Political Science Major Requirements

Program Requirements: All courses must be taken for a letter grade with a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0. A grade of C- or higher must be earned in required POLS courses. A minimum of 15 POLS credit hours (not including internships) must be completed at the University of Utah. Minimum credit hours 48 (36 POLS, 12 Allied).

**Required Core Course (3 credit hours):**

- POLS 1100 US National Government (3, AI)

**Required Introductory Courses (choose two for a total of 6 credit hours):**

- POLS 2100 Introduction to International Relations (3, BF)
- POLS 2200 Introduction to Comparative Politics (3, BF)
- POLS 2300 Introduction to Political Theory (3, HF)

**Political Science Upper Division Electives* (18 credit hours, 3000 level or higher):**

- POLS
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**Political Science 5000 Level Electives (9 credit hours):**

- POLS
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*For a full list of courses and descriptions, visit: [catalog.utah.edu](http://catalog.utah.edu) Or see an advisor for more details.

**Allied Courses (12 credit hours):**

- Anthropology
- City & Metropolitan Planning
- Communications
- Economics
- Ethnic Studies
- Environmental & Sustainability Studies
- Family & Consumer Studies
- Gender Studies
- Geography
- History
- Middle East Studies
- Philosophy
- Psychology
- Sociology

**Area of Emphasis* (15 credit hours out of required hours above):**

- International Politics
- Public Policy
- Law & Politics
- Community Involvement & Nonprofit Leadership

*A maximum of six internship credit hours may be used towards this requirement.

*Areas of Emphasis are optional and not required for graduation.

**Resources**

- **Internships**
  - Hinckley Internships: [hinckley.utah.edu](http://hinckley.utah.edu)
  - College of Social and Behavioral Science Internships: [csbs.utah.edu/students/internships](http://csbs.utah.edu/students/internships)

- **canvia**
  - Online Political Science Hub: [utah.instructure.com](http://utah.instructure.com)
  - Declared majors can access this Canvas page for Political Science information and events.

- **Political Science Advising**
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