



# YOUR Major Action Plan: Political Science

What is YOUR passion?	1st YEAR	2nd YEAR
Federal, state, and local governments  Law firms  Corporations  Private practice	<b>YOUR Target Courses</b> - 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, <a href="#">Academic Advising Guide</a> , 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	<b>Find YOUR Way</b> - 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 <a href="#">career counseling and career assessments</a> through Career Services. - Explore student groups and organizations in your major or area of interests through <a href="#">TexanSync</a> . - Attend <a href="#">Study Skills</a> sessions for additional assistance with acclimating the first year. - Attend or use <a href="#">Academic Resource Center Coaching</a> , <a href="#">Math Clinic</a> , <a href="#">tutoring options</a> , and <a href="#">Writing Center</a> . - Know the <a href="#">FAFSA</a> deadlines each year. - Seek help from <a href="#">Student Counseling Center</a> for home sickness, depression, or other issues. - Feeling ill? Visit <a href="#">Student Health Services</a> for physical health related concerns.	- Explore available <a href="#">Applied Learning Experiences</a> (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	<b>Sharpen YOUR Skills</b> - Schedule a meeting with a department representative to explore study away and study abroad experiences and department-sponsored service learning projects. - Start researching the <a href="#">marketable skills</a> that employers are seeking. - Get involved in <a href="#">Service Day</a> and Tarleton Roundup. - Apply to be a <a href="#">Residential Leader</a> (RL) or Tarleton Transition Mentor (TTM). - Run for <a href="#">Freshman Representative Council</a> with SGA (Student Government Association). - Look into <a href="#">Greek Organizations</a> to network and build community.	- Seek out volunteer opportunities in your area through <a href="#">Volunteer Match</a> or <a href="#">United Way</a> to give back to the community and build marketable skills for future employment. - Attend events offered by <a href="#">The Office of Diversity and Inclusion</a> and <a href="#">Fine Arts Center</a> for cultural and diversity awareness. - Participate in <a href="#">Alternative Spring Break</a> . - Run for <a href="#">Student Government Association</a> .
Print & electronic media  Independent syndications	<b>YOUR Next Steps</b> - Check out part-time jobs in <a href="#">Career Services employment system</a> to gain work experience for your resume. - Attend <a href="#">job and graduate school fairs</a> to explore future opportunities. Make a <a href="#">good first impression with your attire</a> . - Investigate the type of lifestyle, salary, and occupation you would like to have through Texas <a href="#">Reality Check</a> tools (powered by Texas Workforce Commission). - Learn more about your student loan debt, budgeting, and much more through <a href="#">SALT</a> .	- Explore <a href="#">career opportunities</a> within your major. - Ask <a href="#">Career Services</a> how to conduct a job shadow. - Convert your high school resume into a pre-professional <a href="#">resume</a> . - Get to know your instructors to establish professional references and explore research opportunities. - Create your online portfolio through <a href="#">Portfolium</a> . Consult with Career Services or your Faculty Advisor on items to include.

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Nonprofit organizations Foundations Professional associations	<b>YOUR Target Courses</b> - 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.	- 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	<b>Find YOUR Way</b> - 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> .	- 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	<b>Sharpen YOUR Skills</b> - 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</u> (ARC-C Leader) - Explore internship opportunities with a faculty mentor or academic advisor for your concentration area.	- 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.	<b>YOUR Next Steps</b> - 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> .	- <b>File for GRADUATION!</b> - 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. <b>BLEED PURPLE!</b>