

Political Science - American Government Emphasis, B.S.

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. The American Government Emphasis focuses on the political institutions and behaviors specifically in the American context.

Program Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Political Science Requirements		120 Credits
Complete the requirements		90
Emphasis Requirements		
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 3130	American Political Geography (3)	
POLS 3150	US Presidency (3)	
POLS 3160	Campaigns and Elections (3)	
POLS 3170	Political Psychology WE (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)	
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 (1-4)	
PHIL 3700	Social and Political Philosophy (3)	
SOC 3460	Political Sociology (3)	
Complete any 12 elective credits (4 credits must be upper division)		12

Core Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Total Credit Hours		90
General Education Requirements		35 Credits
ENGL 1010 or ENGH 1005	Introduction to Academic Writing CC Literacies and Composition Across Contexts CC	3
ENGL 2010	Intermediate Academic Writing CC	3
Complete one of the following:		3

MAT 1030	Quantitative Reasoning QL (3) (recommended)	
MAT 1035	Quantitative Reasoning with Integrated Algebra QL (6) (recommended)	
STAT 1040	Introduction to Statistics QL (3)	
STAT 1045	Introduction to Statistics with Algebra QL (5)	
MATH 1050	College Algebra QL (4) (recommended for business, Education, Science, and Health Professions majors)	
MATH 1055	College Algebra with Preliminaries QL (5)	
Complete one of the following:		3
HIST 1700	American Civilization AS (3)	
HIST 2700 & HIST 2710	US History to 1877 AS and US History since 1877 AS (6)	
HIST 1740	US Economic History AS (3)	
POLS 1000	American Heritage AS (3)	
Complete the following:		
PHIL 2050	Ethics and Values IH	3
HLTH 1100 or EXSC 1097	Personal Health and Wellness TE Fitness for Life TE	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 AS	3
POLS 2100	Introduction to International Relations SS	3
POLS 2200	Introduction to Comparative Politics SS	3
POLS 230G	Introduction to Political Theory GI	3
POLS 3000	Political Analysis	3
POLS 4990 or POLS 480R or PJST 4900	Senior Seminar WE (3) Internship WE Peace and Justice Studies Capstone WE	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

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.

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 (<http://www.uvu.edu/wolverinetrack/>).

First Year

Semester 1		Credit Hours
ENGL 1010 or ENGH 1005	Introduction to Academic Writing CC or Literacies and Composition Across Contexts CC	3
American Institutions		3
Fine Arts		3
Social/Behavioral Sciences		3
Lower-Div Elective		3
Credit Hours		15

Semester 2

ENGL 2010	Intermediate Academic Writing CC	3
MAT 1030	Quantitative Reasoning QL	3
Lower-Div Elective		3
HLTH 1100 or EXSC 1097	Personal Health and Wellness TE or Fitness for Life TE	2
POLS 1100	American National Government AS	3
Credit Hours		14

Second Year

Semester 3

PHIL 2050	Ethics and Values IH	3
Biology		3
Physical Science		3
POLS 2100	Introduction to International Relations SS	3
POLS 230G	Introduction to Political Theory GI	3
Credit Hours		15

Semester 4

Biological/Physical Science		3
POLS 2200	Introduction to Comparative Politics SS	3
Lower-Div Elective		3
Lower-Div Elective		3
Lower-Div Elective		3
Credit Hours		15

Third Year

Semester 5

Language 1010		4
POLS Concentration		3
Upper-Div Elective		3
POLS 3000	Political Analysis	3
POLS 3300	Introduction to Public Administration	3
Credit Hours		16

Semester 6

Language 1020		4
POLS 3310	Introduction to Public Policy WE	3
POLS Concentration		3
POLS Concentration		3
POLS 3250	Introduction to Law and Politics	3
Credit Hours		16

Fourth Year

Semester 7

Language 2010		4
POLS Concentration		3
POLS Concentration		3
POLS Concentration		3
POLS Concentration		3
Credit Hours		16

Semester 8

Language 202G/2020		4
POLS 480R or POLS 4990	Internship WE or Senior Seminar WE	3
Upper-Div Elective		3
Upper-Div Elective		3
Credit Hours		13
Total Credit Hours		120

Program Learning Outcomes

1. Demonstrate critical reading, analytical thinking, advanced writing, and oral presentation skills.
2. Demonstrate competency in identifying and comparing various types of political models, political theories, and academic literature.
3. Acquire civic knowledge and understand how it is important for civic engagement.