



YOUR Major Action Plan: Political Science

What is YOUR passion?	1st YEAR	2nd YEAR
Federal, state, and local governments Law firms Corporations Private practice	YOUR Target Courses - Complete at least 30 credit hours, including SOSC 1100. - See Staff or Faculty Academic Advisor to discuss your desired major and concentration, Grade Point Average (GPA) requirements, Academic Advising Guide , and file your degree plan. - Interested in Foreign Languages? Consider the B.A. track and complete Foreign Language requirements. - Interested in research? Consider the B.S. track and complete Math requirements.	- Complete at least 30 credit hours, including GOVTs 2305, 2306 and POLS 2304. - B.A. track will also need to continue Foreign Language requirements. - B.S. track will need to continue Math requirements.
Special interest groups Colleges & universities Private & public schools Legislative, executive, or judicial officials	Find YOUR Way - Participate in Tarleton Town Hall and Texan Debate as part of your First Year Experience. - Undecided about your major? Want to learn more about different career options? Take advantage of career counseling and career assessments through Career Services. - Explore student groups and organizations in your major or area of interests through TexanSync . - Attend Study Skills sessions for additional assistance with acclimating the first year. - Attend or use Academic Resource Center Coaching , Math Clinic , tutoring options , and Writing Center . - Know the FAFSA deadlines each year. - Seek help from Student Counseling Center for home sickness, depression, or other issues. - Feeling ill? Visit Student Health Services for physical health related concerns.	- Explore available Applied Learning Experiences (ALE) such as internships, research, study abroad, service learning or leadership experiences. - Tarleton in Washington, D.C. - Annual Study Abroad program sponsored by the Department of Social Sciences - Internships for academic credit
Political action committees Political parties National, state, or local campaigns Internet sites	Sharpen YOUR Skills - Schedule a meeting with a department representative to explore study away and study abroad experiences and department-sponsored service learning projects. - Start researching the marketable skills that employers are seeking. - Get involved in Service Day and Tarleton Roundup. - Apply to be a Residential Leader (RL) or Tarleton Transition Mentor (TTM). - Run for Freshman Representative Council with SGA (Student Government Association). - Look into Greek Organizations to network and build community.	- Seek out volunteer opportunities in your area through Volunteer Match or United Way to give back to the community and build marketable skills for future employment. - Attend events offered by The Office of Diversity and Inclusion and Fine Arts Center for cultural and diversity awareness. - Participate in Alternative Spring Break . - Run for Student Government Association .
Print & electronic media Independent syndications	YOUR Next Steps - Check out part-time jobs in Career Services employment system to gain work experience for your resume. - Attend job and graduate school fairs to explore future opportunities. Make a good first impression with your attire . - Investigate the type of lifestyle, salary, and occupation you would like to have through Texas Reality Check tools (powered by Texas Workforce Commission). - Learn more about your student loan debt, budgeting, and much more through SALT .	- Explore career opportunities within your major. - Ask Career Services how to conduct a job shadow. - Convert your high school resume into a pre-professional resume . - Get to know your instructors to establish professional references and explore research opportunities. - Create your online portfolio through Portfolioium . Consult with Career Services or your Faculty Advisor on items to include.

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What is YOUR passion?		3rd YEAR	4th YEAR
Nonprofit organizations Foundations Professional associations	YOUR Target Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Complete at least 30 credit hours, including POLS 3308, 3311, 3312, 3314, 3316 and SOCI 3330. - See your Academic or Faculty advisor for other required course options. - If your goal is to be a public school teacher, you will need to see your Faculty Advisor for additional required courses to begin preparing for your Educator Preparation courses after you have completed 60 hours. - B.S. track will continue Math requirements. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Complete remaining credit hours, including POLS 4390.* - See your Academic or Faculty advisor for other required course options. - If your goal is to be a public school teacher, work closely with your Faculty Advisor for additional required courses and Education Preparation Services to prepare for your clinical teaching experience. - Meet with your advisor to ensure you are on track to graduate.
Product & service organizations Financial companies Insurance companies	Find YOUR Way	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Visit with a faculty advisor/mentor within your area of interest to explore student opportunities specific to your major. - Consider participating in an undergraduate research project. - Conduct informational interviews and talk to professionals working in your fields interest. - Take part in the <u>Official Ring Ceremony</u>. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Present undergraduate research at the Texas A&M University System's Pathways Research Symposium. - Complete an internship(s) for your particular interest(s) within the field of Political Science. - Consider participation in and presenting at an academic conference. - Collaborate with a faculty mentor for an undergraduate research project.
Newspapers Wire services Magazines Television & radio stations	Sharpen YOUR Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consider taking on leadership roles within student organizations and clubs. - Explore volunteer opportunities in your area through <u>All For Good</u>. - Need to get more experience and skills? Check out <u>CareerOneStop.org</u> sponsored by the US Department of Labor. - Continue to develop computer and job-related skills along with knowledge of the workplace. - Become an <u>Academic Resource Center- Coach Leader (ARC-C Leader)</u> - Explore internship opportunities with a faculty mentor or academic advisor for your concentration area. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Participate in an internship with the direction of your faculty mentor or advisor. Suggested resources for internships can be found in the <u>Career Service's employment system</u> or the <u>College Internship Program's website</u>.
Explore more occupations and occupation groups through the <u>Occupational Outlook Handbook</u> powered by the Bureau of Labor and Statistics.	YOUR Next Steps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Meet with a Career Services staff member to plan your <u>job-search campaign</u>, schedule <u>mock interviews</u>, resume critiques, and a <u>Business Etiquette Dinner</u>. - Create a <u>LinkedIn</u> profile to further your professional networking. - Check the <u>Career Services calendar</u> for career development workshops. - Seek out an internship at any of the Career Services <u>job fairs</u>. - Investigate graduate schools and attend the Open House for <u>TSU College of Graduate Studies</u>. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - File for GRADUATION! - Update your resume in the <u>Career Service's employment system</u>, <u>Portfolio</u>, and <u>LinkedIn</u>. - Compile reference letters, awards, etc. - Research potential employers, seek out networking opportunities, apply for available positions, and prepare for potential interviews. - Attend <u>job fairs</u> and <u>dress professionally</u>. - Consider and review various job offers, if necessary, review information needed to <u>negotiate a salary</u>. - Graduate! Congratulations! - Join the <u>Tarleton Alumni Association</u> to stay connected to the University. BLEED PURPLE!