

## 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
	<a href="#">ENGL 1010</a> Introduction to Academic Writing	3
or	<a href="#">ENGL 1005</a> Literacies and Composition Across Context (5)	
	<a href="#">ENGL 2010</a> Intermediate Writing Academic Writing and Research	3
Complete one of the following:		3
	<a href="#">MAT 1030</a> Quantitative Reasoning (3) (recommended)	
	<a href="#">MAT 1035</a> Quantitative Reasoning with Integrated Algebra (6) (recommended)	
	<a href="#">STAT 1040</a> Introduction to Statistics (3)	
	<a href="#">STAT 1045</a> Introduction to Statistics with Algebra (5)	
	<a href="#">MATH 1050</a> College Algebra (4) (recommended for business, Education, Science, and Health Professions majors)	
	<a href="#">MATH 1055</a> College Algebra with Preliminaries (5)	
Complete one of the following:		3
	<a href="#">HIST 1700</a> American Civilization (3)	
	<a href="#">HIST 2700</a> US History to 1877 (3)	
and	<a href="#">HIST 2710</a> US History since 1877 (3)	
	<a href="#">HIST 1740</a> US Economic History (3)	
	<a href="#">POLS 1000</a> American Heritage (3)	
Complete the following:		
	<a href="#">PHIL 2050</a> Ethics and Values	3
	<a href="#">HLTH 1100</a> Personal Health and Wellness (2)	
or	<a href="#">PES 1097</a> 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
<a href="#">POLS 1100</a>	American National Government	3
<a href="#">POLS 2100</a>	Introduction to International Relations	3
<a href="#">POLS 2200</a>	Introduction to Comparative Politics	3
<a href="#">POLS 230G</a>	Introduction to Political Theory	3
<a href="#">POLS 3000</a>	Political Analysis	3
<a href="#">POLS 4990</a>	Senior Seminar WE (3)	
or	<a href="#">POLS 480R</a> Internship WE	3
or	<a href="#">PJST 4900</a> Peace and Justice Studies Capstone (3)	
Quantitative Requirement		
<a href="#">POLS 3010</a>	Political Analysis II	3
Complete 9 credits from the following courses:		9
<a href="#">POLS 3020</a>	Public Program Analysis (3)	
<a href="#">POLS 3040</a>	Survey Research and Design Methods (3)	
<a href="#">POLS 3050</a>	Experimental Methods in Political Science (3)	
<a href="#">POLS 3060</a>	Qualitative Analysis (3)	
<a href="#">POLS 3070</a>	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
<a href="#">AIST 4600</a>	Contemporary American Indian Political and Social Issues (3)	
<a href="#">CNST 3870</a>	Constitutional History to Plessy 1896 (3)	
<a href="#">CNST 3880</a>	Constitutional History Since Plessy 1896 (3)	
<a href="#">CNST 4720</a>	Foundations of American Constitutionalism (3)	
<a href="#">CNST 4790</a>	US Constitution (3)	
<a href="#">PJST 4300</a>	Race Gender and Class in Peace and Justice (3)	
<a href="#">POLS 3030</a>	State and Local Government (3)	
<a href="#">POLS 3040</a>	Survey Research and Design Methods (3)	
<a href="#">POLS 3120</a>	Political Parties (3)	
<a href="#">POLS 3150</a>	US Presidency (3)	
<a href="#">POLS 3180</a>	Public Opinion and Political Behavior (3)	
<a href="#">POLS 3200</a>	US Congress (3)	
<a href="#">POLS 3220</a>	Interest Groups (3)	
<a href="#">POLS 3310</a>	Introduction to Public Policy WE (3)	
<a href="#">POLS 3480</a>	Race in Politics (3)	

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	<a href="#">POLS 420R</a>	Issues and Topics in Political Science (3)	
	<a href="#">POLS 4250</a>	Public Health Organization and Policy WE (3)	
	<a href="#">POLS 490R</a>	Independent Study (1)	
	<a href="#">PHIL 3700</a>	Social and Political Philosophy (3)	
	<a href="#">SOC 3460</a>	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
POLS 1100	American National Government	3
HLTH 1100 or PES 1097	Personal Health & Wellness or Fitness for Life	2
Fine Arts	Choose from list	3
Lower-Div Elective	Choose from list	3
Lower-Div Elective	Choose from list	3
	Semester total:	17
Semester 2	Course Title	Credit Hours
<i>ENGL 2010</i>	Intermediate Writing/ Academic Writing and Research	3
<i>MAT 1030</i>	Quantitative Reasoning	3
Humanities	Choose from list	3
American Institutions	Choose from list	3
POLS 2100	Introduction to International Relations	3
	Semester total:	15
Semester 3	Course Title	Credit Hours
<i>PHIL 2050</i>	Ethics & Values	3
Biology	Choose from list	3
Physical Science	Choose from list	3
Social/Behavioral Sciences	Choose from list	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
Upper-division elective		3
Lower-Div Elective	Choose from list	3
Lower-Div Elective	Choose from list	3
	Semester total:	15

Semester 5	Course Title	Credit Hours
Upper-division elective		3
POLS Concentration	Choose from concentration list	3
Upper-Div Elective		3
<i>POLS 3000</i>	Political Analysis	3
Upper-division elective		3
	Semester total:	15
Semester 6	Course Title	Credit Hours
Quantitative Requirement	Choose from list	3
POLS 3010	Political Analysis II	3
POLS Concentration	Choose from concentration list.	3
POLS Concentration	Choose from concentration list.	3
Upper-Div. Elective	Choose from list.	3
	Semester total:	15
Semester 7	Course Title	Credit Hours
Quantitative Requirement	Choose from list	3
POLS Concentration	Choose from concentration list.	3
POLS Concentration	Choose from concentration list.	3
POLS Concentration	Choose from concentration list.	3
Upper-division elective		3
	Semester total:	15
Semester 8	Course Title	Credit Hours
Quantitative Requirement	Choose from list	3
POLS 480R/POLS 4990	Internship WE or Senior Seminar WE	3
Upper-Div Elective	Choose from list	4
Upper-Div Elective	Choose from list	3
	Semester total:	13
	Degree total:	120