

# Bachelor of Arts (BA) in GOVERNMENT (American Politics) Four-Year Degree Plan (2015-2017)

121 hours needed to complete the BA in Government

First Year			
Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
Course	Hours	Course	Hours
GOVT 1315 American Politics	3	GOVT 1316 State and Local Politics	3
ENGL 1311 (or 1311L) Composition I	3	ENGL 1312 Composition II	3
FINE ARTS CORE <sup>1</sup> : See note below.	3	MATH 2303 <sup>2</sup>	3
HIST CORE <sup>3</sup> : See note below.	3	RELS CORE <sup>4</sup> : See note below.	3
Elective	3	Minor	3
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>15</b>

Second Year			
Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
Course	Hours	Course	Hours
GOVT 2305 Introduction to Political Studies	3	GOVT 2300 Social Science Research Methods	3
GOVT 2310 Comparative Politics	3	GOVT 2320 International Relations	3
ENGL 2310 World Literature Studies	3	DWHP 1200 or DWHP 3200 Dimensions of Wellness) <b>and</b> 1-hour lifelong physical activity course	3
Modern Language	3	Modern Language	3
NATURAL SCIENCE w/ Lab <sup>5</sup> : See note below.	4	PHIL 1381 Introduction to Philosophy	3
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>15</b>

Third Year			
Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
Course	Hours	Course	Hours
American GOVT Elective <sup>6</sup> : See options below.	3	American GOVT Electives (upper-division) <sup>7</sup> : See note below.	6
RELS or PHIL CORE: Any 3-hr upper-division REL or PHIL course	3	Elective	3
SOCI 3381	3	Minor	3
Minor	3	Minor or Elective	3
Minor or Elective	3		
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>15</b>

Fourth Year			
Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
Course	Hours	Course	Hours
American GOVT Electives (upper-division): See options below	6	GOVT Elective (upper-division)	6
Minor or Electives (upper-division)	6	Minor or Electives (upper-division)	9
Elective (upper-division)	3		
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>15</b>

<sup>1</sup> Choose any three-hour Performance or History course in Visual Art, Dance, Music, or Theatre (Computer Graphic Arts courses will not satisfy this requirement)

<sup>2</sup> Students who select other than MATH 2303 will be required to take an additional statistics class for the major.

<sup>3</sup> Choose from HIST 1311 World History I, 1312 World History II, 1321 The United States to 1865, 1322 The United States Since 1865, or 3310H Inquiries into Human Stories of the Modern World (Honors students only).

<sup>4</sup> Choose from RELS 1305 Introduction to Theology and Ethics, 1315 Origins of Christianity, 1325 The Religious Quest, or 1335 Spirituality and Prayer.

<sup>5</sup> Choose from BIOL 1401 Diversity of Life and Lab, BIOL 1402 Unity of Life and Lab, BIOL 2321/2121 Anatomy and Physiology and Lab, CHEM 1301/1101 Chemical Principles I and Lab, CHEM 1405 Science and Everyday Life, ENSC 1410 Introduction to Environmental Science, ENSC 3420H Human Dominated Ecosystems (Honors students only), GEOL 1401 Physical Geology, GEOL 1402 Historical Geology, GEOL 1415 Astronomy, GEOL 1420 Oceanography, METR 1430 Meteorology, NUTR 2400 Environmental Nutrition, PHYS 1301/1101 General Physics I and Lab, PHYS 2305/2105 Physics I and Lab, and PHYS 2308/2108 Physical Science and Lab.

<sup>6</sup> Choose from GOVT 1391 Human Rights, 2342 Law and Social Justice in Movies and Novels, 2350 Environmental Politics, 2392 Introduction to the U.S. Legal System, 3300 U.S. Congress, 3305 U.S. Presidency, 3353 Texas Legislative Process, 3371 Political Theory, 4315 Constitutional Law I, 4316 Constitutional Law II, 4317 Public Policy, 4321 U.S. Foreign Policy, 4325 Political Behavior, 4335 Parties and Elections, 4365 Political Economy, or 4385 Topics in American Politics, or COMM 4332 Law and the Media.

<sup>7</sup> See note above for options.