

Political Science - American Government Emphasis, B.S.

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Requirements

Political science enjoys a central position among the social sciences. Aristotle characterized politics as the “queen of the sciences.” It is a broad discipline that encompasses philosophical, historical and analytical studies of governments, politics and policies. Political science students learn not only the concepts, theories and methods associated with the discipline, but also gain the cognitive and presentational skills required of tomorrow’s public and private leaders. At its core, politics is about building and maintaining communities at the local, state, national and international levels that enable citizens to live enriching and fulfilling lives. Political science students develop not only an understanding of those communities, but also the ability to influence them.

Total Program Credits: 120

General Education Requirements:		35 Credits
	ENGL 1010 Introduction to Academic Writing	3
or	ENGL 1010 Literacies and Composition Across Context (5)	
	ENGL 2010 Intermediate Writing Academic Writing and Research	3
Complete one of the following:		3
	MAT 1030 Quantitative Reasoning (3) (recommended)	
	MAT 1035 Quantitative Reasoning with Integrated Algebra (6) (recommended)	
	STAT 1040 Introduction to Statistics (3)	
	STAT 1045 Introduction to Statistics with Algebra (5)	
	MATH 1050 College Algebra (4) (recommended for business, Education, Science, and Health Professions majors)	
	MATH 1055 College Algebra with Preliminaries (5)	
Complete one of the following:		3
	HIST 1700 American Civilization (3)	
	HIST 2700 US History to 1877 (3)	
and	HIST 2710 US History since 1877 (3)	
	HIST 1740 US Economic History (3)	
	POLS 1000 American Heritage (3)	
Complete the following:		
	PHIL 2050 Ethics and Values	3
	HLTH 1100 Personal Health and Wellness (2)	
or	EXSC 1097 Fitness for Life	2
Distribution Courses:		
	Biology	3
	Physical Science	3
	Additional Biology or Physical Science	3
	Humanities	3
	Fine Arts	3

Social/Behavioral Science		3
Discipline Core Requirements:		30 Credits
POLS 1100	American National Government	3
POLS 2100	Introduction to International Relations	3
POLS 2200	Introduction to Comparative Politics	3
POLS 230G	Introduction to Political Theory	3
POLS 3000	Political Analysis	3
POLS 4990	Senior Seminar WE (3)	
or	POLS 480R Internship WE	3
or	PJST 4900 Peace and Justice Studies Capstone (3)	
Quantitative Requirement		
POLS 3010	Political Analysis II	3
Complete 9 credits from the following courses:		9
POLS 3020	Public Program Analysis (3)	
POLS 3040	Survey Research and Design Methods (3)	
POLS 3050	Experimental Methods in Political Science (3)	
POLS 3060	Qualitative Analysis (3)	
POLS 3070	Policy Analysis (3)	
Elective Requirements:		25 Credits
Any courses numbered 1000 or higher. (3 credit hours must be upper division (3000-4000 level courses))		25
Emphasis Requirements:		30 Credits
Complete 18 credits from the following courses (at least one must be Writing Enriched):		18
AIST 4600	Contemporary American Indian Political and Social Issues (3)	
CNST 3870	Constitutional History to Plessy 1896 (3)	
CNST 3880	Constitutional History Since Plessy 1896 (3)	
CNST 4720	Foundations of American Constitutionalism (3)	
CNST 4790	US Constitution (3)	
PJST 4300	Race Gender and Class in Peace and Justice (3)	
POLS 3030	State and Local Government (3)	
POLS 3040	Survey Research and Design Methods (3)	
POLS 3120	Political Parties (3)	
POLS 3150	US Presidency (3)	
POLS 3160	Campaigns and Elections (3)	
POLS 3170	Political Psychology (3)	
POLS 3180	Public Opinion and Political Behavior (3)	
POLS 3200	US Congress (3)	
POLS 3220	Interest Groups (3)	
POLS 3310	Introduction to Public Policy WE (3)	

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	POLS 3350	Health Politics and Policy (3)	
	POLS 3480	Race in Politics (3)	
	POLS 420R	Issues and Topics in Political Science (3)	
	POLS 490R	Independent Study (1)	
	PHIL 3700	Social and Political Philosophy (3)	
	SOC 3460	Political Sociology (3)	
	Complete any 12 elective credits (4 credits must be upper division)		12

Graduation Requirements:

1. Completion of a minimum of 120 or more semester credits, 40 credits must be upper-division.
2. Overall grade point average of 2.0 (C) or above, with no POLS course grade below C-.
3. Residency hours: minimum of 30 credit hours through course attendance at UVU, with at least 10 hours earned in the last 45 hours.
4. Completion of GE and specified departmental requirements.
5. Successful completion of at least one Global/Intercultural course.

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Graduation Plan

This graduation plan is a sample plan and is intended to be a guide. Your specific plan may differ based on your Math and English placement and/or transfer credits applied. You are encouraged to meet with an advisor and set up an individualized graduation plan in [Wolverine Track](#).

Milestone courses (pre-requisites for a course in one of the subsequent semesters) are marked in red and italicized.

Semester 1	Course Title	Credit Hours
<i>ENGL 1010 or ENGH 1005</i>	Introduction to Academic Writing or Literacies and Composition Across Context	3
American Institutions	Choose from list	3
Fine Arts	Choose from list	3
Social/Behavioral Sciences	Choose from list	3
Lower-Div Elective	Choose from list	3
	Semester total:	15
Semester 2	Course Title	Credit Hours
<i>ENGL 2010</i>	Intermediate Writing/ Academic Writing and Research	3
<i>MAT 1030</i>	Quantitative Reasoning	3
Lower-Div Elective	Choose from list	3
HLTH 1100 or EXSC 1097	Personal Health & Wellness or Fitness for Life	2
POLS 1100	American National Government	3
	Semester total:	14
Semester 3	Course Title	Credit Hours
<i>PHIL 2050</i>	Ethics & Values	3
Biology	Choose from list	3
Physical Science	Choose from list	3
POLS 2100	Introduction to International Relations	3
POLS 230G	Introduction to Political Theory	3
	Semester total:	15
Semester 4	Course Title	Credit Hours
Biological/Physical Science	Choose from list	3
POLS 2200	Introduction to Comparative Politics	3
Lower-Div Elective	Choose from list	3
Lower-Div Elective	Choose from list	3
Lower-Div Elective	Choose from list	3
	Semester total:	15
Semester 5	Course Title	Credit Hours

Language 1010		4
POLS Concentration	Choose from concentration list	3
Upper-Div Elective		3
<i>POLS 3000</i>	Political Analysis	3
POLS 3300	Introduction to Public Administration	3
	Semester total:	16
Semester 6	Course Title	Credit Hours
Language 1020		4
POLS 3310	Introduction to Public Policy WE	3
POLS Concentration	Choose from concentration list	3
POLS Concentration	Choose from concentration list	3
POLS 3250	Introduction to Law and Politics	3
	Semester total:	16
Semester 7	Course Title	Credit Hours
Language 2010		4
POLS Concentration	Choose from concentration list	3
POLS Concentration	Choose from concentration list	3
POLS Concentration	Choose from concentration list	3
POLS Concentration	Choose from concentration list	3
	Semester total:	16
Semester 8	Course Title	Credit Hours
Language 202G/2020		4
POLS 480R/POLS 4990	Internship WE or Senior Seminar WE	3
Upper-Div Elective	Choose from list	3
Upper-Div Elective	Choose from list	3
	Semester total:	13
	Degree total:	120