

**Bachelor's Degree Credit Requirements for the Department of Political Science,
National Taiwan University**

For students enrolling from the 2024 academic year onwards

Required Credits

Category Division	Common Core Courses (College Chinese, English)	Liberal Education Courses	Departmental Required Courses	Required Elective Courses	Elective Credits		Total Credits Required for Graduation
					Designated Electives (=within the Department of Political Science)	General Electives (=outside the Department of Political Science)	
Political Theory Division	12	15	42	6	10	43	128
International Relations Division			44	10	10	37	128
Public Administration Division			40	8	10	43	128

- **Common Core Courses:** Foreign language courses are limited to English.
- **Liberal education credits:**
 - For liberal education courses, the fields designated by the Department of Political Science are A12378. Students must select at least one course from three of these five fields. Students are free to choose the remaining liberal education courses. Students must complete a total of 15 credits.
 - Core skill courses are marked as AB. Up to 6 credits from these courses can count toward liberal education credits (not belonging to any specific field). Any additional credits **will count** as general electives.
 - Courses marked with only numbers (e.g., A7, A13) may only count toward liberal education credits. Any credits beyond 15 credits **will not count** toward elective credits.
 - Courses marked with numbers and an asterisk (e.g., A8*, A23*) may count toward either liberal education credits or elective credits. Any credits beyond 15 credits will count toward elective credits.
 - Courses offered by the Department of Political Science (e.g., Introduction to the History of Statistics, Introduction to Political Science) and required courses (e.g., General Psychology for students in the Political Theory Division) cannot be counted toward liberal education credits.
- **Departmental required courses:** Please refer to the list on the next page. (IR Division on page 5-6)
- **Elective credits:**

- **Designated Electives (=departmental electives:** within the Department of Political Science) are defined as courses offered by the Department of Political Science, identified by Curriculum Number starting with PS and the first three digits of Curriculum Identity Number are 302 or 322.
- Departmental elective credits beyond 10 credits **will count** toward **General Electives (non-departmental electives:** outside the Department of Political Science).

➤ **Other credits required for graduation:**

- Service Learning (0 credits) can be fulfilled by taking courses offered by other departments, student clubs, or academic units. **Students must complete two service-learning courses, including Service Learning (I), (II), (A) or (B).**
- Students may apply for exemption from Advanced English I/II (0 credits). Details are available here: <https://investea.aca.ntu.edu.tw/secen-waive/OpenTime.asp>
- Physical education courses, including Health Related Physical Fitness (1 credit) and Physical Activity and Exercise (3 credits), do not count toward the total graduation credits.

Departmental required courses for each division

Political Theory Division

Year	Name of Course	Fall	Spring	remarks
Year 1	Political Science (I)	3		
	Political Science (II)		3	
	Introduction to International Relations (I)	2		
	Introduction to International Relations (II)		2	
	Public Administration (I)	2		
	Public Administration (II)		2	
	The Constitution & Government of the Republic of China (I)	2		
	The Constitution & Government of the Republic of China (II)		2	
Year 2	Comparative Government and Politics (I)	2		Starting from the 2025/26 academic year, the course "Comparative Government (I)(II)" can be used as a substitute.
	Comparative Government and Politics (II)		2	
	Social Statistics	4		
	Research Methods of Social Science		2	
Year 3	The Political Economy of Development in Taiwan		2	
	Western Political Philosophy (I)	2		
	Western Political Philosophy (II)		2	
	Chinese Political Philosophy (I)	2		
	Chinese Political Philosophy (II)		2	
Year 4	Chinese Politics / The Political Economy of Peoples Republic of China (select one)	2		
	Modern Political Thought (I) / Theories of Comparative Politics (I) (select one)		2	
Choose two required electives from six courses: Introduction to History, Introduction to Anthropology, Introductory Sociology, General Psychology, Elementary Logic, Economics **		6		
1) Core required courses: 12 credits 2) General education courses: 15 credits 3) Required courses: 42 credits 4) Required electives: 6 credits 5) Electives: 53 credits (including 10 credits from the Department of Political Science) 6) Total credits required for graduation: 128 credits				

**** “Economics” can be fulfilled by taking Economics (a)(II) or Economics (b)(II) offered by the Department of Political Science, or Principle of Economics, Principle of Microeconomics, Principle of Macroeconomics, Microeconomics, or Macroeconomics offered by the Department of Economics, or economics courses offered by other departments with the same or more credits attached. If only one semester of a full-year course is taken (e.g., Macroeconomics (II) for 3 credits), it can be counted toward the required credits.**

International Relations Division

Year	Name of Course	Fall	Spring	remarks
Year 1	Political Science (I)	3		
	Political Science (II)		3	
	Introduction to International Relations (I)	2		
	Introduction to International Relations (II)		2	
	Public Administration (I)	2		
	Public Administration (II)		2	
	The Constitution & Government of the Republic of China (I)	2		
	The Constitution & Government of the Republic of China (II)		2	
Year 2	Comparative Government and Politics (I)	2		Starting from the 2025/26 academic year, the course "Comparative Government (I)(II)" can be used as a substitute.
	Comparative Government and Politics (II)		2	
	Social Statistics	4		
	History of International Relations (I)	2		
	History of International Relations (II)		2	
	Foreign Relations of R.O.C.	2		
	International Law (I)	2		
	International Law (II)		2	
Year 3	The Decision Making and Analysis of Foreign Policy		2	
	Introduction to Western Political Philosophy	2		
	Introduction to Chinese Political Philosophy (<i>select one</i>)			
	International Organizations	2		
Year 4	Chinese Politics / Political Economy of Peoples Republic of China (<i>select one</i>)	2		
Choose two required electives from six courses: Economics (b)(I), Economics (b)(II), Issues in International Economics and Trade, International Political Economy, Political Economy, Seminar on Political Economy of East Asia		4		
Choose one required elective from twelve courses: Japanese (I), Korean (I), Thai (I), Malay (I), Vietnamese (I), French (I), German (I), Spanish (I), Russian (I), Latin (I), Dutch (I), Polish (I)		3	3	The same language must be chosen for these 6 credits.

<p>1) Core required courses: 12 credits</p> <p>2) General education courses: 15 credits</p> <p>3) Required courses: 44 credits</p> <p>4) Required electives: 10 credits</p> <p>5) Electives: 47 credits (including 10 credits from the Department of Political Science)</p> <p>6) Total credits required for graduation: 128 credits</p>		
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Public Administration Division

Year	Name of Course	Fall	Spring	remarks
Year 1	Political Science (I)	3		
	Political Science (II)		3	
	Introduction to International Relations (I)	2		
	Introduction to International Relations (II)		2	
	Public Administration (I)	2		
	Public Administration (II)		2	
	The Constitution & Government of the Republic of China (I)	2		
	The Constitution & Government of the Republic of China (II)		2	
Year 2	Comparative Government and Politics (I)	2		Starting from the 2025/26 academic year, the course "Comparative Government (I)" can be used as a substitute.
	Social Statistics	4		
	Economics (b)(I)	2		
	Economics (b)(II)		2	
	Research Methods of Social Science		2	
Year 3	Public Policy (I)	2		
	Public Policy (II)		2	
	Administrative Law (I)	2		
	Administrative Law (II)		2	
Year 4	Chinese Politics / Political Economy of Peoples Republic of China (select one)	2		
<p>Choose one required elective from eleven courses: Local Government and Management, Human Resource Management in the Public Sector, Fiscal Management, Public Management, Non-Profit Organization Management, Digital Government for Public Management, Public Opinion Survey, Cost-Benefit Analysis, Applied Regression Analysis, Seminar on Program Evaluation, Seminar on Communication Policy and Media Law</p>			8	
<p>1) Core required courses: 12 credits 2) General education courses: 15 credits 3) Required courses: 40 credits 4) Required electives: 8 credits 5) Electives: 53 credits (including 10 credits from the department) 6) Total credits required for graduation: 128 credits</p>				