Optimum Transfer Guide: Political Science

**Why Study Political Science at Texas Tech?**

The political science curriculum is designed to provide students with a solid foundation and broad understanding of the discipline of political science and allow them to specialize in areas of particular substantive interest.

Political science provides excellent instruction for students interested in politics, law, journalism, teaching, or civil service. Insight into political values, domestic policy issues, and foreign policy are invaluable for students interested in such careers as well as for careers in business.

**Why Study in the College of Arts & Sciences?**

A liberal arts education from our College may be the best option for your future. In the world today the average person changes careers at least 5 times. The College of Arts & Sciences gives you the opportunity to discover, create, advance, analyze, disseminate and preserve knowledge. You will develop the incredibly transferable skills of how to problem-solve, think critically and strategically and integrate what you learn in textbooks with the real-world issues that we all face today. With a degree from our college, you will know how to do much more than just one job when you graduate. You will have the resources and training to adapt your education to almost any career field that offers itself to you.

**A Wealth of Opportunities Await**

- **Undergraduate Research**
  The Center for Active Learning and Undergraduate Engagement (CALUE) is committed to supporting and increasing undergraduate participation in active learning at Texas Tech University. The Center serves as the centralized location for undergraduate students, faculty, staff, and community organizations interested in participating in the following active learning programs: Service Learning, Undergraduate Research, Professional Internship, and Study Abroad. For more info, visit their website: https://www.depts.ttu.edu/calue/

- **Study Abroad**
  From culinary classes in Florence to Range and Wildlife Management in Australia, from language study at the Texas Tech Center in Sevilla to Engineering in Czech Republic, Texas Tech has programs in more than 70 countries in which TTU students can participate. To see where our study abroad programs can take you, visit the website here: https://ttu-sa.terradotta.com/

- **Graduate Education**
  The Political Science MA program at Texas Tech University provides selected students an opportunity to expand their background in one or more fields of political science that may be relevant to their career goals. For the M.A. and Ph.D. degrees, the department emphasizes and encourages specialization in the following areas of political science: American institutions and behavior, comparative politics, and international relations. In addition, the department offers graduate courses in political theory, methodology, public policy, public administration, and strategic studies.

- **Professional Career**
  The University Career Center helps both current and alumni Texas Tech students with career assessments, resume building, and employer career fair information. The Career Center is here to help you match your interests and college major to a career that is right for you. To see more, visit the website: http://www.depts.ttu.edu/careercenter/students.php

- **Scholarship**
  Arts & Sciences awarded $266,236 in scholarships to 139 students so far this year, with more to come. Full-time students may apply for scholarships in the College of Arts & Sciences. For more information, visit the scholarship website: www.scholarships.ttu.edu

- **Student Organizations**
  The College of Arts & Sciences has a number of student organizations that cater to any number of interest for students. These organizations help students get involved on and off campus as well as meet with faculty and other students outside the classroom. For more info, and a list of organizations, visit the website: http://www.depts.ttu.edu/artsandsciences/students/

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Texas Common Course Number System (TCCNS)

The Texas Common Course Numbering System (TCCNS) aids students in the transfer of general academic courses between Texas public colleges and universities throughout the state. Course recommendations in this transfer guide are expressed in TCCNS designations.

Applying Transfer Hours to a Four-year Degree

▪ The Transfer Evaluation Office in the Office of the Registrar at Texas Tech determines which courses taken at another institution may be accepted for credit.

▪ A maximum of 66 semester credit hours from two-year institutions may be applied toward the baccalaureate degree at four-year institutions. Although, all credit hours presented on the sending institution's transcripts will be evaluated and equivalent college level courses posted to the student's academic record.

▪ The academic associate dean of the Texas Tech college in which a student enrolls has authority for determining which courses will be applied toward the specific degree program chosen.

▪ Students must earn a grade of C or better for all courses fulfilling requirements in majors, minors, or specialization's.

For more information on transfer course equivalencies, access the Texas Tech Transfer Equivalency Guidebooks: https://www.depts.ttu.edu/registrar/private/transfer/

Steps to Apply:

▪ Admission Requirements
  Application from applytexas.org

$60 application fee or fee waiver (student must provide information supporting fee waiver; for more specifics on what qualifies for waiver, visit the admissions site here: http://www.admissions.ttu.edu/index.php/application-fee/)

Official college transcripts from ALL previous colleges attended*

*Student must submit an official high school and ACT/SAT scores if you have completed less than 12 transferrable hours

Transcripts may be sent by mail to:
  Undergraduate Admissions
  Box 45005
  Lubbock TX 79409

Electronic transcripts may be sent directly to TTU Admissions via document exchange from the sending institution (contact institution for more details)

Transfer Admissions Counselors:

Zach Fisher—West Texas Transfer Admissions Counselor.
  Office Location:
  Undergraduate Admissions, West Hall
  Lubbock, TX
  Phone: 806.834.2104
  Email: zach.fisher@ttu.edu

Maryellen Baeza—Manager of Transfer Recruitment
  Office Location:
  Undergraduate Admissions, West Hall
  Lubbock, TX
  Phone: 806.742.1480
  Email: Maryellen.baeza@ttu.edu

Assured Admissions:

If you present the required combination of transferable hours and GPA (as described below), you will meet assured admissions. GPA is cumulative for all transferable coursework from all schools attended. Courses taken for grade replacement are used for GPA calculation only if the same course is repeated at the same institution where it was originally taken.

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Admission Review

If you do not meet assured admission requirements but have at least a 2.00 cumulative GPA, an admissions committee will evaluate your potential based on other criteria:

▪ Academics—Types of courses taken and pattern of progress, as well as coursework taken leading toward a major

▪ Student-submitted essay—Explanation of the decision to transfer to Texas Tech, reasons for past academic performance and plans to ensure future academic success

▪ Extracurricular activities/employment information—Leadership and work experience, special talents or awards, or any other information relevant to the admission decision

For more information, visit the admissions website: http://www.admissions.ttu.edu/