

Student Name: _____ ID # _____

Advisor Name: _____ Anticipated Graduation Date: _____

POLITICAL STUDIES HONOURS CHECKLIST (134 s.h.)

2025-26 Academic Calendar

1. Inquiry: Ways of Knowing – Core Requirements (37 s.h.*)

**University Core Requirements are modified for students who transfer in with 57 s.h. or more of initial transfer credit. See [Academic Calendar](#) for details.*

✓	COURSE	S.H.	NOTES	✓	COURSE	S.H.	NOTES
FOUNDATIONAL INQUIRIES (28 sem. hrs.)				Academic Writing Requirement ¹			
Academic Research & Writing				WAYS OF KNOWING (9 sem. hrs.)			
	ENGL _____	3	Choose two of ENGL 101, 102, 103, 104.	In addition to the courses on the left, students must take an additional 9 sem. hrs. from each of the following categories, <i>all of which must be from outside of the student's major.</i>			
	ENGL _____	3					
Foundations				Aesthetic & Performance Inquiry			
	FNDN 101	1	Compulsory during the first semester of the first year for all new students unless they have a minimum 24 sem. hrs. initial transfer credit.			3	Choose 3 sem. hrs. from the Aesthetic & Performance Inquiry category below.
	FNDN 102	3	Normally taken before year three.	Cultural & Linguistic Inquiry			
	FNDN 201	3			**	**	Satisfied by a Modern Languages course (Ancillary).
Logical & Ethical Reasoning				Experiential & Embodied Inquiry			
	PHIL _____	3	Choose one of PHIL 100, 103, 105, 106, 109, or 210.			3	Choose 3 sem. hrs. from the Experiential & Embodied Inquiry category below.
Religious & Spiritual Thought				Historical & Archival Inquiry			
	RELS _____	3	Choose RELS 110 or 160. Recommended in 1st semester of the 1st year.			3	Choose 3 sem. hrs. from the Historical & Archival Inquiry category below.
	RELS 111	3		Quantitative & Computational Inquiry			
	RELS 112	3			**	**	Satisfied by SOCS 305.
Scientific Method & Lab Research				Social & Global Inquiry			
		3	Choose one of BIOL 103, 104, 113/198, 114/199, 216, 241, 262; CHEM 101, 103/198, 111/198; GENV 109, 121, 262; GEOL 109; PHYS 111.		**	**	Satisfied by POLS 101 or 211.

¹**Academic Writing Requirement:** students must take WRTG 100 (native English speakers) or WRTG 101 (non-native English speakers) in their first semester at TWU, unless exempt at the time of admission to the University. WRTG course credit may be included toward a degree program as elective credit.

Ways of Knowing: Categories

Aesthetic & Performance Inquiry	ART 181, 182, 230, 250, 280; ENGL 207, 208, 310; HKIN 342; MCOM 211, 221, 231, 369; MUSI 110; PHIL 370; SAMC 111, 370; THTR 130, 161; any Music Ensembles; any Music (MUSA) Private Lessons.
Experiential & Embodied Inquiry	ART 305, 306, 307; BIOL 316, 318, 362, 364, 409, 410; BIOT 200, 300, 400, 409, 410; BUSI 395, 396, 49x; CHEM 409, 410; CMPT 409, 410; EDUC 302, 303, 402, 403; GENV 131, 316, 318, 372, 373, 374, 375, 409, 410; HIST 310, 315, 316; HKIN 201, 202, 216, 235, 266, 336, 355, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460; LING 398, 399; MATH 409, 410; MCOM 281, 391, 392, 393; NURS 213; POLS 395, 396; PSYC 322, 497, 498; SOCI 320, 411, 420; THTR 101, 102, 151, 152, 153, 154, 175, 210, 301, 302, 351, 352, 353, 354; any 1 sem. hr. HKIN Activity course; any Travel Study; any CCCU Global Ed course; any Au Sable course.
Historical & Archival Inquiry	ART 237, 238; ECON 306; GENV 312; HIST 107, 108, 135, 306, 339, 391; MUSI 131, 132; NURS 230; PHIL 203, 314, 421; POLS 391; PSYC 408; RELS 320, 351, 352, 475; SAMC 112; SOCI 391; THTR 331, 332.

2. Required Political Studies Courses (54 s.h.) *Minimum 36 s.h. must be upper-level.*

✓	COURSE	S.H.	NOTES	✓	COURSE	S.H.	NOTES
	POLS 101	3			POLS _____	3	Choose: POLS 310, 415, 418, or 434.
	POLS 211	3			POLS _____	3	Choose: POLS 237, 330, 332, 334, 383, 391, 392, or 434.
	POLS 234	3			POLS _____	3	Choose: POLS 308, 352, 377, 378, 421, 422, or 425.
	SOCS 305	3			POLS _____	3	Choose: POLS 314, 355, 406, 430, 431, or 440.
	POLS 312	3			POLS _____	3	Select any five POLS courses (only four if 6 s.h. of practicum was taken) or for which credit has not been received.
	POLS 320	3			POLS _____	3	
	POLS 495	3			POLS _____	3	
	POLS 496	3			POLS _____	3	
	POLS _____	3	Choose from POLS 361-369, 395, 396.*		POLS _____	3	

*All Political Studies honours students are required to complete at least 3 s.h. of POLS practicum. A maximum of 6 s.h. may be taken for the major; a total of 9 s.h. may be taken as part of the overall degree.

3. Ancillary Requirements (6 s.h.)

Choose either: two of ECON 201, 202, 230, or 330 OR SOCS 383 and 385.

✓	COURSE	S.H.	NOTES	✓	COURSE	S.H.	NOTES
		3				3	

4. Modern Language Requirements (6 s.h.)

Students must complete 6 s.h. of an **approved language** other than English. Students specializing in Canadian Politics should take French for their language requirement.

✓	COURSE	S.H.	NOTES	✓	COURSE	S.H.	NOTES
		3				3	

5. Elective Courses (31 s.h.)

Students are encouraged, but not required, to take elective classes that contribute to a concentration or a minor. If you choose to take a concentration or a minor, please attach the appropriate concentration/minor checklist available at twu.ca/advising.

✓	COURSE	S.H.	NOTES	✓	COURSE	S.H.	NOTES





NOTES:

- A total of 134 s.h. of credit, including a minimum of 54 s.h. of upper-level credit (36 s.h. in the major) is required to complete this degree. Students must have a minimum overall (cumulative) GPA of 3.0 to graduate.
- You must complete an [Application for Graduation](#) via the Student Portal and [submit a copy of your filled in program checklist\(s\)](#) (i.e. this document) to the Office of the Registrar by April 30 of the year prior to your completion. For more information on the graduation process, please visit twu.ca/graduation.

This program is offered under TWU's exempt status with the Degree Quality Assessment Board.

THIS CHECKLIST IS INTENDED TO ASSIST STUDENTS AND ADVISORS IN ENSURING THAT ALL REQUIREMENTS ARE MET. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE **STUDENT** TO MEET ALL REQUIREMENTS.

YEAR 1			YEAR 2			YEAR 3			YEAR 4		
✓	s.h.	Fall	✓	s.h.	Fall	✓	s.h.	Fall	✓	s.h.	Fall
	1	FNDN 101		3	FNDN 201		3	Core ²		3	Core ²
	3	RELS 110 or 160		3	Language ³		3	SOCS 305		3	POLS ⁴
	3	ENGL 103		3	Ancillary ⁶		3	POLS ⁴		3	POLS ⁴
	3	PHIL ¹		3	POLS 312		3	POLS ⁴		3	POLS 495
	3	POLS 101		3	POLS ⁴		3	Elective		3	Elective
	3	Elective									
Semester Total: 16			Semester Total: 16			Semester Total: 15			Semester Total: 15		
YEAR 1			YEAR 2			YEAR 3			YEAR 4		
✓	s.h.	Spring	✓	s.h.	Spring	✓	s.h.	Spring	✓	s.h.	Spring
	3	FNDN 102		3	RELS 112		3	POLS ⁵		3	POLS ⁴
	3	RELS 111		3	GENV 121		3	POLS ⁴		3	POLS ⁴
	3	ENGL 104		3	POLS 320		3	POLS ⁴		3	POLS 496
	3	POLS 211		3	Ancillary ⁶		3	Elective		3	Elective
	3	Elective		3	Elective		3	Elective		3	Elective
	3	*Summer: POLS 234		6	*Summer: Electives		3	*Summer: Electives			
Semester Total: 15/3			Semester Total: 15/6			Semester Total: 15/3			Semester Total: 15		

COURSE LEGEND	
	Core Courses
1. Choose from PHIL 100, 103, 105, 106, 109, 210	
2. Core electives should be chosen as follows: ONE Aesthetic and Performance Inquiry ONE Experiential & Embodied Inquiry ONE Historical & Archival Inquiry	
	Major Courses
3. Students must complete 6 s.h. of an approved language other than English. Students specializing in Canadian Politics should take French for their language requirement.	
4. Choose from: POLS 237, 308, 310, 314, 330, 332, 334, 352, 355, 378, 383, 391, 392, 406, 415, 418, 421, 422, 425, 430, 431, 434, 440 (POLS 391 satisfies the Historical & Archival Inquiry requirement).	
5. Choose from: POLS 361-369, 395-396. All POLS majors are required to complete at least 3 s.h. of POLS practicum.	
	Major + Core Courses
	Ancillary Courses
6. Choose from: ECON 201, 202, 230, 330; or SOCS 383, 385	
	Ancillary + Core Courses
	Electives
*The following Summer Sessions courses are required in order to complete the degree in four years: Year 1: POLS 234 Year 2: 6 s.h. of electives Year 3: 3 s.h. of electives	

This is an example of what a 4-year degree plan might look like. It is not the official program checklist. In the case of any discrepancy between this program plan and the checklist, the checklist shall prevail. It is the student's responsibility to ensure they complete all program requirements as laid out in the approved checklist.