

Student Name: _____ ID # _____

Advisor Name: _____ Anticipated Graduation Date: _____

POLITICAL STUDIES HONOURS CHECKLIST (134 s.h.) 2026-27 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			
<i>Academic Research & Writing</i>				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					
<i>Foundations</i>				<i>Aesthetic & Performance Inquiry</i>			
	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.	<i>Cultural & Linguistic Inquiry</i>			
	FNDN 201	3			**	**	Satisfied by a Modern Languages course (Ancillary).
<i>Logical & Ethical Reasoning</i>				<i>Experiential & Embodied Inquiry</i>			
	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.
<i>Religious & Spiritual Thought</i>				<i>Historical & Archival Inquiry</i>			
	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		<i>Quantitative & Computational Inquiry</i>			
	RELS 112	3			**	**	Satisfied by SOCS 305.
<i>Scientific Method & Lab Research</i>				<i>Social & Global Inquiry</i>			
		3	Choose one of BIOL 103, 104, 113/198, 114/199, 216, 241, 242, 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 WR TG 100 (native English speakers) or WR TG 101 (non-native English speakers) in their first semester at TWU, unless exempt at the time of admission to the University. WR TG 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; LDRS 302; 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.

B.A. Honours *Political Studies* - 4 Year Plan

		YEAR 1
✓	s.h.	Fall
	1	FNDN 101
	3	RELS 110 or 160
	3	ENGL 103
	3	PHIL ¹
	3	POLS 101
	3	Elective
Semester Total:		16

		YEAR 2
✓	s.h.	Fall
	3	FNDN 201
	3	Language ³
	3	Ancillary ⁶
	3	POLS 312
	3	POLS ⁴
Semester Total:		16

		YEAR 3
✓	s.h.	Fall
	3	Core ²
	3	SOCS 305
	3	POLS ⁴
	3	POLS ⁴
	3	Elective
Semester Total:		15

		YEAR 4
✓	s.h.	Fall
	3	Core ²
	3	POLS ⁴
	3	POLS ⁴
	3	POLS 495
	3	Elective
Semester Total:		15

		YEAR 1
✓	s.h.	Spring
	3	FNDN 102
	3	RELS 111
	3	ENGL 104
	3	POLS 211
	3	Elective
	3	*Summer: POLS 234
Semester Total:		15/3

		YEAR 2
✓	s.h.	Spring
	3	RELS 112
	3	GENV 121
	3	POLS 320
	3	Ancillary ⁶
	3	Elective
	6	*Summer: Electives
Semester Total:		15/6

		YEAR 3
✓	s.h.	Spring
	3	POLS ⁵
	3	POLS ⁴
	3	POLS ⁴
	3	Elective
	3	Elective
	3	*Summer: Electives
Semester Total:		15/3

		YEAR 4
✓	s.h.	Spring
	3	POLS ⁴
	3	POLS ⁴
	3	POLS 496
	3	Elective
	3	Elective
Semester Total:		15

COURSE LEGEND

Core Courses

- Choose from PHIL 100, 103, 105, 106, 109, 210
- Core electives should be chosen as follows:
ONE Aesthetic and Performance Inquiry
ONE Experiential & Embodied Inquiry
ONE Historical & Archival Inquiry

Major Courses

- 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.
- 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).
- 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

- 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.