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**Political Science**

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**Degrees offered:** Bachelor of Science (BS), Bachelor of Arts (BA), Master of Science (MS), and Master of Arts (MA) in Political Science; BS and BA in Law and Constitutional Studies. Participates in a pilot program of Master of Social Sciences (MSS), with an emphasis in Public Administration, administered through Continuing Education.

## ***Undergraduate Programs***

### ***Objectives***

The Department of Political Science offers a flexible program to accomplish the following objectives:

1. to provide students with theoretical and factual understanding of government, politics, and political philosophy, nationally and internationally;
2. to develop students' analytic ability, communication skills, and facility with political research methods;
3. to prepare students for effective participation in civic affairs, careers in government and the teaching of government, and graduate study in political science, law, and other fields related to the public sector; and
4. to further the liberal arts education mission of the University and to enrich the educational experiences of students in all programs of study.

### ***Admission and Prerequisite Requirements***

**Departmental Admission Requirements.** Admission requirements for the Department of Political Science include a minimum 2.0 GPA for Political Science majors and a minimum 3.0 GPA for

Law and Constitutional Studies majors. Students in good standing may apply for admission to the department.

**Prerequisites.** It is assumed that students registered for upper-division political science courses have acquired the basic knowledge and information taught in the lower-division courses required for the major. Anyone who wishes to take an upper-division course, but has not had the appropriate prerequisites, should consult with the instructor before registering. Faculty members reserve the right to drop from upper-division courses students who do not meet these requirements.

### ***Graduation Requirements***

**Political Science Major.** Students must have at least 36 semester credits in the field. These must include PolS 1100; PolS 2100 or 2200; PolS 2350, 3000, and 4990. PolS 4990 is a senior seminar and may be taken as early as the final semester of the junior year. In addition, students must take a minimum of 6 upper-division credits in each of two depth areas (U.S. Government, Comparative Politics, International Relations, or Political Theory). Internship credit does not count toward the depth requirement. A minimum 2.5 GPA in political science courses and a minimum 2.0 overall GPA are required.

**Law and Constitutional Studies Major.** This is a rigorous program designed for students interested in leadership roles in business, public communications, government, education, or the study or practice of law. Students must have at least 36 credits in political science. These must include PolS 1100, 2350, 3120, 3170, 4120, and 5130, as well as one of PolS 3320, 4130, or 4140. A minimum 3.0 GPA in political science courses and a minimum 3.0 overall GPA are required.

**Minor.** Students can obtain a minor in political science by completing a total of 18 credits in the field. PolS 1100; PolS 2100 or 2200; and PolS 2350 must be included. The remaining credits must be from upper-division courses.

**Teaching Major.** This program is intended exclusively for students seeking careers in *secondary* education. Students must have at least 36 credits in political science courses chosen from a list available from the department and in the *Guide to the Undergraduate Program in Secondary Education at USU*, available at the USU Bookstore. A minimum 2.5 GPA in political science courses and a minimum 2.75 overall GPA are required.

**Teaching Minor.** This minor is designed specifically for students seeking careers in *secondary* education. Students must have at least 18 credits in political science chosen from a list available from the department and in the *Guide to the Undergraduate Program in Secondary Education at USU*, available at the USU Bookstore.

**Certificate in International Relations.** Certificates are intensive programs of study similar to majors, but involving courses in more than one academic discipline. Political science, economics, and business, for example, may be combined. The Political Science Department participates in the International Relations certificate program. It is designed for those planning careers in international business or diplomacy. Information on this certificate is available from Veronica Ward, Main 324E, (435) 797-1319.

### **Internships**

The department places approximately 40-45 students in government or related internships each year. Most of these interns work with a member of the Utah delegation to the U.S. Congress in Washington, D.C., a member of the Utah Legislature in Salt Lake City, a political campaign, a state or local administrative agency, or a lobbying group. Students in any major, of at least junior class standing, and having a minimum GPA of 3.0 are eligible to apply.

### **Pi Sigma Alpha**

Pi Sigma Alpha is the national honorary political science society. A member must have at least 15 credits of political science with a minimum 3.0 GPA and a minimum 3.0 GPA overall.

### **Financial Support**

The Political Science Department offers a number of scholarships yearly to students. Contact the College of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences dean's office for applications (usually available around the first week of January and due back the first week of March) at (435) 797-1195 or visit the college office in Main 338.

## **Graduate Programs**

### **Departmental Admission Requirements**

Applicants must have a BS or BA degree. An undergraduate GPA of 3.0 or better, **or** a GPA of 3.5 or better over the last 90 semester credits of undergraduate coursework is required. Students must have quantitative, verbal, and analytical GRE scores at or above the 50th percentile. Applicants with very high GPAs and other exceptional supporting materials may petition for admission with deficient GRE scores. The graduate admissions committee will review petitions individually.

International students must receive a score of 550 or better on the TOEFL exam.

Due to limited space, acceptance into Political Science graduate programs is not guaranteed, even for students who meet admission requirements. Moreover, all students are expected to perform at high levels throughout their program. Any student receiving a *C* grade or lower for any course at any level **or** a grade point average below 3.0 for a given semester will be placed on academic probation. Receipt of two grades of *C* or lower or a grade point average below 3.0 for two semesters will result in termination from the program. In addition, students must meet the requirements of the School of Graduate Studies. Applicants not meeting minimum requirements may be allowed to correct deficiencies concurrently with graduate coursework.

Applications will be considered throughout the year. However, students who wish to be considered for financial aid outside of the department must submit applications by **March 15** for the coming academic year.

**No application will be considered until all required information arrives in the office of the School of Graduate Studies.**

### **Assistantships**

The department appoints a number of teaching assistants, each with a \$7,000 annual stipend. Appointments are for one year, but are renewable for a second year. Research assistantships and government internships are sometimes available as well. Applications are available from the Political Science Department and are due on March 1.

### **Course Requirements**

Students must choose between two tracks: (1) **Public Choice and Public Policy** or (2) **Comparative and International Change**. Course requirements differ according to the track chosen. All students, however, must take PolS 6010, which is the foundation course for the program.

**Public Choice and Public Policy.** Students in this track must complete the following courses: PolS 6030 and 6040. In addition, students must complete 3 credits chosen from the following list: PolS 5110, 5130, 5180, and Econ 5500. Students must also take at least one course from the **Comparative and International Change** track.

**Comparative and International Change.** Students in this track must complete PolS 6220. In addition, students must complete 6 credits chosen from the following list: PolS 5200, 5210, 5230, 5270, 5290, 5350, and 6030. Students must also take at least one course from the **Public Choice and Public Policy** track.

For both tracks, the remaining 15 credits needed for the graduate degree may be comprised of: (1) up to 6 credits of PolS 6910 (subject to approval); (2) up to 3 credits of PolS 6920 (subject to approval); (3) up to 3 credits of approved graduate courses outside of Political Science; and (4) other Political Science graduate courses. No more than 15 semester credits of 5000-5990 coursework may be used for a graduate degree.

## Political Science Courses (PolS)

**PolS 1100 (BAI). United States Government and Politics.** U.S. Constitution, political parties and elections, interest groups, Congress, president, bureaucracy, courts, and civil rights and liberties. This course meets the Americanization requirement. (3 cr) (F,Sp) ©

**PolS 2100.<sup>1</sup> Introduction to International Politics.** Analysis of the nation-state system as well as interdependence of the global community. (3 cr) (F,Sp)

**PolS 2200 (BSS).<sup>1</sup> Comparative Politics.** Comparisons of differences in political culture, institutions, and processes, including authoritarian and democratic systems, violence and corruption, political development, and public policy. (3 cr) (F,Sp)

**PolS 2350. Introduction to Political Theory.** A survey course covering ancient and modern political theory. (3 cr) (F,Sp)

**PolS 3000 (QI).<sup>2</sup> Introduction to Political Research.** Methodology, methods, and approaches used to study and analyze political events and relationships, including the use of library resources. Prerequisite: Stat 1040 or Math 1030. (3 cr) (F,Sp)

**\*PolS 3100. Global Issues.** The origins and consequences of conflict and cooperation in an interdependent global community are examined in order to analyze how transnational, as well as competing national, interests and institutions affect economic, political, and environmental choices and outcomes. (3 cr) (F)

**\*\*PolS 3110 (DSS). Parties and Elections.** Political parties, campaigns, and elections. (3 cr) (Sp)

**PolS 3120 (DSS). Law and Politics.** Examines history, processes, and theories underlying American law and politics. Makes selective comparison of the American legal system with other legal systems. (3 cr) (F)

**PolS 3130 (DSS). United States Legislative Politics.** Legislative process. (3 cr) (Sp)

**\*PolS 3140 (DSS). The Presidency.** Examines the origins, purposes, and scope of the executive power in the American constitutional system. (3 cr) (F)

**PolS 3150. State and Local Government.** Includes state and local politics, in addition to metro-urban politics. (3 cr) (Sp)

**PolS 3160. Practicing American National Government.** Includes survey of legislative, executive, and judicial governing. Offers academic basis for Washington, DC experience. (3 cr) (F,Sp,Su)

**PolS 3170. Law and Economics.** Explains legal and political rules, the organization of government, and other institutional processes. Uses standard microeconomic tools and concepts, such as scarcity, choice, preferences, incentives, and supply and demand. Prerequisite: PolS 1100. Also taught as Econ 3170. (3 cr) (F)

**PolS 3190 (DSS). Gender, Power, and Politics.** Examines the question of gender inequality in politics, focusing on contemporary political issues cross-culturally and in different political systems. (3 cr) (F)

**\*\*PolS 3210 (DSS). Western European Government and Politics.** Britain, France, Germany, Scandinavia, and the European Union. (3 cr) (F)

**\*PolS 3220 (DSS). Russian and East European Government and Politics.** (3 cr) (F)

**\*\*PolS 3230. Middle Eastern Government and Politics.** General overview of political cultures and political developments in the Middle East. (3 cr) (F)

**PolS 3250 (DSS). Chinese Government and Politics.** (3 cr) (F)

**PolS 3270 (DSS). Latin American Government and Politics.** Survey of most of the governments and politics of Latin America, emphasizing events, policies, and governmental actions of the past decade. (3 cr) (F)

**PolS 3310 (DSS). American Political Thought.** Survey of American political thought from colonial times to the present. (3 cr) (F)

**PolS 3320. The Foundations of American Constitutionalism.** Introduces students to debate over constitutions, constitutionalism, and constitution-making which occurred during the period (roughly) from the Revolution to the election of 1800. (3 cr)

**PolS 3400 (DSS).<sup>3</sup> United States Foreign Policy.** Formulation, execution, and impact of United States foreign policy. (3 cr) (F,Sp)

**PolS 3430. Political Geography.** The relationship between earth and state. World political phenomena studied from a geographic point of view, including international boundaries, territorial seas, and landlocked states. Also taught as Geog 3430. (3 cr) (Sp)

**PolS 3810 (DSS). Introduction to Public Policy.** Examines different approaches to the study of public policy and different value dimensions in the design of policies. (3 cr) (F)

**PolS 4000.<sup>4</sup> Political Analysis.** Political data, quantitative and analytical techniques. Prerequisite for majors: PolS 3000. (3 cr) (F)

**PolS 4120. American Constitutional Law.** Governmental powers, separation of powers, checks and balances, federalism, and due process of law. Equality and Bill of Rights protections. (3 cr) (F)

**PolS 4130. Constitutional Theory.** Introduces students to modern constitutional theory, with particular emphasis on American Constitutional Theory. Prerequisite: PolS 1100. (3 cr) (Sp)

**PolS 4140. Political Organizations.** Focuses on formal and informal constitutional rules, examining how different sets of rule structures impact the collective decisions of individuals in society and how individuals can influence or shape the rules structuring their lives. Prerequisite: PolS 1100. (3 cr)

**\*\*PolS 4210. European Union Politics.** Explores creation and ongoing development of the European Union. Examines governing institutions, and internal and external politics of the European Union across a number of issues areas. (3 cr) (Sp)

**PolS 4220 (CI).<sup>4</sup> Ethnic Conflict and Cooperation.** Examines origins of ethnic groups and the causes of ethnic conflicts, as well as different strategies for prevent-

ing or resolving such conflict. Explores conditions facilitating interethnic cooperation, the more common form of ethnic group interaction. (3 cr) (Sp)

**\*\*PolS 4230. Issues in Middle East Politics.** Contemporary Middle Eastern political movements, regional conflicts, and state-level political change. (3 cr) (Sp)

**\*PolS 4260. Southeast Asian Government and Politics.** (3 cr) (Sp)

**\*PolS 4280. Politics and War.** Examines causes and implications of war. Study of wars from general to limited, including case studies such as the Vietnam War. (3 cr) (Sp)

**PolS 4310. History of Political Thought I.** Issues and thinkers in ancient and medieval political thought. (3 cr) (Sp)

**\*PolS 4320 (DSS). History of Political Thought II.** Issues and thinkers in modern and contemporary political thought. (3 cr) (Sp)

**\*PolS 4410. Global Negotiations.** Creates an awareness of international issues and other cultures. Utilizes a computer simulation program in which negotiating teams of students from around the world are linked in a negotiation simulation. (3 cr) (Sp)

**PolS 4450 (CI). United States and Latin America.** Study and analysis of foreign relations of Latin American nations among themselves and with the rest of the world. (3 cr) (Sp)

**\*PolS 4460. National Security Policy.** How intelligence systems function, fit within the policymaking systems of free societies, and are managed and controlled. (3 cr) (Sp)

**\*PolS 4470. Foreign Policy in the Pacific.** Analysis of contemporary foreign policies of major countries surrounding the North Pacific. (3 cr) (Sp)

**\*\*PolS 4480. International Trade Policy.** Examines governance and politics of international trade relations, focusing in particular on cooperation, conflict, and dispute resolution in the GATT/WTO, European community, NAFTA, and Asian cooperative regimes. (3 cr) (Sp)

**PolS 4810. Politics and Public Policy.** Explains public policies as rational expressions of political self-interest and explores the relationship between self-interest and values such as "equity" and "efficiency" in policy. (3 cr) (F)

**\*\*PolS 4820 (DSS). Natural Resources and Environmental Policy: Political Economy of Environmental Quality.** Causes of environmental and natural resources problems and evaluation of political and private responses to them. Study of economics and politics applied to the environment. Production, protection, and allocation of scarce resources by markets and political systems. (3 cr) (Sp)

**PolS 4890. Special Topics.** Credit arranged. Instructor's permission required. (1-5 cr) (F,Sp) ®

**PolS 4910. Readings and Conference.** Individually directed study in subjects of special interest to students. Credit arranged. Instructor permission required. (1-5 cr) (F,Sp,Su) ®

**PolS 4990 (CI). Senior Research Seminar.** Introduces students to the research process by having them complete a major research project in the topic area of the particular professor. (3 cr) (F,Sp) ®

**\*\*PolS 5110. Social Policy.** Examines health, education, and welfare policies in U.S. contexts and in comparative context. (3 cr) (F)

**PolS 5120. Economics of Russia and Eastern Europe, 9th Century to 21st Century.** Development of the economics of Russia and Eastern Europe from earliest times to the present, emphasizing the interaction between economic forces and policies of the state. Prerequisite: Econ 2010. Also taught as Econ 5120. (3 cr) (F)

**PolS 5130. Law and Policy.** Analyzes the relationship between law and the formation and implementation of policy. (3 cr) (Sp)

**\*\*PolS 5180. Natural Resource Policy.** Political and economic theory applied to the analysis of natural resource allocation conflicts and U.S. policies enacted to resolve such conflicts. (3 cr) (Sp)

**\*PolS 5200. Global Environment.** Examines different strategies for resolving global resource and environmental problems. (3 cr) (F)

**\*PolS 5210. Comparative Political Change/Development.** Emphasis on approaches and theories in the field of comparative politics, with a focus on political change/development. (3 cr) (F)

**\*PolS 5230. Development in the Middle East.** Study of Middle Eastern regimes, political cultures, and political developments. (3 cr) (Sp)

**PolS 5270.<sup>4</sup> Latin American Politics and Development.** Focuses on special contemporary issues of selected Latin American nations, such as democratization, the role of the military, and elections. (3 cr) (Sp)

**PolS 5290.<sup>4</sup> Development in Europe.** Emphasizes political and economic development in Europe. (3 cr) (Sp)

**\*PolS 5350 (DSS). Evolution, Conflict, and Cooperation.** Intensively examines human cooperation as a fundamental problem of development and human conflict as the major obstacle to development. (3 cr) (Sp)

**\*\*PolS 5440 (DSS). Gender and World Politics.** Examines the role gender inequality plays in the construction of international relations, using a variety of feminist approaches. Central theme of gendered critique is global security, defined in terms of economic, ecological, political, and military dimensions. (3 cr) (Sp)

**PolS 5910. Campaign Internship.** A semester campaign internship. Instructor approval required. (2-15 cr) (F,Sp,Su) ®

**PolS 5920. Washington Internship.** A semester congressional, administrative, or legal internship in Washington, D.C. Instructor approval required. (2-15 cr) (F,Sp,Su) ®

**PolS 5930. State Government Internship.** A semester legislative, lobbying, or administrative internship in the state government of Utah or those of any other state government. Instructor approval required. (2-15 cr) (F,Sp,Su) ®

**PolS 5940. Administrative Internship.** A semester administrative internship at the local or state level. Instructor approval required. (2-15 cr) (F,Sp,Su) ®

**PolS 6010. Scope and Methods of Political Science.** A graduate survey of the philosophy and methods of political analysis. Topics ranging from the methodology of inquiry to elementary statistical methods will be covered. (3 cr) (F)

**\*PoIS 6030. Political Theory, Political Economy, and Capitalism.** Provides an introduction to the study of political economy by considering the connections among political theory, political economy, and capitalism. (3 cr) (Sp)

**\*PoIS 6040. Public Choice.** Introduction to applying the microeconomic theory of markets to political processes. (3 cr) (F)

**PoIS 6100. Introduction to Public Administration.** Introduction to issues of public and nonprofit management. Provides overview of macro and micro forces influencing public and nonprofit management. (3 cr)

**PoIS 6110. Budgeting and Finance.** Surveys all major activities concerning allocation, investment, and control of public funds, as well as budgeting and revenues in context of fiscal policy making (3 cr) (Alt Sp)

**PoIS 6120. Program Assessment and Evaluation.** Practical guidelines for conducting evaluation studies. Discussion of performance measurement, social indicators, quantitative and qualitative methods, and experimental and quasi-experimental designs as used in applied policy and program research. (3 cr) (Alt F)

**PoIS 6130. Law and Administration.** Exploration and analysis of constitutional and legal basis in which American Public Administration is set, including separation of powers, checks and balances, delegation of discretionary authority, and common law and equity. (3 cr) (Alt Su)

**PoIS 6140. Leadership in Public Organizations.** Analysis of leadership behavior and managerial activities. Examination of major theories of leadership and motivation, including leadership vs. management, leadership qualities and characteristics, and leadership skills. (3 cr) (Alt Su)

**\*\*PoIS 6220. International Relations Theory.** Reading seminar on theory and method in the interplay of politics and economics in international relations. (3 cr) (F)

**PoIS 6810. Graduate Seminar.** American politics; comparative politics; political theory; international politics; public law; public administration. (1-4 cr) (F,Sp,Su) ®

**PoIS 6910. Graduate Tutorial.** Prerequisite: instructor's consent. (1-3 cr) (F,Sp,Su) ®

**PoIS 6920. Internship.** Internship in a public administration agency. Instructor approval required. (1-15 cr) (F,Sp,Su) ®

**PoIS 6970. Thesis Research.** Prerequisite: admission to candidacy. (1-9 cr) (F,Sp,Su) ®

**PoIS 6990. Continuing Graduate Advisement.** (1-3 cr) (F,Sp,Su) ®

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® Repeatable for credit. Check with major department for limitations on number of credits that can be counted for graduation.

© This course is also offered by correspondence through Continuing Education Independent and Distance Education.

\*Taught 2002-2003.

\*\*Taught 2003-2004.

<sup>1</sup>Taught Fall 2002, and Spring 2003 and 2004.

<sup>2</sup>Taught Spring 2003 and Fall 2003.

<sup>3</sup>Taught Fall 2002 and 2003, and Spring 2002 and 2004.

<sup>4</sup>Not taught 2002-2003 or 2003-2004.