

POLITICAL SCIENCE: PRE-LAW, BS

Degree Requirements

Requirements for Students Matriculating in or before Academic Year 2026-2027. Learn more about University Academic Regulation 3.1 (<https://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 (https://catalog.okstate.edu/university-academic-regulations/#english-composition)		
ENGL 1113 or ENGL 1313	Composition I Critical Analysis and Writing I	3
ENGL 1213 or ENGL 1413 or ENGL 3323	Composition II Critical Analysis and Writing II Technical Writing	3
<i>American History & Government</i>		
HIST 1103 or HIST 1483 or HIST 1493	Survey of American History American History to 1865 (H) American History Since 1865 (DH)	3
POLS 1113	American Government	3
<i>Quantitative Thought & Logical Reasoning (Q)</i>		
MATH or STAT course designated (Q)		3
<i>Understanding Humanities-Human Heritage & Cultures (H)</i>		
Courses designated (H)		6
<i>Reasoning in the Natural Sciences (N)</i>		
Must include one Laboratory-Based Inquiry (L) course		
Courses designated (N) with one (L)		6
<i>Exploring Society & Human Behavior (S)</i>		
SPCH 2713 or SPCH 3733	Introduction to Speech Communication (S) Elements of Persuasion (S)	3
<i>Diversity (D)</i>		
Courses designated (D)		3
<i>Global Cultural Competency (G)</i>		
Courses designated (G)		3
<i>Additional General Education</i>		
Additional general education credit hours (at least 4 hours) are required to meet the total 40-hour minimum. If courses carry more than one general education designation and can be used to meet multiple minimum general education designation hours above, more than 4 hours of additional general education will be required here to meet the 40-hour minimum.		
Courses designated (Q), (H), (N), (S), (D), (G), or (F).		4
Hours Subtotal		40
College/Departmental Requirements		
UNIV 1111	First Year Seminar (or other approved first year seminar course)	1

<i>Arts & Humanities</i>		
(See note 2.a.)		3
<i>Natural & Mathematical Sciences</i>		
PHIL 1313 or PHIL 3003	Logic and Critical Thinking (Q) Symbolic Logic (Q)	3
(See note 2.b.)		6
<i>Foreign Languages</i>		
(See note 3.)		
0-6 hours		
<i>Upper-Division General Education</i>		
6 hours outside major department		
(See note 2.c.)		
Hours Subtotal		13
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).		
Requirements (21 hours):		
POLS 2013 or POLS 2113	Introduction to International Relations (S) Introduction to Comparative Politics (GS)	3
POLS 2023	Introduction to Law and Legal Studies (S)	3
POLS 2213	Fundamentals of Political Science	3
POLS 3103	Introduction to Political Inquiry	3
POLS 3983	Courts and Judicial Process	3
POLS 3993	Legal Research And Analysis	3
POLS 4903	Senior Capstone Seminar	3
Hours Subtotal		21
Specialized Electives		
Select two courses:		6
POLS 4963	U.S. Constitution: Civil Rights and Civil Liberties	
POLS 4973	U.S. Constitution: Separation of Powers	
POLS 4980	Advanced Topics in Public Law	
12 hours of any upper-division POLS ¹		12
9 hours of upper-division Pre-Law courses from: ¹		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 (Q)	
PHIL 3413	Ethical Theory (H)	
PHIL 3843	Philosophy of Law (H)	
POLS 4353	Administrative Law	
POLS 4963	U.S. Constitution: Civil Rights and Civil Liberties	
POLS 4973	U.S. Constitution: Separation of Powers	
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		27

Electives

Select 19 hours. ¹	19
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May need to include 6 hours upper-division general education outside major department. See note 2.c.

Hours Subtotal	19
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Total Hours	120
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¹ With approval from the advisor and department head, a maximum of 30 hours from an accredited doctoral law program may be used for these areas.

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 (Q), PHIL 3003 Symbolic Logic (Q) 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 (Q) 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 (<https://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 2032.