

# Political Science B.S. - 4 Year Degree Plan

2025-2026

Lamar University's **Bachelor of Science in Political Science** gives you the opportunity to study government, the most important decision-making part of society and of the social, economic and other institutions and practices that influence this decision-making process. This program provides rigorous training in social scientific methodology and equips you to study and produce empirical research about politics and its subfields: American politics, international relations, comparative politics, public administration and public policy.

NOTE: Degree plans may change over a four-year period. This may not be the most current list of course requirements for your program. It is always advised that you check Degree Audit in Banner Self-Serv or your advisor for the most up-to-date degree requirements and to track your progress toward a degree.

| FIRST YEAR  | Fall                      |   | Hours | Grade | Spring                    |  | Hours | Grade |
|-------------|---------------------------|---|-------|-------|---------------------------|--|-------|-------|
|             | ENGL 1301                 | Composition I   |       |       | ENGL 1302                 | Composition II   |       |       |
|             | HIST 1301                 | U.S. History I 1763-1877  | 3     |       | HIST 1302                 | U.S. History II Since 1877   | 3     |       |
|             | POLS 1301                 | Intro to Political Science  | 3     |       | Life and Physical Science |  | 3     |       |
|             | Life and Physical Science |   | 3     |       | MATH 1342                 | Elementary Statistical Methods                                     | 3     |       |
|             | COMM 1315                 | Public Speaking I   | 3     |       | Creative Arts             |  | 3     |       |
|             | Hours                     |   | 15    |       | Hours                     |  | 15    |       |
| SECOND YEAR | Fall                      |   | Hours | Grade | Spring                    |  | Hours | Grade |
|             | PHIL 2306                 | Ethics  | 3     |       | POLS 2302                 | Intro to American Government II                                    | 3     |       |
|             | POLS 2301                 | Intro to American Government I  | 3     |       | Minor Course              |  | 6     |       |
|             | ACCT 2301                 | Introduction to Financial Accounting                                  | 3     |       | ECON 3340 or MATH 3312    | Macro Economics or Probability Statistics and Statistical Modeling | 3     |       |
|             | ECON 2301                 | Principles for Economics I Macro                                      | 3     |       | Electives                 |  | 3     |       |
|             | MATH 1342 or PSYC 2317    | Elementary Statistical Methods or Introduction to Statistical Methods | 3     |       |                           |  |       |       |
|             | Hours                     |   | 15    |       | Hours                     |  | 15    |       |
| THIRD YEAR  | Fall                      |   | Hours | Grade | Spring                    |  | Hours | Grade |
|             | POLS Elective             | 3000-4000 Level   | 3     |       | POLS Electives            | 3000-4000 level  | 3     |       |
|             | POLS 3341                 | Intro to Public Administration  | 3     |       | POLS 3343                 | Public Policy Formulation  | 3     |       |
|             | POLS 2351                 | Statistics for Social Science   | 3     |       | POLS 3352                 | Advanced Research Methods  | 3     |       |
|             | SOCI 1301                 | Introduction to Sociology   | 3     |       | ECON 2302                 | Principles of Economics II Micro                                   | 3     |       |
|             | Electives                 |   | 3     |       | Minor Course              |  | 3     |       |
|             | Hours                     |   | 15    |       | Hours                     |  | 15    |       |
| FOURTH YEAR | Fall                      |   | Hours | Grade | Spring                    |  | Hours | Grade |
|             | POLS Elective             | 3000-4000 level   | 3     |       | POLS Elective             | 3000-4000 level  | 3     |       |
|             | POLS Elective             | 3000-4000 level   | 3     |       | POLS Elective             | 3000-4000 level  | 3     |       |
|             | Elective                  |   | 3     |       | Elective                  | 3000-4000 level  | 3     |       |
|             | Minor                     | 3000-4000 level   | 3     |       | Minor                     | 3000-4000 level  | 3     |       |
|             | Minor                     | 3000-4000 level   | 3     |       | Elective                  |  | 3     |       |
|             | Hours                     |   | 15    |       | Hours                     |  | 15    |       |