

	YOUR CLASS SCHEDULE	ACADEMIC ADVISING	ENRICHING EXPERIENCES	LIFELONG SUCCESS
Freshman	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete core courses recommended for your degree plan</li> <li>Focus on English, Math, and Science courses</li> <li>Enroll in 15 credit hours Fall and Spring semester.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Participate in New Student Orientation</li> <li>Meet with your Political Science advisor before registration for both Fall and Spring semesters (and Summer, if enrolling for Summer).</li> <li>Discuss your interests in Social Work with your Social Work Advisor and complete the Social Work Degree Plan</li> </ul>	<p><b>Prioritize Your Wellness</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Participate in campus recreation</li> <li>Attend Financial Literacy seminars</li> <li>Form healthy study habits</li> </ul> <p><b>Build Your Community</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use FalconLink &amp; attend Club Day</li> <li>Volunteer</li> <li>Attend campus events</li> </ul> <p><b>Explore Your World</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attend an athletics event, musical performance, or visit the art gallery</li> </ul>	<p><b>Build Your Brand</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Draft your resume</li> <li>Register for the Job Board</li> </ul> <p><b>Craft Your Future</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Explore career options</li> <li>Have coffee with a faculty member</li> <li>Learn the basics of government</li> </ul>
Sophomore	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete core courses recommended for your degree plan</li> <li>Focus on English, Math, and Science courses, and begin taking the lower level political science classes</li> <li>Enroll in 15 credit hours Fall and Spring semester.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meet with your Political Science before registration for both Fall and Spring semesters (and Summer, if enrolling for Summer).</li> <li>Meet with your PS Advisor as needed throughout the semester as questions arise.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Prioritize Your Wellness</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enjoy outdoor spaces on campus</li> </ul> <p><b>Build Your Community</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Join an organization</li> <li>Explore campus leadership (SGA, Orientation Leader, Resident Asst.)</li> </ul> <p><b>Explore Your World</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consider study abroad</li> <li>Attend a lecture series</li> </ul>	<p><b>Build Your Brand</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Update your resume</li> <li>Join LinkedIn</li> <li>Consider student employment</li> </ul> <p><b>Craft Your Future</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Participate in mock interviews</li> <li>Attend an internship/career fair</li> <li>Develop skills in addressing civic responsibility</li> </ul>
Junior	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Focus on Political Sciences courses, especially those required methods courses</li> <li>Enroll in full time credits for Fall and Spring semesters.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meet with your Political Science Advisor before registration for both Fall and Spring semesters (and Summer, if enrolling for Summer).</li> <li>Meet with your PS Advisor as needed throughout the semester as questions arise.</li> <li>Complete the Application for the PS Program in the Fall Semester</li> <li>Complete the degree requirements as needed in early Spring Semester</li> </ul>	<p><b>Prioritize Your Wellness</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attend a health fair</li> </ul> <p><b>Build Your Community</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Run for organization officer role</li> <li>Apply to be a Falcon Ambassador</li> <li>Consider joining APSA as a student member</li> </ul> <p><b>Explore Your World</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consider study abroad</li> <li>Participate in service learning</li> </ul>	<p><b>Build Your Brand</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Update your resume</li> <li>Conduct research with faculty</li> </ul> <p><b>Craft Your Future</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Search for internships or fellowships</li> <li>Use your methodological skills to improve your career options</li> </ul>
Senior	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enroll in classes and other Political Science courses needed to finish the Degree Plan</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meet with your Political Science Advisor before registration for both Fall and Spring semesters</li> <li>Complete the Degree Check and Application for Graduation early in the Spring semester</li> </ul>	<p><b>Prioritize Your Wellness</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attend financial literacy seminars</li> </ul> <p><b>Build Your Community</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attend your ring ceremony</li> <li>Join Alumni Association upon graduation</li> <li>Join ASPA as a student member to access relevant journals</li> </ul> <p><b>Explore Your World</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consider study abroad (summer prior to senior year)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Build Your Brand</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Update your resume</li> <li>Present research</li> </ul> <p><b>Craft Your Future</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Participate in an internship or fellowship</li> <li>Apply for jobs</li> <li>Use your degree to help guide your career</li> </ul>

### UTPB students will graduate with these skills:

- Leadership
- Problem-solving
- Communication
- Social Responsibility
- Confidence
- Teamwork
- Critical Thinking

### Career opportunities:

- Politician
- Intelligence Analysis
- Public Service
- Non profit management
- Teacher



## Political Science REQUIREMENTS

### Semester 1

ENGL 1301 Composition I  
HIST 1301 American History I  
COMM 1315 Public Speaking  
MATH 1314 College Algebra  
BIOL 1306/1106 Biology with lab

**16 hours**

### Semester 2

ENGL 1302 Composition II  
HIST 1302 American History II  
SOC 1301 Intro. to Sociology  
Creative Arts (3 hours)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Life Science with lab

**16 hours**

### Semester 3

PLSC 2305 American National Politics  
Social Science Elective  
Course in your minor  
Course in your minor  
Elective

**15 hours**

### Semester 4

PLSC 2306 State and Local Politics  
ENGL 2300 Level Literature Survey  
Courses in your minor  
Courses in your minor  
Elective

**15 hours**

### Semester 5

PLSC 3301: Political Science Research Methods  
PLSC 4300 Level Political Science elective  
PLSC 4300 Level Political Science elective  
Upper division course in your minor  
Elective

**15-16 hours**

### Semester 6

PLSC 3302: Statistics for Political Science  
PLSC 4300 Level Political Science elective  
PLSC 4300 Level Political Science elective  
Upper division course in your minor  
Elective

**15 hours**

### Semester 7

PLSC 4300 Level Political science elective  
PLSC 4300 Level Political Science elective  
SOWK 4480 Field Practicum I  
Elective  
Elective

**15 hours**

### Semester 8

PLSC 4300 Level Political Science elective  
PLSC 4300 Level Political Science elective  
Elective  
Elective  
Elective

**15 hours**