24 hours must be upper-division).		
<i>Requirements:</i>		
POLS 2013	Introduction to International Relations (S)	3
or POLS 2113	Introduction to Comparative Politics (IS)	
POLS 2023	The Individual And The Law	3
POLS 2213	Fundamentals of Political Science	3
POLS 3103	Introduction to Political Inquiry	3
POLS 3983	Courts and Judicial Process (S)	3
POLS 3993	Legal Research And Analysis	3
POLS 4353	Administrative Law	3
or POLS 4980	Advanced Topics in Public Law	
POLS 4963	U.S. Constitution: Civil Rights and Civil Liberties	3
POLS 4973	U.S. Constitution: Separation of Powers	3
POLS 4903	Senior Capstone Seminar	3
9 hours of any upper-division POLS		9
9 hours of upper-division Pre-Law courses from:		9
AGEC 3713	Agricultural Law	
AMIS 4013	American Indian Sovereignty (D)	
AMST 3333	Crime, Law and American Culture (S)	
LSB 3213	Legal and Regulatory Environment of Business	
PHIL 3003	Symbolic Logic (A)	
PHIL 3413	Ethical Theory (H)	
PHIL 3843	Philosophy of Law (H)	
POLS 4353	Administrative Law	
POLS 4980	Advanced Topics in Public Law	
PSYC 4143	Psychology and Law	
SOC 4313	Sociology of Law	
SPCH 3733	Elements of Persuasion (S)	
SPCH 4793	Nonverbal Communication (S)	
Hours Subtotal		48
Electives		10
May need to include 6 hours upper-division general education outside major department (see note 2.c.).		
Hours Subtotal		10
Total Hours		120

Other Requirements

- See the College of Arts and Sciences Requirements.
- Minimum 2.0 GPA in all POLS courses.

- **Upper-Division Credit:** Total hours must include at least 40 hours in courses numbered 3000 or above.

College of Arts and Sciences Requirements

1. **Hours in One Department:** For B.A. and B.S. degrees, no more than 54 hours in one department may be required to meet degree requirements. Courses used to satisfy the General Education English Composition, U.S. History, American Government, and Mathematics or Statistics requirements will not count toward the 54-hour maximum required from one department.
2. **A&S College/Departmental Requirements**
 - a. Arts and Humanities are defined as any course carrying an (H) designation or courses from AMST, ART, DANC, ENGL (except ENGL 3323 Technical Writing) HIST, MUSI, PHIL (except PHIL 1313 Logic and Critical Thinking (A), PHIL 3003 Symbolic Logic (A) and PHIL 4003 Mathematical Logic and Computability), REL, TH, and foreign languages.
 - b. Natural and Mathematical Sciences are defined as any course from the following prefixes: ASTR, BIOC, BIOL, CHEM, CS (except CS 4883 Social Issues in Computing), GEOL, MATH, MICR, PBIO, PHYS, and STAT; or courses from other departments that carry an (A) or (N) general education designation.
 - c. Six upper-division hours are required from General Education or any CAS courses outside the student's major department (<http://catalog.okstate.edu/college-arts-sciences-major-departments/>). This requirement may be satisfied by courses also used to satisfy any part of a student's degree program (i.e., in General Education, College Departmental Requirements, Major Requirements or Electives).
 - d. Non-Western Studies Requirement for B.A. and B.F.A.; One course in Non-Western Studies (N.W.). This requirement may be satisfied by courses also used to satisfy any part of a student's degree program (i.e., in General Education, College Departmental Requirements, Major Requirements or Electives).
 - e. The College of Arts & Sciences requires a minimum 2.0 GPA in all major requirements and a minimum 2.0 GPA in all major-prefix courses applied to the degree.
3. **Foreign Language Proficiency**
 - a. The foreign language requirement for the B.A. may be satisfied by 9 hours college credit in the same language, which must include 3 hours at the 2000-level, or equivalent proficiency (e.g., passing an advanced standing examination; TOEFL exam; presenting a high school transcript which demonstrates the high school was primarily conducted in a language other than English; etc.). Computer Science courses may not be used to satisfy this requirement. Currently Arabic and Mvskoke are not offered at the 2000-level at OSU.
 - b. The foreign language requirement for the B.S., B.M. and B.F.A. may be satisfied by presenting a high school transcript which demonstrates two years of study of a single foreign language (passing grades at second-year level of study). It may also be satisfied by 6 hours college credit in the same language, which must include language courses 1713 and 1813, or equivalent proficiency (e.g., passing an advanced standing examination; TOEFL exam; presenting a high school transcript which demonstrates the high school was primarily conducted in a language other than English; etc.). Computer Science courses may not be used to satisfy this requirement.

- c. In addition to a. and b., students pursuing teacher certification must meet novice-high foreign language proficiency by presenting a high school transcript which demonstrates two years of study of a single foreign language with no grade below B. Or, students may complete 3 hours college credit in a single language with no grade below C (or pass an advanced standing examination, College Level Examination Program (CLEP) exam, or Oral Proficiency Interview developed by the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages, equivalent to 3 hours of college credit.) Or, students may meet the requirement by transfer of documentation of meeting the foreign language competency from one of the teacher education programs in the State of Oklahoma approved by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.
4. **Exclusions.** Courses with ATHL or LEIS prefixes and leisure activity courses may not be used for degree credit.

Additional State/OSU Requirements

- At least: 60 hours at a four-year institution; 30 hours completed at OSU; 15 of the final 30 or 50% of the upper-division hours in the major field completed at OSU.
- Limit of: one-half of major course requirements as transfer work; one-fourth of hours earned by correspondence; 8 transfer correspondence hours.
- Students will be held responsible for degree requirements in effect at the time of matriculation and any changes that are made, so long as these changes do not result in semester credit hours being added or do not delay graduation.
- Degrees that follow this plan must be completed by the end of Summer 2030.

Example Plan of Study

Finish in Four Plan of Study

The plan below is an **example** of how students can successfully complete degree requirements in four years. This suggested class schedule plan may be used as a guide and can be adjusted based on individual needs. Students are required to meet with an academic advisor prior to enrollment each semester to plan their class schedule, and students are ultimately responsible for completing all degree requirements.

Course	Title	Hours
Freshman		
Fall		
MATH 1483 or MATH 1493 or MATH 1513 or STAT 2013 or STAT 2053	Mathematical Functions and Their Uses (A) or Applications of Modern Mathematics (A) or College Algebra (A) or Elementary Statistics (A) or Elementary Statistics for the Social Sciences (A)	3
POLS 1113	American Government	3
General Education courses		8
Hours		14
Spring		
POLS 2013 or POLS 2113	Introduction to International Relations (S) or Introduction to Comparative Politics (IS)	3
General Education courses		13
Hours		16
Sophomore		
Fall		
POLS 2213	Fundamentals of Political Science	3
1713 First Semester Foreign Language		3

General Education courses	9
Hours	15
Spring	
POLS 3103 Introduction to Political Inquiry	3
1813 Second Semester Foreign Language	3
College and Elective courses	9
Hours	15
Junior	
Fall	
2000-level Foreign Language	3
Major, College, and Elective courses	12
Hours	15
Spring	
Major, College, and Elective courses	15
Hours	15
Senior	
Fall	
Major, College, and Elective courses	15
Hours	15
Spring	
POLS 4903 Senior Capstone Seminar	3
Major, College, and Elective courses	12
Hours	15
Total Hours	120