Political Science (POLS)

POLS 1000  
American Heritage  
3:3:0  
Fall, Spring, Summer  
Studies the founding of American constitutional government. Considers the cultural, economic, legal, political, and social ramifications of the Constitution of the United States.

POLS 1010  
Introduction to Political Science  
3:3:0  
Fall, Spring, Summer  
Explores the nature of politics and power. Compares constitutional systems of government with closed totalitarian systems such as the Communist Bloc nations. Examines public opinion, political communications, interest groups, party politics, ideologies, governmental institutions, bureaucracies, and government legal systems. Studies the role of violence and revolution. Emphasizes the influence of these political elements on the average citizens.

POLS 1020  
Political Ideologies  
3:3:0  
Fall, Spring  
Surveys the major historical and current political ideologies including liberalism, Marxism, fascism and Islamism.

POLS 1100  
American National Government  
3:3:0  
Fall, Spring, Summer  
Studies history and structure of American National Government, rights and responsibilities of citizens, political institutions, political processes, and governmental policies.

POLS 1440  
Introduction to Middle East Politics  
3:3:0  
Not Offered  
Studies social, historical, political and religious influences affecting the Middle East. Explores forces that motivate policy and decision-making. Examines current issues such as the Arab-Israeli conflict, political Islam, petroleum power and U.S. foreign policy. Presents profiles of selected modern Middle East states and the balance of power in the region.

POLS 1800  
Our Global Community  
3:3:0  
Not Offered  
Examines geography, climate and topography of Western Europe, Asia, Latin America, Pacific Rim, sub-Saharan Africa and Middle/ East Islamic regions. Studies the unique social, cultural, economic and political differences and resulting tensions and conflicts. Explores how historical experience affect the expectations and perceptions of selected populations.

POLS 2100  
Introduction to International Relations  
3:3:0  
Fall, Spring  
Discusses logic of power in international relations. Studies idealistic and realistic theories of international relations. Examines reasons why nations go to war. Compares geopolitical thrust and response.

POLS 2150  
Model United Nations  
3:3:0  
Focuses on the issues, goals and procedures of the United Nations. Incorporates research on political, economic, and social issues of assigned countries in preparation for a simulation of the United Nations. Includes debate on important international political issues accompanied by negotiation and drafting of resolutions to address global problems.

POLS 2200  
Introduction to Comparative Politics  
3:3:0  
Fall, Spring  
Studies comparative politics and looks at attitudes and causes of political problems. Examines methods and means employed by selected countries to solve political problems, and studies successes and failures of different approaches. Examines the means which different nations employ to deal with political problems. Explores the politics, institutions, and governments of seven selected nations.

POLS 2210  
Introduction to Chinese Politics  
3:3:0  
* Prerequisite(s): ENGL 1010  
Reviews the historical background in which Chinese Communist Party established its governance. Examines the politics of the People's Republic of China since 1949. Analyzes important aspects of Chinese political and economic institutions and governance, such as party-state, political economy, judicial system, military, dissent politics, and foreign policy. Explains Chinese geographic and demographic features and how those features affect Chinese politics and economy. Discusses significant effects and implications which China's political modernization and economic growth might have across its border.

POLS 2220  
Introduction to Chinese Commerce  
3:3:0  
* Prerequisite(s): ENGL 1010  
Surveys the current situation of the Chinese economy, starting with Chinese economic geography and the historical background of economic development in the post-1978 era. Concentrates on economic transition, development strategies, and basic situations of various sectors in the post-reform era, discussed in a comparative framework with the economic transition and development experience of other countries. Discusses some current eye-catching issues associated with economic development and having international impacts, such as international trade and investment transactions, energy competition, and environmental degradation of China.

POLS 2250  
Globalization and Sustainable Mountain Development  
3:3:0  
On Sufficient Demand  
* Prerequisite(s): ENGL 1010  
Considers the issues of sustainable mountain development (SMD) as a part of the globalization process and one of the important priorities of the multilateral agenda of the United Nations. Includes the problems of mountain ecosystems, sources of goods, food, services for mountain populations. Examines special economic development issues in rural, isolated mountain communities in the contexts of recreation and tourism, biological and cultural diversity, and religious significance.

POLS 230G  
Introduction to Political Theory  
3:3:0  
Not Offered  
Surveys major Western political theories, from Athenian democracy to the 21st century welfare state. Analyzes such ideologies as republicanism, liberalism, socialism, and fascism, and considers how these ideas have shaped the ways in which people think and nations act. Explores how global cultures have used and abused these ideas, and how students' own political beliefs fit into the history of political ideologies.

POLS 3000  
Political Analysis  
3:3:0  
Fall, Spring, Summer  
* Prerequisite(s): (STAT 1040 or MATH 1050 or higher) and POLS 1010 and University Advanced Standing  
Covers the analytical and quantitative methodologies used in political science and public policy research. Includes statistical analysis, database research, and writing exercises.
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POLS 3030
State and Local Government
3:3:0  Fall
* Prerequisite(s): University Advanced Standing
Examines the operation and structure of American State and Local Government with special attention to the Utah experience. Explores the local political process, administrative practices, and intergovernmental relations.

POLS 3100
Survey of International Terrorism
3:3:0  Fall
* Prerequisite(s): University Advanced Standing
A survey course of political violence and terrorism in the modern world. Studies terrorism and other forms of political violence and how they relate to fundamentalism, such as the Shiite Islamic, and Christian identity movements in the United States and Western Europe. Examines the concept of religious and political terrorism, as well as the ideologies, tactics, and organizations common to most terrorist groups.

POLS 3120
Political Parties
3:3:0
* Prerequisite(s): (POLS 1100 or instructor approval) and University Advanced Standing
Examines the American political party system with special attention given to the history, structure, functions, and role of American political parties.

POLS 3150
US Presidency
3:3:0  Fall, Spring
* Prerequisite(s): ENGL 1010 and University Advanced Standing
Studies the executive branch of American national government. Examines the basic functions, tenets, and institutions of the federal executive branch. Special attention given to the powers, roles, and structure of the presidency. Analyzes the various complexities of executive politics and policies.

POLS 3180
Public Opinion and Political Behavior
3:3:0  Fall
* Prerequisite(s): University Advanced Standing
Explores the formation and role of public opinion in politics and its impact on political behavior. Topics covered are: how, and to what extent, individuals form their attitudes about politics; how researchers go about attempting to measure public opinion; the distribution and determinants of public opinion regarding a broad range of political issues; and how political attitudes affect political participation.

POLS 3200
US Congress
3:3:0  On Sufficient Demand
* Prerequisite(s): ENGL 1010 and University Advanced Standing
Examines the legislative branch of American national government. Explores concepts of legislative theory, examining basic structure, functions, powers and roles of Congress. Gives special attention to the legislative process, constitutional structure, and modern development of federal legislature.

POLS 3210
World Diplomacy
3:3:0
* Prerequisite(s): POLS 2100 and University Advanced Standing
Examines diplomacy as the conduct of relations between sovereign states through the medium of officials based at home or abroad. Explores processes and procedures of the diplomatic art that focuses chiefly on the recent past but is rooted in history. Emphasizes negotiation (the most important function of diplomats), as well as unconventional diplomatic methods.

POLS 3250 (Cross-listed with: LEGL 3250)
Introduction to Law and Politics
3:3:0  Fall, Spring
* Prerequisite(s): (POLS 1010 or POLS 1100) and University Advanced Standing
Examines the relationship between law and politics. Addresses the impact politics have on the judiciary and the strengths and weaknesses of law as a means of social order. Focuses on general issues of legal and political theory and the social and political function of law.

POLS 3300
Introduction to Public Administration
3:3:0  Fall, Spring
* Prerequisite(s): University Advanced Standing
Introduces basic concepts and principles in the implementation of public policy, as opposed to the formation of public policy. Includes concepts such as chain of command, hierarchy, and span of control.

POLS 3400
American Foreign Policy
3:3:0
* Prerequisite(s): POLS 1100, POLS 2100, and University Advanced Standing
Examines the development and theories of American foreign policy with special emphasis on the twentieth and twenty-first centuries. Surveys the process by which American foreign policy is formulated and examines major events and trends in policy since World War II.

POLS 3500
International Relations of the Middle East
3:3:0  Fall
* Prerequisite(s): (POLS 2100 or instructor approval) and University Advanced Standing
Covers the impact of the West on the Middle East, the Arab-Israeli wars, the rise of Islamic fundamentalist terrorist groups and regimes, the Iran-Iraq war (1980-1988), the Iraq-Kuwait-US war (1990-1991), the Impact of 9/11, as well as the foreign policies of several major states in the Middle East.

POLS 355G
Comparative Politics of Central Asia
3:3:0  Fall
* Prerequisite(s): ENGL 1010 and University Advanced Standing
Introduces students to the region of Central Asia with its complex nature and origins of instability. Places regional conflicts to the context of global political developments. Analyzes the historical background of its problems and challenges in combination with studies of its dynamically developing politics.

POLS 359G
American Indian Law and Tribal Government
3:3:0  On Sufficient Demand
* Prerequisite(s): (ENGL 2010 or ENGL 2020 or instructor approval) and University Advanced Standing
Surveys American Indian law in treaties, statutes, case law, regulations, and executive orders, and analyzes various policy approaches to the federal trust relationship, tribal sovereignty over internal affairs, civil jurisdiction over tribal lands, management of natural resources of tribal lands, hunting and fishing rights, and cultural preservation. Examines the traditional and modern forms of various Indian tribal governments.

POLS 3600
International Relations of East Asia
3:3:0  Fall
* Prerequisite(s): University Advanced Standing
Studies the emergence, from the nineteenth century, of modern nations from the rich and varied cultures and societies of Pacific Asia. Focuses on China, Japan and Korea. Explores the historical and geographical context of the development of East and Southeast Asia. Examines the transformation between East and West as well as the persistence of tradition. Discusses the political, economic and cultural changes in a region whose economic output rivals that of any other area of the world.
**POLS 3610**
*International Organization*  
3:3:0  
Not Offered  
* Prerequisite(s): POLS 2100 and University Advanced Standing

Focuses on the role of international institutions in the modern state system. Analyzes procedures of international cooperation in key issue areas including: the peaceful settlement of disputes and international security, human rights, economic development, and the environment.

**POLS 362G**
*Modern Chinese Political Economy*  
3:3:0  
On Sufficient Demand  
* Prerequisite(s): University Advanced Standing

Examines the Chinese experience in economic transition and economic development in general and in several domestic sectors, which cross the conventional boundaries between political and economic analysis and through a comparative lens vis-à-vis other transition economies and developing economies. Presents the basic historical and current developments of Chinese economy. Probes the interaction between economic development and political institutions in China, and considers the international effects and implications of Chinese economic development in a critical way.

**POLS 3680**
*International Political Economy*  
3:3:0  
Not Offered  
* Prerequisite(s): POLS 2100 and University Advanced Standing

Focuses on the connection between politics and economics in international relations, including an overview of some of the major issues in the area of international political economy, the international trade and financial systems, the role of multinational corporations, economic development, and economic globalization.

**POLS 420R**
*Issues and Topics in Political Science*  
3:3:0  
On Sufficient Demand  
* Prerequisite(s): (ENGL 2010 or ENGL 2020) and University Advanced Standing

Surveys a specific topic in political science. Topic varies each semester. May be repeated for a maximum of 6 credits toward graduation.

**POLS 4500**
*International Conflict and Security*  
3:3:0  
Not Offered  
* Prerequisite(s): POLS 2100 and University Advanced Standing

Focuses on causes and theories of conflict in international relations. Includes traditional and emerging threats to international security, as well as policy responses to them.

**POLS 4610**
*International Law*  
3:3:0  
Not Offered  
* Prerequisite(s): POLS 2100 and University Advanced Standing

Focuses on theories, sources, and foundations of international law. Includes discussion of rights and duties of states, the relationship between international and domestic law, interstate settlement of disputes, and extraterritorial jurisdiction. Explores international law in the areas of human rights, the environment, and the use of force.

**POLS 4720**
*Foundations of American Constitutionalism*  
3:3:0  
Fall  
* Prerequisite(s): (POLS 1000 or POLS 1100 or instructor approval) and University Advanced Standing

Examines the political and constitutional foundations of American constitution-making, beginning with the English Charter of Liberties in 1100 ACE and ending with the United States Bill Rights of 1791. Employs a comparative analysis of early Anglo-American constitutional thought, with special attention being given to the writings of prominent 17th century and 18th century constitutional theorists (e.g., Coke, Bacon, Burke, Penn, Dickinson, Mason, Adams, Madison, Marshall).

**POLS 4790**
*US Constitution*  
3:3:0  
Fall, Spring  
* Prerequisite(s): (POLS 1100 or POLS 1000) and University Advanced Standing

Examines the United States Constitution as the political blueprint of American national government. Explores the basic constitutional powers and structures of the federal government, and the prominent political and constitutional conflicts between its executive, legislative, and judicial branches. Addresses such key elements of constitutional design as limited and empowered government, enumerated and implied powers, separation of powers, checks and balances, federalism, and the Bill of Rights. Employs a critical analysis of modern constitutional politics.

**POLS 480R**
*Internship*  
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Fall, Spring  
* Prerequisite(s): POLS 1100 and University Advanced Standing

Provides opportunities for internship experience in political organizations, government offices, and non-governmental organizations. May be repeated for a maximum of 9 credits toward graduation. May be graded credit/no credit.