

St. Mary's University
BA in Political Science – 120 Hours

The maximum credit transferable from a junior college, or any combination of junior colleges, is 66 semester hours.

St. Mary's Core (42 hours)

Requirements	Texas Common Course Equivalency	Hours Required
___ First Year Experience	Not required for transfer students accepted with 30 or more credit hours. However, a student may need to take three (3) additional hours of elective credits in order to meet the required hours for this degree.	3
___ Freshmen Composition I	ENGL 1301	3
___ Literature	ENGL 1302 or any ENGL 23XX Literature course	3
___ History	Any HIST 13XX or 23xx course	3
___ Social Science	Select two: BUSI 1301, CRIJ 1301, ECON 2301, ECON 2302, EDUC 2301, GOVT 2311, PSYC 1301, PSYC 2306, PSYC 2316, PSYC 2314, SOCI 1301, SOCI 1306, SOCI 2319, SPCH 1311, SPCH 1315, SPCH 1321, SPCH 2335	3
___ Mathematics	MATH 1332 or higher	3
___ Natural or Physical Sciences	Select one: BIOL 1308, BIOL 1309, CHEM 1411, CHEM 1412, GEOL 1301, GEOL 1303, GEOL 1401, GEOL 1403, GEOG 1301, GEOL 1304, GEOL 1305, GEOL 1404, GEOL 1405, PHYS 1305, PHYS 1401, PHYS 1402.	3
___ Fine Arts	Any 3-credit hour Fine Arts course from the following: ARTS, MUSI, DRAM	3
___ Foreign Language	Two courses (1411 and 1412) in a language not previously studied or two courses (2311 and 2312) in a language previously studied	6
___ Philosophy – Self	PHIL 1301	3
___ Philosophy – Ethics	PHIL 2306	3
___ Theology	Theology courses from other universities may be transferable with the approval of the Theology Department	3
___ Intermediate Theology	Theology courses from other universities may be transferable with the approval of the Theology Department	3

	Texas Common Course Equivalency	Hours Required
Political Science Major Courses (36 CHRs)		
___ PO 1311 – American National Government	GOVT 2305	3
___ PO 1312 – Texas State and Local Government	GOVT 2306	3
___ PO 2302 – Civic Engagement and Social Action	No equivalent	3
___ PO 2310 – Political Research Methodology	No equivalent	3
___ PO 2311 – Applied Research Methods	No equivalent	3
___ PO 5301 – Senior Seminar in Political Science	No equivalent	3
___ American/Political Behavior Elective	No equivalent	3
___ Public Administration/Law Elective	No equivalent	3

___	Political Theory Elective	No equivalent	3
___	Comparative/International Politics Elective	No equivalent	9
___	Advanced PO Electives	No equivalent	6
	Electives (42 CHRs)		42

An elective can be any course taken from any discipline. Students can use these hours to pursue certificates, minors, or second majors.

Total Semester Hours - 120

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