

Northeast Texas Community College &
Texas A&M University – Texarkana
2019-2020 Guided Pathways

Associate of Science in General Studies to Bachelor of Science in Political Science

NTCC		A&M-TEXARKANA	
COURSES	HOURS	COURSES	HOURS
ENGL 1301 (with C or better)	3	PSCI 310 (or) PSCI 390 (or) PSCI 445 (or) PSCI 450 (or) PSCI 455 (or) PSCI 456 (or) PSCI 460 (or) PSCI 480 (or) PSCI 481	9
SPCH 1315 (or) SPCH 1321	3	PSCI 315 (or) PSCI 331 (or) PSCI 428 (or) PSCI 440 (or) PSCI 442 (or) PSCI 464 (or) PSCI 465 (or) PSCI 490	9
MATH 1314 *	3	PSCI 300 (or) PSCI 305 (or) PSCI 320 (or) PSCI 340 (or) PSCI 350 (or) PSCI 395 (or) PSCI 410 (or) PSCI 426 (or) PSCI 427	9
BIOL 1308 *	3	UD Political Science Elective	3
BIOL 1309 *	3	MINOR	18
HUMA 1301 *	3	LD (or) UD Electives (To satisfy 120 Degree Requirement)	12
ARTS 1301 *	3		
HIST 1301	3		
HIST 1302	3		
GOVT 2305	3		
GOVT 2306	3		
PSYC 2301 *	3		
ENGL 1302 (with C or better)	3		
CAO B *	3		
SPAN 1411 *	4		
PHED 1238 *	2		
Elective	3		
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TOTAL	60	TOTAL	120

*Other Courses may Apply. See NTCC Degree Plan for Options
48 Upper Division (UD) Hours Required for the BS Degree

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30 Hours of Residency Required

Travel to Main Campus in Texarkana Required to Complete This Degree

UD= Upper Division

LD= Lower Division

MINORS

A minor requires a minimum of 18 SCH in a discipline, with the exception of the interdisciplinary studies minor that requires hours from more than one discipline.

Biology

Code	Title	Hours
BIOL 1306	Biology for Science Majors I	3
BIOL 1106	Biology for Science Majors I Lab	1
BIOL 1307	Biology for Science Majors II	3
BIOL 466	Evolutionary Biology	3
9 SCH UD Biology Electives		9
Total Hours		19

Biotechnology

Code	Title	Hours
BTEC 1340	Quality Assurance and Quality Control in Biotechnology	3
BTEC 2431 (or) BTEC 2441	Cell Culture Techniques Basic Molecular Biology Techniques	4
BTEC 310	Biotechnology Research Methods and Applications	4
BTEC 490	Advanced Biotechnology	4
Select 1 of the following:		4
BTEC 411	Protein Purification and Analysis	
BTEC 440	Advanced Bioinformatics	
BTEC 473	Fundamentals of DNA Forensics	
Total Hours		19

Chemistry

Code	Title	Hours
CHEM 1311	General Chemistry I	3
CHEM 1111	General Chemistry I (Lab)	1
CHEM 1312	General Chemistry II	3
CHEM 1112	General Chemistry II (Lab)	1
CHEM 2423	Organic Chemistry I	4
CHEM 2425	Organic Chemistry II	4
CHEM 410	Biochemistry I	4
Total Hours		20

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Communication

Code	Title	Hours
COMM 1311	Introduction to Communication Studies	3
COMM 1318	Interpersonal Communication	3
COMM 2335 (or) ENGL 2335	Argumentation and Advocacy	3
COMM 320	Communication in Organizations	3
COMM 325 (or) ENG 325	Persuasive Communication	3
MCOM 350 (or) COMM 350	Mass Communication Research Methods	3
Total Hours		18

Criminal Justice

Code	Title	Hours
Select at least 3 SCH from each of the following areas:		9
Area I		
CJ 320	Deviance and Deviant Behavior	3
CJ 325	Crime and Delinquency	3
CJ 480	Criminological Theories	3
Area II		
CJ 315	Law and Society	3
CJ 340	Criminal Law and Procedure	3
CJ 430	Constitutional Issues: Rights of Accused and Convicted Offenders	3
CJ 485	Seminar in Criminal Justice	3
Area III		
CJ 310	The Juvenile Justice System	3
CJ 330	Institutional Corrections, Theory, and Practice	3
CJ 360	Probation, Parole, and Community Corrections	3
CJ 380	Ethnic and Cultural Diversity in America	3
3 courses in upper division Criminal Justice		9
Total Hours		18

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Drama

Code	Title	Hours
DRAM 1310	Introduction to Theatre	3
DRAM 1351	Acting I	3
DRAM 310	Myths, Mysteries, and Murders	3
DRAM 311	Manners, Modernity, and Masochism	3
DRAM 335	Playwriting I	3
DRAM 450	Studies in Genre (Drama)	3
Total Hours		18

English

Code	Title	Hours
ENGL 2360	Introduction to Literary Studies	3
DRAM 1310	Introduction to Theatre	3
MCOM 2370 (or) WGSS 1301	Introduction to American Film History Introduction to Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies	3
9 SCH Upper Division English		9
Total Hours		18

Environmental Science

Code	Title	Hours
BIOL 2406	Environmental Biology	3
BIOL 307	General Ecology	3
BIOL 450	Limnology	4
BIOL 420	Global Change (EL)	3
CHEM 405	Environmental Chemistry	3
Select one of the following:		3
BIOL 421	Endangered Ecosystems	
BIOL 422	Atmosphere and Biosphere	
BIOL 330	Introduction to Geographic Information Systems	
Total Hours		19

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Gender Studies

Code	Title	Hours
18 SCH from the following:		
CJ 350	Types of Crime	
ENG 430	Studies in Women's Literature	
HIST 416	Sex, Swords, & Sorcery: The Medieval World in Anglo-American Film	
HIST 419	American Social and Intellectual History	
HONR 345	Advanced Academic Argument Seminar/Continental Philosophy	
PSCI 305	Introduction to Political Ideologies	
PSCI 410	American Political Theory	
PSCI 426	Civil Rights and Civil Liberties	
PSCI 450	Politics and Gender	
PSY 320	Psychology of Interpersonal Interaction	
PSY 445	Human Sexual Behavior	
SOCI 2301	Marriage and Family	
Total Hours		18

History

Code	Title	Hours
HIST 1301	United States History I	3
HIST 1302	United States History II	3
Upper-division History Electives		12
Total Hours		18

Humanities

Code	Title	Hours
HUMA 1301	Introduction to the Humanities I	3
ARTS 1304	Art History II	3
ARTS 1316 (or) MCOM 1318	Drawing I Digital Photography I	3
MCOM 301		3
HUMA 497	Special Topics in the Humanities	3
ART 415 (or) ART 420	Impressionism and Post-Impressionism Art European Art History	3
Total Hours		18

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Interdisciplinary Studies

Code	Title	Hours
Lower-division courses outside of major		9
Upper-division courses outside of major		9
Total Hours		18

International Studies

Code	Title	Hours
College-level Foreign Language		6
Select 12 SCH from the following:		12
ENG 450	Studies in Genre	
ENG 472	Advanced British Literature	
HIST 451	Modern Latin America	
HIST 454	The Culture and History of Mexico	
HIST 352	Europe, 1920 to the Present	
HIST 470	Twentieth Century Asia	
PSCI 340	Introduction to Comparative Politics	
PSCI 350	Introduction to International Relations	
PSCI 442	Disputes in International Relations	
SOC 385	Globalization and Social Change	
SOC 485	Religion and Society	
Total Hours		18

Kinesiology

Code	Title	Hours
BIOL 2401	Human Anatomy and Physiology I	4
BIOL 2402	Human Anatomy and Physiology II	4
Choose 4 courses from the following:		12
KINE 331	Motor Development	
KINE 334	Test and Measurement in Kinesiology	
KINE 343	Exercise Physiology	
KINE 1354	Concepts of Physical Activity	
KINE 432	Kinesiology and Biomechanics	
KINE 436	Motor Skills for Special Populations	
KINE 443	Exercise Testing and Prescription	
Total Hours		20

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Leadership

Code	Title	Hours
LEAD 305	Introduction to Leadership: Concepts and Practices	3
LEAD 310	Leadership Theory and Practice	3
LEAD 400	Leadership and Gender Issues	3
LEAD 415	Organization Development and Change	3
LEAD 420	Community Leadership	3
Leadership Elective		3
Total Hours		18

Mass Communication

Code	Title	Hours
MCOM 1307	Introduction to Mass Communication	3
Sophomore Level Mass Communication Course		3
Select one of the following:		3
MCOM 305	Media Law and Ethics	
MCOM 300	Mass Communication Theory	
MCOM 350	Mass Communication Research Methods	
Upper Division Mass Communication elective courses		6
Mass Communication Elective (upper Division or lower Division)		3
Total Hours		18

Political Science

Code	Title	Hours
PSCI 2301	American Government I: Federal & Texas Constitutions	3
PSCI 2302	American Government II: Federal & Texas Political Behavior	3
Upper Division Political Science Elective		12
Total Hours		18

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Pre-Health (available for Biology Majors only)

Code	Title	Hours
MATH 1342	Elementary Statistical Methods	3
BIOL 2401	Human Anatomy and Physiology I	4
BIOL 2402	Human Anatomy and Physiology II	4
BIOL 311	General Microbiology	4
Select 1 of the following courses:		3-4
BIOL 332	Molecular Pharmacology and Toxicology	
BIOL 335	Medical Terminology	
BIOL 445	Virology	
BIOL 446	Survey of Human Disease and Pathophysiology	
CHEM 410	Biochemistry I	
Total Hours		18-19

Psychology

Code	Title	Hours
PSYC 2301	General Psychology	3
PSYC 2314	Lifespan Growth and Development	3
PSY 316	Abnormal Psychology	3
PSY 317 (or) PSY 350	Psychology of Personality Learning and Behavior	3
PSY 426	Introduction to Clinical and Counseling Psychology	3
Psychology Elective		3
Total Hours		18

Social Studies

Code	Title	Hours
ECON 2301	Principles of Macroeconomics	3
GEOG 1303	World Regional Geography	3
GEOG 413	Cultural Geography	3
PSCI 2301	American Government I: Federal & Texas Constitutions	3
PSCI 340 (or) PSCI 350	Introduction to Comparative Politics Introduction to International Relations	3
PSCI 427 (or) PSCI 428	Public Law (EL) Intergovernmental Politics	3
Total Hours		18

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Social Work

Code	Title	Hours
SOCI 2350	Introduction to Social Work	3
SOCW 360	Working with Diverse Populations	3
SOCW 365	Social Work Practice with Individuals and Families	3
SOCW 370	Social Welfare Policy	3
SOC 495	Sociology Internship	3
3 SCH Upper Division Elective		3
Total Hours		18

Sociology

Code	Title	Hours
SOCI 1301	Introduction to Sociology	3
SOC 320	Deviance and Deviant Behavior	3
SOC 323	Social Stratification	3
SOC 380	Ethnic and Cultural Diversity in America	3
SOC 485	Religion and Society	3
Upper-division approved Sociology elective		3
Total Hours		18

Spanish

Code	Title	Hours
Required Lower Division Language Courses		
SPAN 1311	Beginning Spanish I	3
SPAN 1312	Beginning Spanish II	3
SPAN 2311	Intermediate Spanish I	3
SPAN 2312	Intermediate Spanish II	3
Required Upper Division Language Courses		
SPAN 303 (or) SPAN 497	Spanish Composition and Conversation Special Topics	3
Interdisciplinary Course Requirements		
Select one of the following:		3
HIST 450	Latin America-The Colonial Era	
HIST 451	Modern Latin America	
HIST 454	The Culture and History of Mexico	
Total Hours		18

The minor advisor may approve the substitution of other courses which have the Latin America as their primary focus.

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Prior to enrolling in Spanish courses, students must complete the following:

- Pass a Spanish Proficiency Exam at a level of 300
- Complete an oral interview with the Spanish instructor
- Receive permission from the Spanish instructor to enroll in course

Women's Gender and Sexuality Studies

Code	Title	Hours
WGSS 1301	Introduction to Women's Gender, and Sexuality Studies	3
WGSS 497		3
12 Credits from the following:		12
CJ 350	Types of Crime	
ENG 430	Studies in Women's Literature	
HIST 416	Sex, Swords, & Sorcery: The Medieval World in Anglo-American Film	
HIST 419	American Social and Intellectual History	
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PSCI 305	Introduction To Political Ideologies	
PSCI 410	American Political Theory	
PSCI 426	Civil Rights and Civil Liberties	
PSCI 450	Politics and Gender	
PSY 320	Psychology of Interpersonal Interaction	
PSY 445	Human Sexual Behavior	
SOCI 2301	Marriage and Family	
Total Hours		18

Writing Studies

Code	Title	Hours
ENGL 2340	Writing Across the Curriculum	3
ENGL 2351	Introduction to Creative Writing	3
MCOM 2310		3
Select 3 of the following courses:		9
ENG 340	Advanced Expository Writing (EL)	
ENG 345	Advanced Composition for Educators	
ENG 350	Technical Writing (EL)	
ENG 424	History and Grammar of the English Language	
ENG 497	Special Topics	
MCOM 410	Feature Writing	
MCOM 415		
Total Hours		18

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Course Descriptions

PSCI 300. Introduction to Political Theory. 3 Hours. This course is an introduction to the history of Western political theory that surveys the work of major political thinkers from ancient Greece to the present. Along with introducing students to the classic literature of political thought, the course provides a vehicle for understanding political concepts such as justice, power, liberty, and equality.

PSCI 305. Introduction to Political Ideologies. 3 Hours. This course is an introductory survey of selected ideologies. Topics may include liberalism, classical Marxism, communism, fascism, democratic socialism, conservatism, authoritarianism, African-American political thought, and gender ideologies. Ideologies' assumptions, justifications, and implications for political life will also be discussed.

PSCI 310. Introduction to Political Documentaries. 3 Hours. This course provides an introduction to political documentaries. These research-based films address citizenship and power. Students will review and analyze political documentary films.

PSCI 315. Washington DC Civic Engagement Field Study. 3 Hours. This course explores civic engagement and public service in the United States through visits in Washington DC to national civic organizations and representative institutions, and meetings with national elected public officials and civic organization leaders.

PSCI 320. Introduction to Constitutional Law. 3 Hours. This introductory course provides an overview of civil society and constitutional law in United States. The course will cover the founding, Constitution, and Bill of Rights, as well as the development of law in areas such as speech, press, religion, privacy, search and seizure, and punishment.

PSCI 331. Introduction to Public Administration and Leadership. 3 Hours. This course introduces and assesses public administration concepts and scholarship.

PSCI 340. Introduction to Comparative Politics. 3 Hours. This course familiarizes students with the field of comparative politics, its key concepts and major theoretical approaches. The bulk of the course is a broad introduction to the major types of political systems in the modern world, including advanced industrial democracies of the West, transitional systems of Communist and post-Communist countries, and economically less developed nations.

PSCI 350. Introduction to International Relations. 3 Hours. An examination of changes in the nature of the international community from the Treaty of Westphalia to the present, emphasizing the forces that produce cooperation and conflict among nations.

PSCI 390. Active Citizen Engagement. 3 Hours. This course provides a foundation for students to develop their civic participation skills by learning how to successfully improve society

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through the governmental process and working together to address existing political or social problems.

PSCI 395. Methods of Political Science Research. 3 Hours. An introduction to the discipline of political science, including an examination of the development of political science and the methods and approaches used by contemporary political scientists to describe, explain, predict, and evaluate political phenomena.

PSCI 410. American Political Theory. 3 Hours. This course provides an analysis of American political thought from colonial times to the present.

PSCI 426. Civil Rights and Civil Liberties. 3 Hours. This course contributes to the student's understanding of U.S. citizens' constitutional civil rights and civil liberties.

PSCI 427. Public Law. 3 Hours. This course addresses and evaluates the establishment, justification, and development of U.S. constitutional law.

PSCI 428. Intergovernmental Politics. 3 Hours. This course addresses how the different levels of government (federal, state, and local) interact and accomplish practical goals, and how people participate in our intergovernmental political system.

PSCI 440. Comparative Political Conflict. 3 Hours. This course examines political conflicts worldwide; focusing mainly upon contemporary issues, the course also explores the history and development of conflict and its scientific study. It is recommended [PSCI 340](#) and [PSCI 395](#) be taken before enrolling in this course. Prerequisite: None.

PSCI 442. Disputes in International Relations. 3 Hours. This course examines modern issues in International Relations focusing on nation/state disputes, their origins, resolution processes, and theoretical methodologies explaining them. This course is reading and writing intensive; therefore, students must have college-level competency in written and spoken English, and [PSCI 350](#) is recommended. Prerequisite: None.

PSCI 445. Public Opinion. 3 Hours. This course is an accounting of the role of public opinion in the democratic politics of the United States.

PSCI 450. Politics and Gender. 3 Hours. This course is meant to acquaint students with the core concepts, processes, and issues of politics and gender. The first portion of the course explores essential concepts: the actors, how gender politics are made, and the distribution of political power. The remaining sections of the course examine contemporary and future issues in the politics of gender. This is not a course in current events, although some reference will be made to current events in discussing the theories and topics covered in the course.

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PSCI 455. Political Behavior. 3 Hours. This course examines key aspects of American electoral politics and democracy.

PSCI 456. Politics and Religion. 3 Hours. This is an introduction to a hotly debated topic in many political systems: the interaction between religion and politics. During the course, the student will examine the attempts by religious groups, movements, and interests to influence politics through agenda setting, lobbying, demonstrations, and electoral activities.

PSCI 460. Political Parties and Elections. 3 Hours. This course provides a comprehensive review of American political parties and elections. Students will examine the historical development and contemporary nature of the major political parties. Exploration of the presidential election system will cover the different phases of the process, influences of money, the media, third parties, and possible reforms.

PSCI 464. Congress. 3 Hours. This course provides an examination of the U.S. Congress. Areas of consideration will include the development of the legislative branch, congressional elections, representation, legislative structures and processes, leadership, and the making of public policy.

PSCI 465. The Executive. 3 Hours. This course is a review of the executive branch of the United States, including the historical development, primary responsibilities, and decision making processes of the office, as well as contemporary relationships with the public, Congress, and policy making and implementation.

PSCI 480. Violent Politics. 3 Hours. This course is an examination of historic and current trends in violent civil disruption from domestic and international sources.

PSCI 481. Cyber-crime, Cyber-terror, and Hacktivism. 3 Hours. This course will provide the student with an overview of how digital crime and digital terrorism are framed within the network of our society. Our society has become so dependent of the virtual world that it has lent itself to be both the target and gateway for criminals, terrorists, and pranksters. The course will give the student an empirical examination into the politics on all sides of these issues.

PSCI 489. Individual Study. 3 Hours. This course provides individual instruction. Students may repeat the course when topics vary.

PSCI 490. Political Science Internship. 3-6 Hours. The political science internship course is designed to offer students an opportunity to work in the offices of local, state, or federal governments. Students will learn the kinds of services provided by the offices, expectations the electorate has of their public officials, and activities that occur in these offices. Students will be engaged in meaningful assignments that contribute to their understanding of democratic government. Prerequisite: To qualify for the internship program, a student must have a grade point average of 2.75 or higher, be currently enrolled in a degree program at A&M-Texarkana,

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and complete the internship application process. The student also needs to have successfully completed [PSCI 320](#), [PSCI 331](#), PSCI 355, [PSCI 426](#), [PSCI 427](#), or [PSCI 428](#).

PSCI 497. Special Topics. 3 Hours. Instructors will provide an organized class designed to cover areas of specific interest. Students may repeat the course when topics vary.

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