

# B.S. Political Science

Political science is a multifaceted discipline focusing on the functions of government. Some of the topics studied by political scientists:

- Public opinion.
- Elections.
- Interest groups.
- International relations.
- Security studies.
- Political philosophy.
- Constitutional law.
- Legislative behavior.

With such a wide range of options, political science students have the freedom to tailor their study to meet their individual goals and interests.

Department of Political Science  
[k-state.edu/polisci](http://k-state.edu/polisci)

## Admissions requirements

- Be admitted for the summer or fall term.
- Submit a program application at [k-state.edu/prelaw/lead](http://k-state.edu/prelaw/lead).
- Have a minimum high school 3.5 GPA on a 4.0 unweighted scale.
- Have an ACT score of at least 26, or an SAT of at least 1170.

## Application timeline

- Feb. 1: Priority deadline to apply.
- March 1: Priority deadline to file the FAFSA.
- Early March: Program committee will review qualified applications.
- Mid-March: Applicants will be notified of admissions decisions by mail.

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## First year, fall semester

Course	No. of hours
College Algebra	3
Expository Writing I	3
Social science course	3
POLSC 115: U.S. Politics	3
POLSC 301: Introduction to Political Thought	3
	<b>15 credit hours</b>

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## Second year, fall semester

Course	No. of hours
Expository Writing II	3
Public speaking course	3
General science course	3
POLSC 400: Political Inquiry and Analysis	3
POLSC elective (300+)	3
	<b>15 credit hours</b>

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## Third year, fall semester

Course	No. of hours
Science course (with prerequisite)	3
Quantitative course	3
Philosophy course	3
POLSC elective (300+)	3
POLSC elective (300+)	3
	<b>15 credit hours</b>

## First year, spring semester

Course	No. of hours
Life science course (with lab)	4
Quantitative course	3
Fine arts course	3
POLSC 333: World Politics	3
POLSC 135: Intro to Comparative Politics	3
	<b>16 credit hours</b>

## Second year, spring semester

Course	No. of hours
Physical science course (with lab)	4
Quantitative course	3
Western heritage course	3
POLSC elective (300+)	3
POLSC elective (300+)	3
	<b>16 credit hours</b>

## Third year, spring semester

Course	No. of hours
International overlay course	3
Literary and rhetorical arts course	3
Social science course	3
POLSC elective (300+)	3
POLSC elective (300+)	3
	<b>15 credit hours</b>

This is an example of a typical course schedule. All courses must be selected with and approved by the student's academic advisor.

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