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"This is an exciting opportunity for our students. In the time that it would take them to get a regular TAMU degree plus one summer, they can get their TAMU degree plus a masters degree from one of the top-ranked political science graduate programs in all of Europe. In the most recent UK rankings, the Essex Government Department beat Oxford, Cambridge, the LSE, and all others as the top-ranked program in the United Kingdom. A masters degree from this program will open doors on both sides of the Atlantic."

-Dr. Guy D. Whitten, Professor of Political Science, Director of the European Union Center, Director of the Program in Scientific Political Methodology.



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**Texas A&M /
University of Essex
3+1 Degree Program:
Two Degrees,
One Exciting
Opportunity**



**BA/BS-POLS
MA/MSc-POLS**



The Program

This joint degree program is a study abroad program for Political Science students at Texas A&M University. Students participating in the program will maintain their enrollment at Texas A&M University during the contracted part of their educational program abroad. Students register as masters students at the University of Essex and then transfer credits back to Texas A&M University.



Students undertake a course of study at Essex that will complete the bachelor degree requirements of Political Science at Texas A&M University and the coursework (module) portion of the master's degree at the University of Essex. The courses offered at the University of Essex will be taught by Essex faculty and have been pre-approved for transfer credit to Texas A&M University.

Upon successful completion of the direct enrollment study abroad academic program, students then have the option of extending their stay at the University of Essex to complete a thesis towards a MA/ MSc Degree in Political Science awarded by the University of Essex.

All About the University of Essex

The University of Essex is a public University located approximately one hour outside of London. Since being founded in 1964, the University of Essex has grown to more than 11,000 students, including over 3,000 postgraduates who come from all over the world to study. In addition to having a worldwide reputation for top quality teaching and research, the University was ranked second among mainstream universities in the United Kingdom for overall satisfaction according to the 2013 National Student Survey.

The University's Department of Government has topped the UK politics rankings for the quality of its research in every national assessment of research quality since the Research Assessment Exercise began in 1991. It also obtains consistently high student satisfaction scores, with 91 percent overall student satisfaction in the 2012 National Student Survey.



"We are very much looking forward to having this academic linkage with Texas A&M. The undergraduates at Texas A&M are particularly attractive to us because of the excellent training that they receive in modern research methods. We expect students who have taken such courses to thrive in our masters programs."

-Dr. Thomas J. Scotto, Professor of Government, Director of Education, Associate Dean of the Graduate School, University of Essex.

How to Apply

All applicants must plan to have completed three years towards their Political Science degree at Texas A&M before enrolling at Essex and have an Overall GPR of a 3.0 or higher. Applicants should have successfully passed POLS 209. Successful completion of POLS 309 is recommended but not required. The application process includes a formal application for the program, two letters of reference and a statement of purpose, which will include an applicant's area of research.

Students will also submit a separate application for admission to the University of Essex. Each application will be considered on an individual basis and must meet the admissions criteria from the University of Essex. As part of the standard admissions criteria for the University of Essex, each applicant from Texas A&M shall provide written evidence of attainment of their academic qualifications and achievement in an English language test recognized by the University of Essex.

Any student interested in applying for the program should consult with an undergraduate advisor in the Department of Political Science before applying to ensure that they will meet all program requirements by the end of their Junior year.

