DESIGN YOUR JOURNEY



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Department of Political Science

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science

	Beginning the Journey	Trailblazing the Path	Destination Graduation
EDUCATE	- Review core curriculum requirements - Visit student success and complete self-assessments to identify strengths - Use Focus 2 Career Assessment Tool at Student Success - Meet with a POLSadvisor early - Take UNIV1101 or 1301	- Take POLS3310 early in your career - Attend public lectures/events on campus (Maverick Speakers Series Events, POLSWeek events, Pi Sigma Alpha/SOPA-sponsored talks - Consider the Fast Track MA program - Consider applying for research/internship opportunities (Saxe Fellows, Archer Fellowship) - Consider the UROPprogram - Explore the different optional specializations - Talk to your professors about their research (and whether they need research assistance)	- Explore career options and graduate school - Attend POLS-sponsored information sessions - Consider an internship or service learning - Make sure all transfer transcripts are submitted
ENGAGE	- Explore student groups within your major, college, and university, e.g., Pi Sigma Alpha, SOPA - Get to know people in your classes	- Become a POLSambassador - Consider running for office in Pi Sigma Alpha/SOPA - Be a mentor and share your experiences with incoming students	- Attend department, college, and university awards ceremonies - Consider participating in UTA ring ceremony - Take steps to attend graduation
EXCEL	- Learn how to improve academic performance. - Explore tutoring, Supplemental Instruction, writing support, and study groups.	- Strive to meet requirements for Phi Sigma Tau - Explore the Honors College requirements - Participate in COLA's Spotlight on Research - Participate in the department's annual Poster Session Celebration of Research - Apply for scholarships (departmental and university) - Consider the Archer Fellowship program - Build relationships with faculty who will be able to write letter of recommendation for you - Create a portfolio of class assignments	- Participate in Test Drive (attend graduate classes) - Visit the Career Development Center and finalize your resume - Participate in on-campus interviews for jobs - Apply for graduate school or law school

*You can ask your freshman advisor about what these requirements are



MAVERICK ADVANTAGE

Be Bold. Be Ambitious. Set Yourself Apart.

CAREER DEVELOPMENT

- Career Assessment Tool
- Self-assessments
- Internships
- Explore career options
- Strive to meet PSA requirements
- Participate in on-campus interviews

GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT

- Explore model UN, NATO
- Attend lectures
- Take courses in international and comparative politics

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

- Take courses in leadership
- Be a mentor
- Become a POLS ambassador
- Run for an officer position in a student organization

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Take courses in civic engagement
- Participate in UTA Volunteers
- Do a service learning project
- Participate in service projects with campus organizations

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH

- Take 3310 early in your career
- Consider becoming a Saxe Scholar
- Explore opportunities to work with faculty on research
- Consider the UROPprogram and the McNair

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FIND YOUR CAREER



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What career options do I have with this major?

- Activist/Advocate/Organizer
- Ambassador
- Attorney
- Banking Analyst or Executive
- Campaign Operative
- CIA Analyst or Agent
- City Planner
- Pollster
- Communications Director
- Congressional Office/
- Committee Staffer
- Corporation Legislative Issues
- Manager
- FBI Agent
- Foreign Service Officer
- Free Lance Writer
- High School Government Teacher
- Immigration Officer
- Journalist
- Lobbyist
- Mediator
- Policy Analyst
- Political Consultant
- Research Analyst
- State Legislator
- Teacher
- University Professor
- Urban Policy Planner
- Web Content Editor
- Writer

Workforce Skills

- Communication: Develop and articulate ideas clearly and effectively across all mediums, including but not limited to written, oral, and digital communication.
- Critical Thinking: Analyze issues, make decisions, and overcome problems by using sound reasoning before forming a strategy, decision, or opinion.
- Teamwork/Collaboration: Work within a team and foster collaborative relationships with peers and supervisors. Use interpersonal skills to demonstrate respect and dignity for others while working toward a common goal.

Career Readiness

- Application of Theoretical Frameworks to Concrete, "Real-World" Examples
- Data Analysis, Both Quantitative (Through the Use of Descriptive Analysis and Inferential Statistics) and Qualitative (Text and Content Analysis)
- Data Collection (Interviewing, Survey Design, Experiments, Use of Primary Source Data)
- Develop Strong Sense of Civic Engagement
- Evaluate Community Problems and Propose Policy Solutions
- Evaluate the Quality of Information and Arguments
- Exceptionally Strong Written and Oral Communication Skills, Including Targeting the Style and Content for Appropriate Audiences (i.e., Op-Eds, White Papers, Persuasive/ Argumentative Essays)
- Problem Solving and Teamwork (Including Active Listening and Collaboration) and Consensus-Building
- Turn Complex Data into Usable Information
- Understand Global and International Dynamics
- Understand and Appreciate Diverse Cultural Perspectives

Take Action

- Explore workforce skill development through on and off-campus activities.
- Engage with the UTA Career Development Center at uta.edu/careers.
- Meet with a career consultant.
- Network with employers.
- Discover internships and co-ops.
- Join Handshake, our career services platform.
- Participate in career development programs.
- In addition, students are required to complete a research methods/data analysis course

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