

POLITICAL SCIENCE B.S./MPA FAST TRACK PROGRAM

The Fast Track B.S./MPA allows exceptional undergraduate political science majors to earn dual-credit for graduate courses taken during the senior year, and successful students will meet all department and university requirements for both degrees in five years. Students admitted to the Fast Track Program take the graduate version of four cross-listed courses during their senior year, and students who successfully complete these courses will receive both the undergraduate credit and institutionally awarded graduate credit. This affords Fast Track students the opportunity to complete their MPA degree in one year including some summer work.

In order to continue in the program, Fast Track students must maintain a GPA of 3.3 throughout the program, meet all requirements of both the B.S. and MPA degrees, and take no less than four graduate courses having no undergraduate counter-part.

Political science majors interested in applying to the Fast Track Program should meet with the Department Chair or Department Academic Advisor early in their junior year to discuss the application requirements.

Code	Title	Hours
General Education Core Curriculum		
<i>Communication</i>		
ENGL 1301	Composition I	3
Select one of the following:		3
COMM 1315	Public Speaking I	
COMM 1321	Business and Professional Speech	
DSDE 1371	ASL I	
ENGL 1302	Composition II	
FREN 1311	Beginning French I	
SPAN 1311	Beginning Spanish I	
<i>Mathematics</i>		
MATH 1314	College Algebra(Non-Calculus)	3
<i>Life and Physical Sciences</i>		
Select 2 courses from the following:		6
BIOL 1308	General Biology (Non-Science Majors)	
BIOL 1315	Plants and Human Society (Non-Majors)	
CHEM 1306	Chemistry for Allied Health Sciences	
CHEM 1308	Biochemistry for Allied Health Sciences	
CHEM 1311	General Chemistry I	
CHEM 1312	General Chemistry II	
GEOL 1390	Introductory Environmental & Physical Geology	
PHYS 1305	Elementary Physics I Lecture	
PHYS 1307	Elementary Physics II Lecture	
PHYS 1311	Introduction to Astronomy Lecture	
SPSC 1301	Space Exploration	
<i>Language, Philosophy and Culture</i>		
Select one of the following:		3
DSDE 1374	Introduction to Deaf Studies	
ENGL 2300	Close Reading II	
ENGL 2322	British Literature	
ENGL 2326	American Literature	

ENGL 2331	World Literature	
ENGL 2376	African-American Literature	
FREN 2312	Intermediate French II	
PHIL 1370	Philosophy of Knowledge	
PHIL 2306	Ethics	
SPAN 2312	Intermediate Spanish II	
<i>Creative Arts</i>		
Select one of the following:		3
ARTS 1301	Art Appreciation	
ARTS 1303	Art History I	
COMM 1375	Film Appreciation	
COSC 1324	The Art of Computer Game Development	
DANC 2304	Dance Appreciation	
MUSI 1306	Music Appreciation	
MUSI 1309	Jazz History and Appreciation	
MUSI 1310	History of Rock and Roll	
PHIL 1330	Arts and Ideas	
THEA 1310	Theatre Appreciation	
<i>American History</i>		
Select two of the following:		6
HIST 1301	U S History I 1763-1877	
HIST 1302	U S History II Since 1877	
HIST 2301	Texas History	
<i>Government/Political Science</i>		
POLS 2301	Intro to American Government I	3
POLS 2302	Intro/American Government II	3
<i>Social and Behavioral Sciences</i>		
Select one of the following:		3
ANTH 2346	Introduction to Anthropology	
ANTH 2351	Cultural Anthropology	
BULW 1370	Business Environment and Public Policy	
CRIJ 1301	Intro to Criminal Justice	
ECON 1301	Principles and Policies	
ECON 2301	Principles of Economics I Macro	
ECON 2302	Principles of Economics II Micro	
FINC 2310	Intro to Consumer Finance	
INEN 2373	Engineering Economics	
PSYC 2301	General Psychology	
PSYC 2315	Lifespan Development	
POLS 1301	Intro to Political Science	
SOCI 1301	Introduction to Sociology	
SOWK 2361	Intro Social Work	
<i>Component Area Option</i>		
ENGL 1302	Composition II	3
MATH 1342	Statistics	3
	or PSYC 2317 Introduction to Statistical Methods	
Required Courses		
POLS 1301	Intro to Political Science	3
POLS 2351	Statistics for Social Science	3
POLS 3352	Advanced Research Methods	3
<i>American Politics</i>		
Six credit hours in the following:		6

POLS 3313	Judicial Process	
POLS 3314	Legislative Process	
POLS 3317	American Presidency	
POLS 4312	American Constitutional Law and Development	
<i>International Relations</i>		
Three credit hours in the following:		3
POLS 3320	International Politics	
POLS 4322	International Law/Institutions	
<i>Comparative Politics</i>		
Three credit hours in the following:		3
POLS 3330	Intro to Comparative Politics	
POLS 3332	Politics Western Democracies	
<i>International Relations or Comparative Politics</i>		
Three credit hours in the following:		3
POLS 3320	International Politics	
POLS 3330	Intro to Comparative Politics	
POLS 3332	Politics Western Democracies	
POLS 4322	International Law/Institutions	
<i>Public Administration/Public Policy</i>		
Six credit hours in the following:		6
POLS 3341	Intro to Public Administration	
POLS 3343	Public Policy Formulation	
<i>Upper-level Political Science Courses</i>		3
POLS 3000:4999		
<i>Political Science Business Core</i>		
ACCT 2301	Introduction to Financial Accounting	3
ECON 2301	Principles of Economics I Macro	3
ECON 2302	Principles of Economics II Micro	3
ECON 3340	Macro Economics	3
	or ECON 3320 Money and Banking	
	or MATH 3312 Probability Statistics and Statistical Modeling	
15 credit hours of academic electives (1000:4999)		15
Minor ¹		18
MPA Courses		
POLS 5330	Public Admin: Theory and Methods (Required Courses)	3
POLS 5331	Public Organizations	3
POLS 5332	Ethics and Morality in Public Administration	3
POLS 5340	Public policy	3
POLS 5355	Applied Research Methods	3
<i>MPA Electives</i>		21
Select 21 credit hours from the following:		
POLS 5333	Leadership in Public Administration and Nonprofits	
POLS 5334	Constitutional Law for Public Administration	
POLS 5335	State Institutions	
POLS 5336	Public-Private Partnerships	
POLS 5337	Disaster and Hazard Management for Public Administration	
POLS 5341	State Law and Policy	
POLS 5342	Disaster Policy	

POLS 5354	Special Studies in Public Administration	
Total Hours		156

¹ 18 credit hours in minor cannot be shared with the General Core, track, or major.