



**HOUSTON CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY DEGREE PROGRAM PLAN**  
**BACHELOR OF ARTS (BA)**  
**POLITICAL SCIENCE MAJOR**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ H# \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

CATALOG YEAR: **2023/2024**

**Candidates for a single major undergraduate baccalaureate degree must complete a total of at least 120 credit hours along with the following requirements:**

- No fewer than 30 semester hours of upper / advanced level (3000 or 4000) courses.
- No more than 6 credit hours in Kinesiology activity courses or other student activity hours will count towards the 120 credit hour requirement.
- Complete the Liberal Arts Core Requirements (certain majors may have their own prescribed Liberal Arts Core Requirements--please see your advisor in your major.)
- Complete a minimum of 30 hours or 25% of the required hours, whichever is greater, of residency at HCU including at least 12 advanced credit hours in the major.
- Cumulative GPA of at least 2.00 with no grade below "C" in courses required for the major.
- If completing a MINOR, at least 9 upper level hours of RESIDENCY at HCU included in the MINOR w/grade of C or higher in all courses.

**Once admitted and enrolled at HCU, each student MUST:**

- Receive prior approval for any courses taken at another college (once an undergraduate student has enrolled at HCU, no more than 18 semester hours total will be accepted for transfer credit.)
- File a degree plan with the Office of Academic Records before 64 credit hours have been completed.
- File a graduation application at least one (1) semester before anticipated date of graduation.

**LIBERAL ARTS CORE REQUIREMENTS:**

**\*\*** Indicates course must be completed with a "C" or higher

COURSES	Hours	COURSES	Hours
*ENGL 1313 Composition and Literature I	3	*MATH 1305 Math for Critical Thinking or <u>higher</u> or *PHIL 1305 Logic and Quantitative Reading	3
*ENGL 1323 Composition and Literature II	3	GOVT 2313 American and Texas Government	3
ENGL 2315 or 2325 Great Works of Literature I or II	3	HIST 2311 Western Civilization I	3
PSYC 1313 General Psychology	3	HISTORY: Choose 1 from HIST 2312, HIST 2313 or HIST 2323	3
PHIL 1313 Introduction to Philosophy	3	ART 2343 Art Appreciation or MUSI 1331 Music Appreciation or NARR 1300 Narrative Arts: Fiction, Film, and Games	3
Natural Science & Lab	4	COMM 1323 Rhetoric and Public Speaking or CLAS 1343 Ancient Rhetoric for Modern People	3
CHRI 1301 Introduction to the Bible	3		
CHRI 2373 Christian Theology and Tradition	3	<b>TOTAL HOURS IN LIBERAL ARTS CORE</b>	<b>43</b>

**Students transferring to Houston Christian University with 45 hours or more of transferable college credit are only required to take CHRI 3300, *Introduction to the Bible and Theology*, to meet their Liberal Arts Core Curriculum Christianity requirements.**

**SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES CORE:**

COURSE NO.	COURSE NAME	HOURS
ENGL 2315/2325	Take remaining course not taken in core curriculum	3
HIST 2312/2313/2323	Take remaining two courses not taken in core curriculum	6
One Foreign Language	6 hours of one foreign language	6
<b>Total School of Humanities Core Hours</b>		<b>15</b>

**MAJOR REQUIREMENTS: All courses within major must be completed with a "C" or higher.**

COURSE NO.	COURSE NAME	HOURS
GOVT 3387	Campaigns and Elections	3
GOVT 3348	American Political Thought	3
GOVT 3394	Law and Religion	3
PHIL 4359	Political Philosophy	6
COMM 4314	Great American Speeches	3
ECON 2311	Microeconomics	3
PHIL 3320	Business Ethics	3
GOVT 2350	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
GOVT 4313	Constitutional Law I	3
GOVT 4343	Intelligence & National Security	3
GOVT 4381	Special Topics	3
<b>Total Hours in Major</b>		<b>33</b>
<b>Elective Hours Required</b>		<b>29</b>
<b>TOTAL HOURS IN DEGREE</b>		<b>120</b>

**OTHER GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

Any departmental Exit Exams.

Community Life & Worship (CLW): 80 credits by graduation (Worship Events - at least 50 CLW credits & Community Life Events – no more than 30 CLW credits) A max of 60 CLW credits can be earned through CLEP, dual credits & transfer credit that is accepted through the HCU Office of Academic Records.

Freshman Year Seminar, FYS 1300, is required for all students entering with less than thirty (30) completed semester hours. College credit earned prior to high school graduation does not count toward the 30-hour credit. 100% online students will take a three -hour course, **ONLN 1300** Introduction to Online Learning, in place of FYS 1300.

APPROVED BY:

\_\_\_\_\_  
 ADVISOR DATE

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 DEAN OF COLLEGE DATE

I HAVE READ AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY ALL REQUIREMENTS ON THE DEGREE PLAN

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 STUDENT SIGNATURE DATE

**THIS DEGREE PLAN IS NOT VALID UNTIL RECEIVED & PROCESSED BY THE OFFICE OF ACADEMIC RECORDS** PROCESSED BY \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_