

Government (BA)

Total Hours Required: 120

Plan of Study

The Plan of Study is a suggested four-year course sequence to support academic planning and serves as a helpful guide. Currently enrolled students should meet with their academic advisor to tailor their course selections and timelines to their individual goals and circumstances.

Course	Title	Hours
Year 1		
Semester 1		
Foreign Language other than English, Intermediate Proficiency		6
RHE 306	Rhetoric and Writing	3
First-Year Signature Course (090)		3
Free Elective		3
Hours		15
Semester 2		
Foreign Language other than English, Intermediate Proficiency		6
Mathematics (020)		3
Social and Behavioral Sciences (080)		3
U.S. History (060)		3
Hours		15
Year 2		
Semester 1		
GOV 310L	American and Texas Government	3
E 316M	American Literature	3
Natural Science and Technology, Part I (030)		3
U.S. History (060)		3
Visual and Performing Arts (050)		3
Hours		15
Semester 2		
GOV 312L	Issues and Policies in American Government	3
Hours chosen from: GOV		3
Minor/Certificate/Field of Study		3
Natural Science and Technology, Part I (030)		3
Additional Social Science (may not also be counted toward Core Curriculum)		3
Hours		15
Year 3		
Semester 1		
Hours chosen from: GOV (field one)		3
Hours chosen from: GOV (field two)		3
Natural Science and Technology, Part II (093)		3
Cultural Expression, Human Experience, and Thought (may not also be counted toward Core Curriculum)		3
Minor/Certificate/Field of Study		3
Hours		15
Semester 2		
Hours chosen from: GOV (field three)		3
Hours chosen from: Upper-division GOV		3
ECO 329	Economic Statistics	3
Free Elective		3
Minor/Certificate/Field of Study (upper-division)		3
Hours		15
Year 4		
Semester 1		
Hours chosen from: Upper-division GOV		3
Hours chosen from: GOV		3
Minor/Certificate/Field of Study (upper-division)		3
Free Elective (upper-division)		3
Free Elective		3
Hours		15

Semester 2		
GOV 662L	Government Research Internship	6
Minor/Certificate/Field of Study (upper-division)		3
Free Elective (upper-division)		3
Free Elective		3
Hours		15
Total Hours		120

Requirements

All requirements are listed below, starting with the most specialized moving to the most general. Additional requirements may follow the table, so be sure to read the entire page. Some required courses listed below may also satisfy [General Education](#) requirements, including [Core Curriculum](#).

Code	Title	Hours
Major		
Hours chosen from: GOV		15
Select at least one upper-division course from three of the following fields:		9
	Political theory	
	American government and politics	
	Public and comparative law	
	Public policy	
	Comparative politics	
	International relations	
	Research methods	
Seminar/Internship		
Hours chosen from:		3
GOV 362L	Government Research Internship	
GOV 662L	Government Research Internship	
GOV 371N	Administrative Internship	
GOV 372N	Campaigns and Elections Internship	
GOV 373N	Legislative Internship	
GOV 374N	Political Internship	
<i>Tools course (AP credit cannot be used to fulfill this requirement)</i>		
Hours chosen from:		3
GOV 339L	Research Methods in Government	
GOV 350K	Statistical Analysis in Political Science	
GOV 355M	Topics in Political Science	
GOV 355N	World War I in Real Time	
The following may replace the tools course requirement; these courses may not be counted toward the semester hours and grade point average required for the major:		
ECO 329	Economic Statistics	
EDP 371	Introduction to Statistics	
PSY 317L	Introduction to Statistics for the Behavioral Sciences	
SOC 327M	Social Research Methods	
STA 309	Elementary Business Statistics	
SDS 301	Elementary Statistical Methods	
Six semester hours of upper-division coursework in one foreign language, excluding courses conducted in English		
Subtotal		30
Degree (see details below)		51
Free electives: Additional coursework to reach total hours required.		9
Subtotal		60
General Education		

<u>Remaining Core Curriculum (42 hours total)</u>	30
<u>Foreign Language other than English, Intermediate Proficiency</u>	
<u>Subtotal</u>	30
<u>College Requirements - Liberal Arts</u>	
<u>General University Requirements</u>	
Total Hours	120

Additional Requirements and Policies

- All government majors must earn a grade of at least C- in each course counted toward fulfillment of the major requirements. A minimum grade point average of 2.00 in courses taken at the University and counted toward the major is also required.
- No more than six hours of internship coursework may be counted toward the major, including transfer credit earned in internship courses at other institutions of higher education.
- No student may register for more than nine semester hours of government in one semester without the consent of an undergraduate advisor in the Department of Government.
- 18 semester hours must be upper-division.

Degree - Bachelor of Arts (BA) - Liberal Arts

Code	Title	Hours
Degree		
<u>Literature and Writing</u>		
RHE 306	Rhetoric and Writing (Plan II honors requires at least a C-; may also count toward Core Curriculum)	3
Hours chosen from: <u>Writing intensive coursework-see course list</u> (may also count toward Core Curriculum; Plan II honors requires at least a C-)		3
Hours chosen from: Upper-division <u>Writing intensive coursework-see course list</u> (may also count toward Core Curriculum; Plan II honors requires at least a C-)		6
Choose a sequence below:		12
Sequence 1: Plan II Honors (requires at least a C-; may also count toward Core Curriculum)		
E 303C	Plan II World Literature Part I	
	or T C 303C Plan II World Literature Part I	
Sequence 2: Plan I		
E 316L	British Literature	
	or E 316M American Literature	
	or E 316N World Literature	
<u>Foreign Language other than English, Intermediate Proficiency</u>		3
<u>Choose a sequence below: Social Science</u>		3
Sequence 1: Plan II Honors (requires at least a C-; may also count toward Core Curriculum)		
S S 302C	Honors Social Science: Methods and Theory	
	or S S 302D Honors Social Science: Psychology	
	or S S 302E Honors Social Science: Anthropology	
	or S S 302E Honors Social Science: Anthropology	
	or S S 302F Honors Social Science: Economics	
Sequence 2: Plan I		
<u>Additional Social Science (may not also be counted toward Core Curriculum)</u>		
<u>Mathematics</u>		
Choose a sequence below: (M 301, M 316K, and M 316L do not count toward this requirement)		3

Sequence 1: Plan II Honors		
M 310P	Modern Mathematics: Plan II	
Sequence 2: Plan I		
Hours chosen from: Mathematics		
<u>Choose a sequence below:</u>		3
Sequence 1: Plan II Honors		
T C 310	Modes of Reasoning	
	or PHL 313Q Logic and Scientific Reasoning	
Sequence 2: Plan I		
<u>Cultural Expression, Human Experience, and Thought (may not also be counted toward Core Curriculum)</u>		
<u>Choose a sequence below:</u>		15
Sequence 1: Plan II Honors		
Six Hours chosen from: Astronomy, biology, chemistry, geological sciences, physical science, or physics (may also count toward Core Curriculum)		
BIO 301E	Problems in Modern Biology	
PHY 321	Modern Physics: Plan II	
Three Hours chosen from:		
Art history, music history, or history of theatre and dance		
Upper-division classical civilization, humanities, literature, or philosophy		
Sequence 2: Plan I International Relations and Global Studies		
Free electives: Additional coursework to reach total hours required.		
Sequence 3: Other Plan I		
Hours chosen from:		
<u>Transcript-recognized minor or certificate</u>		
Liberal Arts multi-disciplinary minor in the Social and Behavioral Sciences		
Liberal Arts multi-disciplinary minor in Cultural Expression, Human Experience, and Thought		
Total Hours		51

Additional Requirements and Policies

Unless otherwise stated, students must complete at least:

- 15 upper-division degree hours
- 24 upper-division degree hours taken in residence at the University
- 36 additional degree hours taken in residence at the University.

Credit may be earned via credit by examination, extension, or transferred hours from another institution (requires dean's approval).

Major and minor required hours may also be used to fulfill degree requirements unless expressly prohibited.

A course in one degree area may not also be used to fulfill the requirements of another degree area unless specified otherwise.

Mathematics courses at the college algebra level may not count toward elective hours.

Majors

A major consists of 24 to 45 hours, with at least 15 upper-division hours unless the requirements of the major state otherwise.

Students must earn at least:

- 18 major hours taken in residence at the University.
- 6 upper-division major hours taken in residence at the University

- a 2.00 grade point average for in-residence major hours taken at the University unless a higher minimum scholastic requirement is specified for the major.

Minors

Students must get permission from their College of Liberal Arts academic advisor to pursue more than one transcript-recognized minor or certificate per major. The academic advisor will approve or deny the request after considering the student's long-term educational and professional goals and the student's ability to graduate within 4 years of entering the University.

Students should consult the department offering the course before planning to use it to fulfill the minor requirement.

Hours used to fulfill the requirements for a minor must be taken on the letter-grade basis.

See [University Minor and Certificate policies here](#).