



# Government

AA (60 SCH\*)

\*Semester Credit Hour 8/2020

## First Semester - 15 SCH

ENGL 1301 - Composition I  
HIST 1301 - United States History I  
MATH 1342 - Elementary Statistical Methods  
BIOL 1322 - Nutrition & Diet Therapy  
EDUC/PSYC 1300 - Learning Framework

## Second Semester - 15 SCH

ENGL 1302 - Composition II  
HIST 1302 - United States History II  
ARTS 1301 - Art Appreciation  
PHYS 1303 - Stars and Galaxies  
COSC 1301 - Introduction to Computing

## Third Semester - 15 SCH

GOVT 2305 - Federal Government  
PSYC 2301 - General Psychology  
SPCH 1321 - Business & Professional Communication  
ENGL 2331 - World Literature  
SPAN 2311 - Intermediate Spanish I

## Fourth Semester - 15 SCH

GOVT 2306 - Texas Government  
SOCIO 1301 - Introduction to Sociology  
HIST 2321 - World Civilizations I  
ECON 2301 - Principles of Macroeconomics  
SPAN 2312 - Intermediate Spanish II

## Marketable Skills

**Critical Thinking Skills:** Creative thinking, innovation, inquiry, and analysis, evaluation, and synthesis of information, using technology as appropriate.

**Communication Skills:** Effective development, interpretation, and expression of ideas through written, oral, and visual communication.

**Empirical and Quantitative Skills:** Manipulation and analysis of numerical data or observable facts resulting in informed conclusions.

**Teamwork:** Ability to be flexible and to consider different points of view and to work effectively with others, taking the initiative when appropriate, to support a shared purpose or goal.

**Social Responsibility:** Intercultural competence, knowledge of civic responsibility, and the ability to engage effectively in regional, national, and global communities.

**Personal Responsibility:** A strong work ethic and the ability to connect choices, actions, and consequences to ethical decision-making.

## Program Outcomes

- Demonstrate comprehension of the origins and evolution of the U.S. political system with a focus on the growth of political institutions.
- Demonstrate ability to analyze the influence of interest groups, political parties, and the media on U.S. policy-making.
- Demonstrate knowledge of the legislative branch, the courts, and the executive branch.

## Transfer Path / Requirements

For Texas A&M Commerce

- A student completing the PJC curriculum is considered Core complete at TAMU-C.
- No more than 60-66 sch from PJC will be applied to a bachelor degree at TAMU-C. Another 60 or more must be completed at TAMU-C.
- For the Political Science major, ten advanced courses are required by TAMU-C: PSCI 330 (Intro to Political Science), PSCI 335 (Political Economy), PSCI 488 (Contemporary Ideas), and one or more courses in each of these areas: Political Theory & Philosophy, Public Policy, American Political Processes, American Political Institutions, Comparative Politics, International Relations.
- Students should take both GOVT 2305 and 2306 at PJC before transferring to another institution.
- Students who are considering teaching in high schools or middle schools must follow guidelines set for teacher certification.
- Students should refer to the catalog of the institution to which he/she plans to transfer for degree requirements.

## High School Endorsements

Social & Behavioral Sciences

## Career Opportunities

Public policy analyst; Urban planner; Paralegal; Program plans analyst; Research analyst; City Manager; Public administrator; Journalist; Budget analyst; Foreign Service/Diplomatic Corps; Law enforcement; Community affairs specialist; Teacher; Contracts specialist; Campaign worker; Lobbyist; Social worker; Legislative, judicial, or executive aide; Political consultant; Non-Profit or NGO analyst.