



Bachelor of Arts in
POLITICAL SCIENCE (College of Liberal Arts)

MAJOR MAP | 2019-2020



FRESHMAN

YOUR CLASS SCHEDULE

- Review core requirements.
- Take core courses, focusing on classes that will enhance your political literacy, such as HIST 1301 and 1302.
- Examine the options for your core Math requirement, including MATH 1320 and STAT 1380.
- Explore Humanities and Social Sciences courses such as Ethics, Sociology, Philosophy, Anthropology, and World History 2301 and 2302.

ACADEMIC ADVISING

- Meet with your Academic Advising Center advisor before registration.
- Meet the department chair.
- Talk to Political Science faculty about career opportunities in the field.
- Visit the Academic Advising Center for language placement in Spanish or French. All other languages do not require placement.

ENRICHING EXPERIENCES

- Ask your advisor about joining a learning community.
- Explore student organizations and seek out leadership development activities.
- Engage with your field by attending lectures in the Political Science Speakers Series.

LIFELONG SUCCESS

- Discover tutoring resources such as the University Writing Center and the Math Resource Center for Students.
- Cultivate healthy lifestyle habits by visiting the Student Recreation Center.
- Submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
- Visit the University Career Center and begin developing your resume.

SOPHOMORE

- Take POLS 2310 or POLS 2311 to determine if Political Science is right for you.
- Determine whether you will pursue one of the following concentrations: Law & Politics, Public Administration and Service, International Politics.
- Begin taking courses for your language requirement.

- Meet with your Academic Advising Center advisor before registration.
- Ask your advisor about the benefits of Study Abroad courses.
- Discuss minor options with your advisor.
- Reach out to the Law School Preparation Institute (LSPI) if you are considering law school, particularly if you are minoring in Legal Reasoning.
- Talk to Political Science faculty about career opportunities in the field.

- Discover community involvement opportunities in your field through the Center for Civic Engagement.
- Investigate political and social clubs and organizations.
- Explore the world with a Study Abroad course during Maymester or Summer.
- Join the Global Relations Organization.
- Strive for high grades in order to become eligible for the Pi Sigma Alpha Political Science Honor Society.

- Learn about employer recruitment activities through JobMine.
- Join the Liberal Arts Honors Program.
- Represent your College through the Liberal Arts Ambassadors Program.
- Identify scholarship opportunities through the Office of Scholarships.
- Investigate research opportunities with faculty.

JUNIOR

- Take POLS 3600 and focus on upper division and core Political Science classes.

- Meet with your departmental advisor.
- Discuss internship opportunities with your advisor.
- Reach out to the LSPI if you are considering law school, particularly if you are minoring in Legal Reasoning.
- Visit the College of Liberal Arts Student Success Center once you reach 90 hours for a review of your degree plan.

- Apply to the Pi Sigma Alpha Political Science Honor Society.
- Pursue a unique internship opportunity in Washington, D.C. through the Archer Fellowship Program.
- Represent your department through the Political Science Ambassadors Program.
- Expand your community engagement efforts by participating in Project MOVE.

- Identify opportunities for graduate or professional study.
- Ask the chair or graduate director about the MA fast track program for Political Science.
- Research career opportunities in government, law enforcement, business, and law.

SENIOR

- Complete your major requirements. You must have 24 hours of credits at the 3000/4000 level, and you must have 120 total credits to graduate.

- Meet with your departmental advisor.
- Review your graduation audit with the Graduation Director.

- Expand your future employment opportunities by securing an internship.
- Attend all lectures in the Political Science Speakers Series.
- Cultivate a leadership role with the Global Relations Organization or the Pi Sigma Alpha Political Science Honor Society.

- Take the GRE if preparing for graduate school.
- Take the LSAT if preparing for law school.
- Explore job fairs and pursue career opportunities.

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EDGE ADVANTAGES | UTEP students will graduate with these skills:

- Leadership
- Problem-solving
- Communication
- Entrepreneurship
- Social Responsibility
- Confidence
- Global Awareness
- Teamwork
- Critical Thinking

CAREER POSSIBILITIES:

- City or Town Management
- Lawyer, Judge
- Political Party Advocate
- Public Relations
- Journalism, Reporting
- Law Enforcement
- Foreign Service
- Government Representative
- High School Teacher
- Peace Corps



Welcome to UTEP College of Liberal Arts

With nearly 7,000 students, the College of Liberal Arts is the largest college on the UTEP campus, with degree programs in the visual and performing arts, the humanities and the social sciences. The college also provides most of the UTEP core curriculum to students in all colleges. Excellence is found throughout the college's programs, from its online bilingual M.F.A. in Creative Writing – the first of its kind in the country – to its doctoral degrees in Borderlands History, Rhetoric and Composition, and Psychology. Faculty engages in interdisciplinary research in Hispanic health disparities, social justice, border studies and environmental communication. The Patricia and Paul Yetter Law School Preparation Institute, a program that helps prepare UTEP students for law school, is nationally known for its success. In several degree programs, students have the opportunity to enroll in internships, which provide valuable experience in their areas of interest. Students also benefit from an increasing number of study abroad opportunities, including courses taught by college faculty in Rome, London and Seville, Spain. The college's new honors program began in 2012 with a variety of academic enrichment components and an honors minor.

Seek UT

The UT System has developed **SeekUT** to provide valuable data about employment earnings for the first five years after graduation, as well as average student loan debt for graduates by degree major.

- View information about your degree major with this **free**, on-line tool.
- Get real data about employment earnings based on more than 210,000 UTEP and other UT institution graduates working in Texas.
- Explore graduate school data, too.

www.utsystem.edu/seekUT

Checklist for success

- Create a Job Mine account.
- Check in with your advisor.
- Review your degree plan to stay on track. (degreeplans.utep.edu)
- Attend a financial literacy workshop.
- Visit the Student Engagement & Leadership Center (SELC). (sa.utep.edu/selc)

The top 10 skills employers seek:

- Ability to verbally communicate with persons inside and outside the organization
- Ability to work in a team structure
- Ability to make decisions and solve problems
- Ability to plan, organize and prioritize work
- Ability to obtain and process information
- Ability to analyze quantitative data
- Technical knowledge related to the job
- Proficiency with computer software programs
- Ability to create and/or edit written reports
- Ability to sell or influence others

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