

Student Name: _____ ID # _____

Advisor Name: _____ Anticipated Graduation Date: _____

POLITICAL STUDIES MAJOR CHECKLIST (122 s.h.) 2026-27 Academic Calendar

1. Inquiry: Ways of Knowing – Core Requirements (40 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 (12 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 12 sem. hrs. from each of the following categories, <i>9 s.h. 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				3	Choose 3 sem. hrs. from the Cultural & Linguistic Inquiry category below.
<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 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.
Cultural & Linguistic Inquiry	ANTH 210, 395; EDUC 496; ENGL 334, 340, 482; GREE 235; HEBR 245; HIST 237; IDIS 201; POLS 237; RELS 235, 245; SOCI 395; any World Languages & Cultures course (CHIN, FREN, JAPA, RUSS, SPAN).
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.

2. Required Political Studies Courses (42 s.h.) *Minimum 24 s.h. must be upper-level.*

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

*All POLS majors are required to complete at least 3 s.h. of practicum. A maximum of 6 s.h. maybe taken for the major, a total of 9 s.h. may be taken as part of the overall degree.
 **A course may be counted in only one category.

3. Ancillary Requirements (6 s.h.)

Choose either: two of ECON 201, 202, 230, or 330 OR SOCS 383 and 385; **OR** six semester hours of an approved modern language other than English.

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

4. Elective Courses (34 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:

- Graduation requirement: A total of at least 122 s.h of credit, including a minimum of 42 s.h. in the major, a minimum of 42 s.h. of upper-level credit (24 s.h. in the major), and a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 overall and in the major.
- 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 June 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.

B.A. Degree *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	POLS 234
		Semester Total: 16

		YEAR 2
✓	s.h.	Fall
	3	FNDN 201
	3	Core ²
	3	POLS 312
	3	Ancillary ⁵
	3	Elective
		Semester Total: 15

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

		YEAR 4
✓	s.h.	Fall
	3	Core ²
	3	POLS 363
	3	POLS ³
	3	POLS ³
	3	Elective
		Semester Total: 15

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

		YEAR 2
✓	s.h.	Spring
	3	RELS 112
	3	GENV 121
	3	POLS 320
	3	Ancillary ⁵
	3	Elective
		Semester Total: 15

		YEAR 3
✓	s.h.	Spring
	3	POLS ³
	3	POLS ⁴
	3	Elective
	3	Elective
	3	Elective
	1	Elective
		Semester Total: 16

		YEAR 4
✓	s.h.	Spring
	3	POLS ³
	3	POLS ³
	3	Elective
	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 Cultural & Linguistic Inquiry
ONE Experiential & Embodied Inquiry

Major Courses

- 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. 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.

Major + Core Courses

Ancillary Courses

- Choose from: ECON 201, 202, 230, or 330; or SOCS 383 and 385.

Ancillary + Core Courses

Electives

Summer Sessions are encouraged to reduce semester load and/or repeat courses.

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.