

Political Science (POLS)

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POLS 1100 BAI United States Government and Politics 3
U.S. Constitution, political parties and elections, interest groups, Congress, president, bureaucracy, courts, and civil rights and liberties. This course meets the Americanization requirement. (F,Sp)^{DE}

POLS 2100 Introduction to International Politics 3
Analysis of the nation-state system as well as interdependence of the global community. (F,Sp)¹

POLS 2200 BSS Comparative Politics 3
Comparisons of differences in political culture, institutions, and processes, including authoritarian and democratic systems, violence and corruption, political development, and public policy. (F,Sp)^{1 DE}

POLS 2300 Introduction to Political Theory 3
A survey course covering ancient and modern political theory. (F,Sp)

POLS 3000 QI Introduction to Political Research 3
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. (F,Sp)²

POLS 3100 Global Issues* 3
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. (F)

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

POLS 3115 Electoral Behavior 3
Considers the factors influencing citizens to become involved in politics. Explores how voters decide which candidates or issues to support, how candidates might act on that support, and whether or not reforms are needed to ensure greater participation. (F,Sp)

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

POLS 3130 DSS United States Legislative Politics 3
Legislative process. (Sp)

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

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

POLS 3160 Practicing American National Government 3
Includes survey of legislative, executive, and judicial governing. Offers academic basis for Washington, DC experience. This course is not currently being offered. For information about when it may be offered, contact the department.

POLS 3170 Law and Economics 3
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 ECN 3170. (Sp)^{DE}

POLS 3180 Introduction to Public Administration 3
Overviews management of United States governmental affairs. Helps students understand how the government is structured to accomplish the execution and implementation of public policy. Prerequisite: POLS 1100. (F)

POLS 3190 DSS Gender, Power, and Politics 3
Examines the question of gender inequality in politics, focusing on contemporary political issues cross-culturally and in different political systems. This course is not currently being offered. For information about when it may be offered, contact the department.

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

POLS 3220 DSS Russian and East European Government and Politics* 3
(F)

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

POLS 3250 DSS Chinese Government and Politics 3
(F)

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

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

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

POLS 3400 DSS United States Foreign Policy 3
Formulation, execution, and impact of United States foreign policy. (F,Sp)³

POLS 3430 Political Geography 3
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. (Sp)

POLS 3700 Terrorism and Counterterrorism* 3
Explores dynamics, causes, characteristics, and consequences of those acts labeled "terrorist." Also explores counter measures to such acts. (F)

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

POLS 4000 Political Analysis 3
Political data, quantitative and analytical techniques. Prerequisite for majors: POLS 3000. (F)⁴

POLS 4120 American Constitutional Law 3
Analyzes the separation of powers, checks and balances, federalism, the Bill of Rights, and other constitutional amendments. (F,Sp)

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

POLS 4140 Political Organizations 3
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.

POLS 4150 The Supreme Court and the Shaping of America 3
Exposes students to the most important Supreme Court decisions in U.S. history. Outlines how such decisions impact American citizens and policy. (Sp)

Course Descriptions

<p>POLS 4160 The First Amendment 3 Provides an in-depth examination of the first amendment of the U.S. Constitution, based on case law of the Supreme Court and interpretations made within government agencies. (F,Sp)</p> <p>POLS 4210 European Union Politics** 3 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. (Sp)</p> <p>POLS 4220 CI Ethnic Conflict and Cooperation 3 Examines origins of ethnic groups and the causes of ethnic conflicts, as well as different strategies for preventing or resolving such conflict. Explores conditions facilitating interethnic cooperation, the more common form of ethnic group interaction. (Sp)⁴</p> <p>POLS 4230 Issues in Middle East Politics 3 Contemporary Middle Eastern political movements, regional conflicts, and state-level political change. (Sp)</p> <p>POLS 4260 Southeast Asian Government and Politics* 3 (Sp)</p> <p>POLS 4280 Politics and War* 3 Examines causes and implications of war. Study of wars from general to limited, including case studies such as the Vietnam War. (Sp)</p> <p>POLS 4310 CI History of Political Thought I 3 Issues and thinkers in ancient and medieval political thought. (Sp)</p> <p>POLS 4320 DSS History of Political Thought II* 3 Issues and thinkers in modern and contemporary political thought. (Sp)</p> <p>POLS 4330 Political Theory and Literature 3 Utilizes works from the field of literature, partly in order to discuss issues in politics and political philosophy, and partly as examples of political thought at its best. (F,Sp)</p> <p>POLS 4350 Public Policy and Democratic Theory 3 Examines the nature of the American Republic. Focuses on the tension between our republican form of government and the tendency toward democratization. Considers how this balance has changed over time. (F)</p> <p>POLS 4410 Global Negotiations* 3 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. (Sp)</p> <p>POLS 4450 CI United States and Latin America 3 Study and analysis of foreign relations of Latin American nations among themselves and with the rest of the world. (Sp)</p> <p>POLS 4460 National Security Policy* 3 How intelligence systems function, fit within the policymaking systems of free societies, and are managed and controlled. (Sp)</p> <p>POLS 4470 Foreign Policy in the Pacific* 3 Analysis of contemporary foreign policies of major countries surrounding the North Pacific. (Sp)</p> <p>POLS 4800 The Supreme Court and American Constitutional History 3 Examines many of the major arguments made about the Constitution, which were presented before the Supreme Court of the United States. Also taught as HIST 4800.</p> <p>POLS 4810 Politics and Public Policy 3 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. (F)</p>	<p>POLS 4820 DSS Natural Resources and Environmental Policy: Political Economy of Environmental Quality** 3 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. (Sp)</p> <p>POLS 4890 Special Topics 1-5[®] Credit arranged. Instructor's permission required. (F,Sp)^{DE}</p> <p>POLS 4910 Readings and Conference 1-5[®] Individually directed study in subjects of special interest to students. Credit arranged. Instructor permission required. (F,Sp,Su)</p> <p>POLS 4990 CI Senior Research Seminar 3[®] Introduces students to the research process by having them complete a major research project in the topic area of the particular professor. (F,Sp)^{DE}</p> <p>POLS 5110 Social Policy** 3 Examines health, education, and welfare policies in U.S. contexts and in comparative context. (F)</p> <p>POLS 5120 Economics of Russia and Eastern Europe, 9th Century to 21st Century 3 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: APEC/ECN 2010. (F)</p> <p>POLS 5130 Law and Policy 3 Analyzes the relationship between law and the formation and implementation of policy. (Sp)</p> <p>POLS 5140 Law, Politics, and War 3 Examines relationship between law, politics, and war, with particular emphasis on the American experience since 1787. (F)</p> <p>POLS 5180 Natural Resource Policy 3 Political and economic theory applied to the analysis of natural resource allocation conflicts and U.S. policies enacted to resolve such conflicts. This course is not currently being offered. For information about when it may be offered, contact the department.</p> <p>POLS 5200 Global Environment 3 Examines different strategies for resolving global resource and environmental problems. This course is not currently being offered. For information about when it may be offered, contact the department.</p> <p>POLS 5210 Comparative Political Change/Development* 3 Emphasis on approaches and theories in the field of comparative politics, with a focus on political change/development. (F)</p> <p>POLS 5230 Development in the Middle East 3 Study of Middle Eastern regimes, political cultures, and political developments. This course is not currently being offered. For information about when it may be offered, contact the department.</p> <p>POLS 5270 Latin American Politics and Development 3 Focuses on special contemporary issues of selected Latin American nations, such as democratization, the role of the military, and elections. (Sp)⁴</p> <p>POLS 5290 Development in Europe 3 Emphasizes political and economic development in Europe. (Sp)⁴</p> <p>POLS 5350 DSS Evolution, Conflict, and Cooperation* 3 Intensively examines human cooperation as a fundamental problem of development and human conflict as the major obstacle to development. (Sp)</p> <p>POLS 5420 The Mass Media and Politics 3 (dual listing 6420) Examination of the role of the mass media in the political process, including both campaigns and governance. Examination of political advertising, news coverage, polling, opinion formation strategies, and politicians' use of new media technologies. Also taught as JCOM 5420/6420. (F)</p>
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POLS 5440 DSS Gender and World Politics 3
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. This course is not currently being offered. For information about when it may be offered, contact the department.

POLS 5480 International Trade Policy 3**
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. (Sp)

POLS 5910 Campaign Internship 1-12®
A semester campaign internship. Instructor approval required. (F,Sp,Su)

POLS 5920 Washington Internship 1-12®
A semester congressional, administrative, or legal internship in Washington, D.C. Graded Pass/Fail *only*. Instructor approval required. (F,Sp,Su)

POLS 5930 State Government Internship 1-12®
A semester legislative, lobbying, or administrative internship in the state government of Utah or those of any other state government. Graded Pass/Fail *only*. Instructor approval required. (F,Sp,Su)

POLS 5940 Administrative Internship 1-12®
A semester administrative internship at the local or state level. Graded Pass/Fail *only*. Instructor approval required. (F,Sp,Su)

POLS 5950 International Internship 1-12
Prerequisite: Enrollment in International Studies major. (F,Sp,Su)

POLS 6010 Research Design 3
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. (F)

POLS 6020 Public Policy Analysis 3
Examines and reviews leading theories of policy analysis and the policy-making process at an advanced level. (Sp)

POLS 6030 Political Theory, Political Economy, and Capitalism 3
Provides an introduction to the study of political economy by considering the connections among political theory, political economy, and capitalism. This course is not currently being offered. For information about when it may be offered, contact the department.

POLS 6040 Public Choice 3
Introduction to applying the microeconomic theory of markets to political processes. This course is not currently being offered. For information about when it may be offered, contact the department.

POLS 6100 Introduction to Public Administration 3
Introduction to issues of public and nonprofit management. Provides overview of macro and micro forces influencing public and nonprofit management. This course is not currently being offered. For information about when it may be offered, contact the department.

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

POLS 6120 Program Assessment and Evaluation 3
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. This course is not currently being offered. For information about when it may be offered, contact the department.

POLS 6130 Law and Administration 3
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. (Alt Su)

POLS 6140 Leadership in Public Organizations 3
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. (Alt Su)

POLS 6210 Conflict and Security 3
Explores the many causes of conflict at different levels. Identifies the means by which resolution can be achieved, as well as the challenges and barriers associated with such efforts. (Sp)

POLS 6220 International Relations Theory 3
Reading seminar on theory and method in the interplay of politics and economics in international relations. This course is not currently being offered. For information about when it may be offered, contact the department.

POLS 6230 Terrorism and Counter-Terrorism 3**
Explores the history, causes, and consequences of terrorism, as well as its impact on the global arena. Teaches students why understanding of terrorism is crucial, in order to allow effective, intelligent responses. (Sp)

POLS 6240 Democratic Theories and Practice 3
Explores the many different perspectives and theories on the concept of democracy, ranging from the 18th Century to writings of the 21st Century. (F)

POLS 6250 Theories of War and Peace 3
Examines the "classic" alternative understanding, in the history of political thought, regarding the reasons people go to war. Explores consequent proposals to erase the sources or alleviate the results of armed conflicts. (F,Sp)

POLS 6400 United States Foreign Policy 3
Explores contemporary U.S. foreign policy in the context of international relations theory and global realities. Utilizing theoretical perspectives as analytical models, course examines how policy makers formulate and attempt to achieve U.S. foreign policy goals in the global arena. Taught during alternate years.

POLS 6420 The Mass Media and Politics 3
(dual listing 5420)
Examination of the role of the mass media in the political process, including both campaigns and governance. Examination of political advertising, news coverage, polling, opinion formation strategies, and politicians' use of new media technologies. Also taught as JCOM 6420/5420. (F)

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

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

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

POLS 6970 Thesis Research 1-9®
Graded Pass/Fail *only*. Prerequisite: admission to candidacy. (F,Sp,Su)

POLS 6990 Continuing Graduate Advisement 1-3®
Graded Pass/Fail *only*. (F,Sp,Su)

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

®This course may be available through Regional Campuses and Distance Education (RCDE), and may be offered through multiple delivery methods. Current RCDE offerings may be viewed at: <http://distance.usu.edu/>

*Taught 2010-2011.

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¹Taught Spring 2010.

²Taught Spring 2011.

³Taught Spring 2010 and 2012.