

Political Science - Public Administration and Public Policy Emphasis, B.A.

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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:		36 Credits
	ENGL 1010 Introduction to Academic Writing	3
or	ENGL 1005 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)	
	MATH 1055 College Algebra with Preliminaries (5)	
	MATH 1090 College Algebra for Business (3)	
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 (fulfilled by completing any foreign language 202G/2020 course)	4
	Fine Arts	3

Social/Behavioral Science		3
Discipline Core Requirements:		18 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)	3
or	PJST 4900 Peace and Justice Studies Capstone (3)	
Elective Requirements:		36 Credits
Foreign Language Requirement: Complete 1010,1020, 2010, and 202G (one language)		12
Any courses numbered 1000 or higher. (9 credit hours must be upper division (3000-4000 level courses))		24
Emphasis Requirements:		30 Credits
POLS 3300	Introduction to Public Administration	3
POLS 3310	Introduction to Public Policy WE	3
Complete 12 credits from the followings courses:		12
AIST 3590	American Indian Law (3)	
AIST 3600	American Indian Policy and Tribal Government (3)	
ECON 2010	Principles of Economics I (3)	
ECON 2020	Principles of Economics II (3)	
ECON 4150	Public Finance (3)	
HR 3430	Introduction to Human Resource Management (3)	
POLS 3020	Public Program Analysis (3)	
POLS 3030	State and Local Government (3)	
POLS 3070	Policy Analysis (3)	
POLS 3320	Nonprofits and The Public Sector (3)	
POLS 3340	Public Innovation (3)	
POLS 3350	Health Politics and Policy (3)	
POLS 3370	Leading Cities (3)	
POLS 3380	Local Economic Development (3)	
POLS 3390	Urban Planning (3)	
POLS 420R	Issues and Topics in Political Science (3)	
POLS 490R	Independent Study (1)	
Complete any 12 elective credits (at least 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 lower than a C-.

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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. Completion of 16 credit hours of coursework from one language to include 1010, 1020, 2010, and 202G/2020 levels or transferred equivalents.
6. Successful completion of at least one Global/Intercultural course.

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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	3
	Fine Arts	3
	Social/Behavioral Sciences	3
	Lower-Div Elective	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	3
	HLTH/EXSC Personal Health & Wellness or Fitness for Life	2
	<i>POLS 1100</i> American National Government	3
	Semester total:	14
Semester 3	Course Title	Credit Hours
PHIL 2050	Ethics & Values	3
	Biological Science	3
	Physical Science	3
	POLS 2100 Introduction to International Relations	3
	POLS 230G Introduction to Political Theory	3
	Semester total:	15
Semester 4	Course Title	Credit Hours
POLS 2200	Introduction to Comparative Politics	3
	Biological / Physical Science	3
	Lower-Div Elective	3
	Lower-Div Elective	3
	Lower-Div Elective	3
	Semester total:	15

Semester 5	Course Title	Credit Hours
Language 1010	Foreign Language	4
<i>POLS 3000</i>	Political Analysis	3
POLS 3300	Introduction to Public Administration	3
POLS Concentration	Choose from concentration list	3
Lower-Div. Elective	Choose from list	3
	Semester total:	16
Semester 6	Course Title	Credit Hours
Language 1020	Foreign Language	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	Foreign Language	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	Foreign Language	4
POLS 480R/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