

# Nickolas Rios

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## Professional Summary

Passionate and experienced college-level educator specializing in Government and Political Science. Skilled in curriculum development, course facilitation, classroom management, and instructional delivery across in-person, synchronous, and fully online formats. Experienced with Canvas LMS, Blackboard LMS, Zoom, and Turnitin.

## Education

- University of Texas at Tyler – Master of Arts in Political Science (Jul 2021 – May 2023)
- University of Houston – B.S. in Political Science and Government (2020)  
GPA: 3.64, Summa Cum Laude, Pi Sigma Alpha – Secretary
- Lee College -
  - A.A. in Humanities/Humanistic Studies (2020)
  - A.A. in Social Sciences (2018)  
GPA: 3.25, Lee College Honors Society

## Experience

- Professor of Government (Full-Time) – Tyler Junior College (Aug 2023 – Present)  
  
Courses: GOVT-2305, GOVT-2306  
Formats Taught: In-Person, Synchronous Online (Zoom), Fully Online (Canvas)  
Tools & Skills: Canvas LMS, Zoom for Education, Dual Credit Course Delivery, Curriculum Development
- Adjunct Lecturer – University of Texas at Tyler (Jul 2023 – Present)  
  
Course: POLS-2306  
Formats Taught: In-Person, Synchronous Online  
Tools & Skills: Higher Education Teaching, Public Speaking, Curriculum Development
- Graduate Research and Teaching Assistant – University of Texas at Tyler (Aug 2021 – May 2023)  
  
Responsibilities: Assisted with public opinion research and supported undergraduate instruction in political science courses under Dr. Mark Owens.

## **Honors & Awards**

- UT Tyler Lyceum – “The Art of Nuclear Negotiation” – Presented research examining how nations have leveraged nuclear weapons not only for deterrence, but as strategic tools to achieve broader geopolitical goals such as international recognition, resource acquisition, and bargaining power. (2023)
- Summa Cum Laude – University of Houston (Dec 2020)
- Dean’s List – University of Houston (May 2020, Dec 2019, May 2019)

## **Professional Affiliations**

- Texas Community College Teachers Association (TCCTA) – Member since Dec 2024; Attended 2025 TCCTA Conference
- Pi Sigma Alpha – National Political Science Honor Society, Secretary (2020)

## **Skills**

Curriculum Development, Canvas LMS, Zoom for Education, Turnitin, Instructional Delivery: In-Person, Synchronous Online, Asynchronous Online, Dual Credit Course Delivery, Classroom Management, Public Speaking, Course Facilitation, Student Engagement