

Political Science - Undergraduate Programs

Programs

BACHELOR'S DEGREE

- [Political Science BA \(https://catalog.uta.edu/archives/2025-2026/liberalarts/politicalscience/undergraduate/poli-sci-ba/\)](https://catalog.uta.edu/archives/2025-2026/liberalarts/politicalscience/undergraduate/poli-sci-ba/)

FAST TRACK

- [Political Science BA to MA Fast Track \(https://catalog.uta.edu/archives/2025-2026/liberalarts/politicalscience/undergraduate/poli-sci-ba-to-ma-fast/\)](https://catalog.uta.edu/archives/2025-2026/liberalarts/politicalscience/undergraduate/poli-sci-ba-to-ma-fast/)

MINOR

- [Political Science Minor \(https://catalog.uta.edu/archives/2025-2026/liberalarts/politicalscience/undergraduate/poli-sci-minor/\)](https://catalog.uta.edu/archives/2025-2026/liberalarts/politicalscience/undergraduate/poli-sci-minor/)

Policies

ADMISSION TO POLITICAL SCIENCE MAJOR

Students should have completed 30 hours of core with 30 hours at UT Arlington, or 40 hours of core with 12 hours at UT Arlington with an overall GPA greater than 2.0. Students may be accepted as pre-political science majors if the above standards are not met.

TEACHER CERTIFICATION

Students interested in Texas Teacher Certification should consult the College of Education section of this catalog for the most recent changes in requirements regarding admission to Teacher Education, completion of University programs in preparation for certification, and eligibility for certification after graduation.

COMPUTER USE COMPETENCIES

Students majoring in political science are required to demonstrate computer use and oral communication competencies. Computer use proficiency can be demonstrated by one of the following:

1. successful completion of POLS 3310 RESEARCH METHODS AND POLITICAL ANALYSIS; or
2. successful completion of CSE 1301 COMPUTER LITERACY or INSY 2303 INTRODUCTION TO M.I.S. AND DATA PROCESSING; or
3. successful completion of other courses approved by the Undergraduate Assembly; or
4. passing the University computer use competency exam.

ORAL COMMUNICATION COMPETENCIES

Oral communication proficiency can be demonstrated by successful completion of one of the following:

- COMS 1301 FUNDAMENTALS OF PUBLIC SPEAKING
- COMS 2305 BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL COMMUNICATION
- COMS 3315 COMMUNICATION FOR EDUCATORS
- specific political science courses approved by the department
- other courses approved by the Undergraduate Assembly.

Students should discuss these options with their undergraduate advisor who may also provide a list of other courses approved by the University to meet these requirements.