

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

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.

Program Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Political Science Requirements		120 Credits
Complete the requirements		90
Emphasis Requirements		
POLS 3300	Introduction to Public Administration	3
POLS 3310	Introduction to Public Policy WE	3
Complete 12 credits from the following courses:		12
AIST 3590	American Indian Law (3)	
AIST 3600	American Indian Policy and Tribal Government (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 3330	Environmental Politics and Policy (3)	
POLS 3340	Public Innovation (3)	
POLS 3350	Health Politics and Policy (3)	
POLS 3360	The Politics of Economic Inequality (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 (1-4)	
Complete any 12 elective credits (at least 4 credits must be upper division)		12

Core Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Total Credit Hours		90
General Education Requirements		36 Credits
ENGL 1010 or ENGL 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)	
MATH 1055	College Algebra with Preliminaries QL (5)	
MATH 1090	College Algebra for Business QL (3)	
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 (fulfilled by completing any foreign language 202G/2020)		4
Fine Arts		3
Social/Behavioral Science		3
Discipline Core Requirements		18
		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
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

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-.
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.

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
Biological Science		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		
POLS 2200	Introduction to Comparative Politics SS	3
Biological / Physical Science		3
Lower-Div Elective		3
Lower-Div Elective		3
Lower-Div Elective		3
	Credit Hours	15
Third Year		
Semester 5		
Language 1010		4
POLS 3000	Political Analysis	3
POLS 3300	Introduction to Public Administration	3
POLS Concentration		3
Lower-Div. Elective		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.