Political Science (POLS)

POLS 1000 AS
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 SS
Introduction to Political Science 3:3:0 Fall, Spring
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 AS
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 On Sufficient Demand
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, Summer
Discusses logic of power in international relations. Studies idealistic and realistic theories of international relations. Examines reasons why nations go to war. Compares geopolitical threat and response.

POLS 2200 Introduction to Comparative Politics 3:3:0 Fall, Spring, Summer
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 several selected nations.

POLS 2220 Introduction to Chinese Commerce 3:3:0 On Sufficient Demand
* Prerequisite(s): ENGL 1010 or ENGH 1005
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 2300 Introduction to Political Theory 3:3:0 Spring
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 2400 Peace and Justice Studies Basics 3:3:0 On Sufficient Demand
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Examines the complexities and consequences of efforts to deal with conflicts between individuals, groups, and nations through a variety of techniques, including violence, war, and peace building. Introduces techniques used in the non-violent resolution of conflicts. Promotes techniques to avoid resorting to violence as a means of conflict resolution.

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.

POLS 3010 Political Analysis II 3:3:0 Spring
* Prerequisite(s): POLS 3000 and University Advanced Standing
Covers advanced political data analysis techniques, including: advanced multiple regression analysis and diagnostics, measurement reliability and validity, the use of statistical-analysis software and presentation of analysis results.

POLS 3020 Public Program Analysis 3:3:0 On Sufficient Demand
* Prerequisite(s): University Advanced Standing
Serves as an introduction to evaluation methodology and evaluation tools commonly used to assess publicly funded programs. Provides training and practice in the field of public program analysis. Familiarizes students with different types of program evaluation, including needs assessment, formative research, process evaluation, monitoring of outputs and outcomes, impact assessment, and cost analysis.

POLS 3030 State and Local Government 3:3:0 Fall Even Year
* 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 3040 Survey Research and Design Methods 3:3:0 Fall Even Year
* Prerequisite(s): University Advanced Standing
Focuses on the role of polling in the political process. Introduces the theory and methods used in survey research. Includes how survey-research firms produce polls, analysis of polling for campaigns and public opinion, the psychology of survey response, survey construction, and sampling. Covers other data-collection techniques commonly used in politics and political science such as focus groups and experiments.
POL 3050
Experimental Methods in Political Science
3:3:0  Fall Odd Year
* Prerequisite(s): POLS 3000 and University Advanced Standing
Provides an overview of experimental methodology currently being utilized in the field of Political Science. Dissects the multiple stages of experimental research design and data analysis. Teaches critical thinking in terms of the benefits and dangers of causal inference using experimental research.

POL 3060
Qualitative Analysis
3:3:0  Spring Even Year
* Prerequisite(s): POLS 3000 and University Advanced Standing
Offers a hands-on opportunity for students to experience the practice of qualitative research. Provides training and practice in a broad set of qualitative methods as applied to public sector organizations, such as state and federal agencies, municipalities, and nonprofit organizations.

POL 3070
Policy Analysis
3:3:0  Spring Odd Year
* Prerequisite(s): POLS 3310 and University Advanced Standing
Provides an introduction to the objectives, functions, and techniques of policy analysis in democratic societies, with an emphasis on the United States. Emphasizes policy analysis in government organizations. Considers policy analysis in nongovernmental settings, such as nonprofit organizations and think tanks.

POL 3100
Survey of International Terrorism
3:3:0  Fall Odd Year
* 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.

POL 3150
US Presidency
3:3:0  Spring Odd Year
* Prerequisite(s): (ENGL 1010 or ENGH 1005) 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.

POL 3180
Public Opinion and Political Behavior
3:3:0  Fall Odd Year
* 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.

POL 3200
US Congress
3:3:0  Fall Odd Year
* Prerequisite(s): (ENGL 1010 or ENGH 1005) 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.

POL 3210
World Diplomacy
3:3:0  Spring Even Year
* 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.

POL 3220
Interest Groups
3:3:0  Spring Odd Year
* Prerequisite(s): POLS 1100 and University Advanced Standing
Provides an introduction to interest groups and their role in American politics. Examines the ways that citizens, firms, and institutions struggle to gain representation through organized interest groups in the United States. Includes the reasons why interest groups are formed, the reasons why people join organized interests groups, and the importance of leaders and leadership in attracting members and maintaining the stature of the group.

POL 3250 (Cross-listed with: LEGL 3250)
Introduction to Law and Politics
3:3:0  Fall, Summer
* 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.

POL 3300
Introduction to Public Administration
3:3:0  Fall, Spring, Summer
* 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.

POL 3310
Introduction to Public Policy
3:3:0  Fall
* Prerequisite(s): POLS 1100, (ENGL 1010 or ENGH 1005), and University Advanced Standing
Provides an introduction to the process of public policy-making in the United States and to the substance of policy in areas like health policy, environmental policy, and education policy. Introduces students to the fundamental skills of policy analysis and to some of the difficult choices involved in identifying, addressing, and resolving public policy problems.

POL 3320
Nonprofits and The Public Sector
3:3:0  Spring Odd Year
* Prerequisite(s): (ENGL 1010 or ENGH 1005) and University Advanced Standing
Explores the historical background, development, role, and purposes of nonprofit organizations. Expands awareness of the scope and breadth of the nonprofit sector in the United States, and examines the inner workings of nonprofit organizations as the foundation for further study.

POL 3340
Public Innovation
3:3:0  Spring Odd Year
* Prerequisite(s): (ENGL 1010 or ENGH 1005) and University Advanced Standing
Presents an overview of the background, methods, and techniques associated with public sector innovation. Equips students who wish to be innovators with the knowledge and skills necessary to imagine and implement innovative solutions to public problems.
POLS 3370 Leading Cities 3:3:0 Fall Odd Year
* Prerequisite(s): (ENGL 1010 or ENGH 1005) and University Advanced Standing
Provides an introduction to and overview of what leadership is within the public sector. Examines the skills required to successfully lead and manage cities for both elected and appointed leaders (mayors, city managers, city council members, etc.). Considers related topics, including the diverse functions of a city and common challenges faced by city leaders.

POLS 3380 Local Economic Development 3:3:0 Fall Even Year
* Prerequisite(s): (ENGL 1010 or ENGH 1005) and University Advanced Standing
Introduces the context, theory, process, and practice of local economic development policy. Examines facets of local economic development such as tax increment finance, job creation, economic analysis, business expansion and retention, and economic gardening.

POLS 3390 Urban Planning 3:3:0 Fall Odd Year
* Prerequisite(s): University Advanced Standing
Provides a broad introduction to the field of urban planning as a profession, a process of decision-making, and a government function. Explores the limitations and benefits of planning, primarily in areas such as climate adaptation, economic development, and natural disasters.

POLS 3400 American Foreign Policy 3:3:0 Spring
* 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 3410 Globalization and Sustainable Development 3:3:0 Fall, Spring
* Prerequisite(s): University Advanced Standing
Examines major measurements of sustainability indicators, approaches and institutions in disaster management, and the roles of environmental assessment, management and policy. Considers the impacts of infrastructure development, economics, and market failures, in addition to major approaches and linkages to poverty reduction. Examines the importance of governance, democratic institutions and civil society for sustainable development (SD). Considers the role of international financial and political institutions; international environmental agreements for SD.

POLS 3420 Islam in World Affairs 3:3:0 Fall Even Year
* Prerequisite(s): University Advanced Standing
Examines the history, traditions, and pillars of Islam as the latest among monotheistic religions in the world. Studies the role of women in Islam and its roots of diversity, including the historic split to Shia and Sunnis. Examines the influence of Islam in the politics and economies of Muslim nations around the world and examines the challenges presented by radical Islam for the modern world.

POLS 3480 Race in Politics 3:3:0 Fall Odd Year
* Prerequisite(s): University Advanced Standing
Examines the role of race and ethnicity in global, national, and local politics. Focuses on the ways race has been socially constructed to promote the power of some and the domination of others.

POLS 3500 International Relations of the Middle East 3:3:0 Spring Odd Year
* 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 3510 Post Soviet Politics 3:3:0 Fall Even Year
* Prerequisite(s): University Advanced Standing
Examines relations of the Russian Federation to its neighbors and other strategic international actors. Focuses on the dynamics of key bilateral relationships by highlighting such key areas as oil and energy, defense policy, economic policy priorities, and the role of international institutions.

POLS 3520 Chinese Politics 3:3:0 Fall Even Year
* Prerequisite(s): University Advanced Standing
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 3530 Asian Politics 3:3:0 Spring Even Year
* Prerequisite(s): University Advanced Standing
Explains the demographic features in India, China, and Japan and how those features affect politics in the three countries. Reviews the historical background in which India, China, and Japan established their national identities. Surveys and compares the state-building efforts and development strategies in India, China, and Japan. Examines and compares domestic political system and government structure in these three countries. Discusses significant effects and implications which Asian politics might have across their borders.

POLS 3540 Comparative Politics of Central Asia 3:3:0 Fall Odd Year
* Prerequisite(s): (ENGL 1010 or ENGH 1005) 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 3550 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  Fall Odd Year  
* 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 3620  
Latin American Politics  
3:3:0  Fall Even Year  
* Prerequisite(s): University Advanced Standing

Studies the development of modern political institutions as an outcome of colonial practice in Latin America, such as slavery and economic dependency. Examines national politics in Latin America, focusing on issues such as political power, democratization, indigenous rights, border politics, neo-colonialism, and Latin American socialism. Explores the consequences for Latin America of neoliberalism, Eurocentrism, narco-trafficking, and globalization on the international level.

POLS 362G  
Modern Chinese Political Economy  
3:3:0  Fall Odd Year  
* 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 China's economic development in a critical way.

POLS 3630  
Sustainable Mountain Development  
3:3:0  Spring  
* Prerequisite(s): University Advanced Standing

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 discussion of the problems of mountain ecosystems, such as sources of goods, food, and 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 3640  
United Nations Sustainable Development Goals  
3:3:0  Spring  
* Prerequisite(s): University Advanced Standing

Examines the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and the role of the UN Economic and Social Council plays in the implementation of Sustainable Development Goals. Considers the role of the sustainable mountain development agenda in the UN 2030 Development Agenda and in promotion of Utah as the model of economic development among mountain nations worldwide. Examines the practical aspects of the UN Sustainable Development Goals advocacy through an engaged learning activity by visiting the UN Economic and Social Council forums.

POLS 3650  
Model United Nations  
3:3:0  Spring  
* Prerequisite(s): University Advanced Standing

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 3680  
International Political Economy  
3:3:0  Summer Even Year  
* 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 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 4250  (Cross-listed with: HLTH 4250)  
Public Health Organization and Policy  
3:3:0  Fall, Spring  
* Prerequisite(s): HLTH 3200, University Advanced Standing, and matriculation into BS Community Health or BS School Health Education; or instructor approval

Focuses on U.S. health policy and policy analysis. Describes the basic machinery of policymaking and legal processes that underpin the individual health care and public health systems. Analyzes the fundamental problems and contemporary issues in health policy and teaches students how to properly develop and analyze health policy.

POLS 4500  
International Conflict and Security  
3:3:0  On Sufficient Demand  
* 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  Spring Even Year  
* 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 480R  
Internship  
2 to 9:2 to 9:0  Fall, Spring, Summer  
* 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.

POLS 4850  
State Legislative Internship Seminar  
3:3:0  Spring  
* Prerequisite(s): University Advanced Standing  
* Prerequisite(s) or Corequisite(s): ENGL 1010 or ENGH 1005

Prepares students who have been selected to serve as interns to the Utah State Legislature. Focuses on legislative behavior and organization; bill and law making; research and policy; comparative state government and politics and internship requirements.
POLS 490R
Independent Study
1 to 4:1 to 4:0 On Sufficient Demand
* Prerequisite(s): ENGL 2010 and University Advanced Standing

Provides independent study for students unable to secure a desired class within regular semester curriculum offerings. With the approval of dean and/or department chair, student and instructor design and complete readings and other projects at the upper division level. May be repeated for a maximum of 6 credits toward graduation.

POLS 4990
Senior Seminar
3:3:0 Spring
* Prerequisite(s): POLS 3000, Senior standing in Political Science, and University Advanced Standing

Includes readings and discussions about fundamental political science problems and issues. Offers directed research project tailored to each student's special interests.