

Political Science Major Requirements

POLS courses must be taken for a letter grade with a minimum GPA of 2.0. A grade of C- or higher must be earned in required POLS courses. At least 15 POLS credits must be taken at the University of Utah. All students pursuing degrees and certificates through the Political Science Department must also fulfill all University of Utah requirements for graduation.

Total Hours: ____/122 complete, ____/122 needs Upper Division Hours (3000+): ____/40 complete, ____/40 needs

List Gen Ed and Bachelor Degree classes needed after the current semester: _____

Required Core Course (3 credit hours):

- POLS 1100 US National Government (3, AI)

Required Introductory Courses (choose three for a total of 9 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)
 POLS 2700 Introduction to Public Administration (3, BF)

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

Or see an advisor for more details.

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

Allied Courses (12 credit hours):

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

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

Focuses major courses; highlights concentrated learning for future employment or advanced degree; included on transcript upon graduation.

- International Politics
 Public Policy
 Law & Politics
 Community Involvement & Political Advocacy

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



Internships

Hinckley Internships:
hinckley.utah.edu

CSBS Internships:
internships.csbs.utah.edu



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Online Political Science Hub

Declared majors can access Political Science information and events via the Political Science Advising Canvas page. Or, visit our website:

poli-sci.utah.edu



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Book an appointment:

csbs.utah.edu/advising/index.php



Political Science Emphasis Areas - Course Options

Community Involvement and Political Advocacy

- POLS 2500 US of Inequality
- POLS 3010 Democratic Theory
- POLS 3020 Neighborhood Democracy
- POLS 3025 Democracy and Social Justice
- POLS 3030 State and Local Government
- POLS 3140 Gender and Politics
- POLS 3160 Campaign Management
- POLS 3190 Racial and Ethnic Politics
- POLS 3390 Introto Environmental and Sustainability Politics
- POLS 3700 Urban Politics
- POLS 3827 Student Lab for Social Change
- POLS 5140 Feminist Political Theory
- POLS 5324 Disability Studies
- POLS 5540 Nonprofit Advocacy
- POLS 5545 Public and Nonprofit Organizations
- POLS 5550 Nonprofit and Nongovernmental Organizations
- POLS 5570 Management of Nonprofit Organizations
- POLS 5595 Understanding Nonprofit Strategy & Outcomes

Public Policy

- POLS 2700 Introduction to Public Administration
- POLS 3170 Interest Groups
- POLS 3180 Voting, Elections, and Public Opinion
- POLS 3320 Introduction to Public Policy and Analysis
- POLS 3390 Introduction to Environmental and Sustainability Policy
- POLS 5170 Politics and the American Economy
- POLS 5320 Public Policy Theories and Applications
- POLS 5321 Health Policy
- POLS 5322 Environmental and Sustainability Policy
- POLS 5323 Policy Analysis
- POLS 5510 Water Policy and Politics
- POLS 5540 Nonprofit Advocacy
- POLS 5545 Public & Nonprofit Organizations
- POLS 5550 Nonprofit & Nongovernmental Organizations
- POLS 5660 American Foreign Policy
- POLS 5670 U.S. National Security Policy
- POLS 5750 The Rise of Global Capitalism
- POLS 5965 Special Topics in Public Administration

*Total of 15 credits from course options needed to complete emphasis

*Internship credit can count for up to 3 credits towards a relevant emphasis. See advising for credit and substitutions.

International Politics

- POLS 2100 Introduction to International Relations
- POLS 3410 European Politics
- POLS 3420 Islam and Politics
- POLS 3440 Comparative Politics of the Middle East
- POLS 3520 Government and Politics of Mexico
- POLS 3530 Peace and Conflict in Asia
- POLS 3550 Comparative Politics of Latin America
- POLS 3620 United Nations
- POLS 3680 Globalization and World Politics
- POLS 4400 Introduction to Islam
- POLS 5085 Islam and Democracy
- POLS 5400 Comparative Institutions
- POLS 5410 New Democracies
- POLS 5420 The European Union
- POLS 5440 Nationalism and Ethnic Conflict
- POLS 5450 Political Violence/Terrorism
- POLS 5460 International Relations of Africa
- POLS 5470 International Relations of the Middle East
- POLS 5480 International Relations of East Asia
- POLS 5600 Democracy in Latin America
- POLS 5610 International Law
- POLS 5625 International Ethics
- POLS 5630 Global Governance
- POLS 5660 American Foreign Policy
- POLS 5670 U.S. National Security Policy
- POLS 5680 Chinese Foreign Policy
- POLS 5690 Foundations of International Security
- POLS 5710 Introduction to International Political Economy
- POLS 5750 The Rise of Global Power
- POLS 5800 Theories of International Relations

Law & Politics

- POLS 3000 Liberalism and Its Critics
- POLS 3110 U.S. Congress
- POLS 3120 Political Parties
- POLS 3150 The American Presidency
- POLS 3200 Introduction to Law and Politics
- POLS 3220 Jurisprudence of Criminal Law
- POLS 5100 Advanced American National Government
- POLS 5120 Judicial Process
- POLS 5211 Constitutional Law
- POLS 5212 Civil Rights and Civil Liberties
- POLS 5610 International Law
- POLS 5625 International Ethics

Political Science Gen Ed Designations

The following Political Science courses can count both towards major requirements and General Education/Bachelor Degree requirements. *These designations are subject to change based on catalog year. Always check your degree audit for the most up to date designations for your declaration.*

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> POLS 1100 - American Institutions (AI) POLS 2100 - Social/Behavioral (BF) POLS 2200 - Social/Behavioral (BF) POLS 2300 - Humanities (HF) POLS 2500 - Social/Behavioral (BF); Wild Card POLS 2700 - Social/Behavioral (BF) POLS 3001 - Quant Reasoning Logic (QB); Quant Intensive (QI) POLS 3005 - Quant Reasoning Logic (QB); QuantIntensive (QI) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> POLS 3140 - Diversity (DV) POLS 3190 - Diversity (DV) POLS 3410 - International (IR) POLS 3680 - International (IR) POLS 3910 - Communication/Upper Division Writing (CW) POLS 5001 - Quantitative Intensive (QI) POLS 5430 - Diversity (DV) POLS 5660 - International (IR) POLS 5810 - Communication/Upper Division Writing (CW) |
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