**UNIVERSITY CORE AND GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

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**GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS:**

- Minimum residence hours required: 30.0
- Minimum hours needed to graduate: 120.0

**PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS (50 total hours)**

- The Political Science Department requires a minimum of 27 hours of political science courses to be taken in residency at BYU for this degree program (BYU Independent Study courses do not meet this requirement). These hours may also go toward BYU’s 30-hour residency requirement for graduation.
- PI Sc 101R and 297 do not count toward the major or minor.
- Only 6 hours of 399R may count toward the major.
- No cooperative education (internship) credit from other universities or colleges will be accepted toward the major.
- Majors are strongly encouraged to take Phil 150 to complete the GE First-Year Writing requirement.
- PI Sc 200 is prerequisite to many upper-division courses & must be taken no later than the sophomore year. PI Sc 328 is a prerequisite to many capstone courses and should be taken in the semester following PI Sc 200.

**Complete the following:**

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<td>Econ 110* Economic Principles and Problems</td>
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**Complete two of the following foundation courses before higher-numbered courses (they do not need to be taken in order):**

- PI Sc 110* American Government and Politics 3.0
- PI Sc 150* Comparative Government and Politics 3.0
- PI Sc 170* Introduction to International Politics 3.0

**Note:** Students who do not take one of these three foundation courses must take a corresponding upper-division elective course. If you do not take PI Sc 110, you must take one course selected from PI Sc 310-319R, 320, 321, 322, 323, or 410. If you do not take PI Sc 150, you must take one course selected from PI Sc 341-349R, 350-359R, 444, or 450-458. If you do not take PI Sc 170, you must take one course selected from PI Sc 370-379R, 380-388, or 470-476.

**Complete one of the following capstone seminars during the senior year.**

- PI Sc 202* Western Political Heritage 2 3.0
- Phil 202* History of Philosophy 2 3.0

**Note:** If students do not take PI Sc 201 or Phil 201, they must take an upper-division elective course selected from PI Sc 300-309, 400-409, or 322, 334, 336, 384, 374, 473.

**Complete the following methodology courses:**

- PI Sc 200* Political Inquiry 4.0
- PI Sc 328* Quantitative Political Methodology 4.0

**Note:** PI Sc 200, along with a capstone seminar, fulfills the University Core Advanced Written and Oral Communication requirement. PI Sc 328 fulfills the University Core Languages of Learning requirement (math option).

**Complete one of the following theory courses during the junior year (note prerequisites in course descriptions):**

- PI Sc 300* Contemporary Political Theory 3.0
- PI Sc 310* Theories of American Politics 3.0
- PI Sc 330* Theories of Public Policy 3.0
- PI Sc 350* Theories of Comparative Politics 3.0
- PI Sc 370* Theory of International Relations 3.0

**Complete 24 additional hours of political science electives, except 400, 410, 430, 450, 470. Only one 100-level course and one 200-level course may be counted.**

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* THESE CLASSES FILL BOTH UNIVERSITY CORE AND PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS (17–23 hours overlap)
All students are strongly encouraged to complete an internship. Established programs are available through the Washington Seminar, Utah State Legislature, or local government. Up to 6 hours of credit earned from an internship (399R) may be counted toward the major.

Students who plan no formal education beyond the bachelor's degree should add a minor or develop adequate skills through other courses that will enhance their employment opportunities. Consult the college advisement center or department Web site.

Students who plan to seek MA or PhD degrees are strongly encouraged to strengthen their quantitative and analytical skills. These students should consult with faculty about other skills that specific graduate programs might require.

Students scoring a 5 on the American Government and/or Comparative Government AP Exams may substitute AP credit for Pl Sc 110 or Pl Sc 150 respectively. However, they are required to take at least one upper-division elective in each subfield in which they substituted AP credit for American Government and Politics or Comparative Government and Politics.

### Suggested Sequence of Courses:

#### FRESHMAN YEAR

**1st Semester**
- First-year Writing: 3.0
- Pl Sc 110 (FWSp or Su): 3.0
  - or Pl Sc 150 (FWSp or Su)
  - or Pl Sc 170 (FWSp or Su)
  - or Pl Sc 201 (FW)
- Rel A 121: 2.0
- Quantitative Reasoning (if needed): 0–3.0
- General Education courses, and/or general electives: 4–7.0

**Total Hours: 15.0**

**2nd Semester**
- Econ 110 (FWSpSu): 3.0
- Two of the following: 6.0
  - Pl Sc 110 (FWSp or Su)
  - Pl Sc 150 (FWSp or Su)
  - Pl Sc 170 (FWSpSu)
  - Pl Sc 201 (FW)
  - Pl Sc 202 (FW)
- Rel A 122: 2.0
- General Education courses, and/or general electives: 4.0

**Total Hours: 15.0**

#### SOPHOMORE YEAR

**3rd Semester**
- Rel A 211 or 212: 2.0
- General Education courses, and/or general electives: 7.0

**Total Hours: 15.0**

**4th Semester**
- Pl Sc 200 (FWSp or Su): 4.0
- Religion elective: 2.0
- General Education courses, and/or general electives: 9.0

**Total Hours: 15.0**

#### JUNIOR YEAR

**5th Semester**
- One of the following: 3.0
  - Pl Sc 300 (F or W)
  - Pl Sc 310 (F or W)
  - Pl Sc 330 (F or W)
  - Pl Sc 350 (FW)
  - Pl Sc 370 (FW)
- Pl Sc 328: 4.0
- Rel C 324 or 325: 2.0
- General Education courses, and/or general electives: 6.0

**Total Hours: 15.0**

**6th Semester**
- *Pl Sc 399R (Internship)*
- OR Two Pl Sc electives (FWSpSu): 9.0
- Religion elective: 2.0
- General Education courses, and/or general electives: 4.0

**Total Hours: 15.0**

#### SENIOR YEAR

**7th Semester**
- Pl Sc 399R (Internship): 6.0
- One of the following: 3.0
  - Pl Sc 400 (F or W)
  - Pl Sc 410 (F or W)
  - Pl Sc 430 (F or W)
  - Pl Sc 450 (F or W)
  - Pl Sc 470 (F or W)
- Religion elective: 2.0
- General Education courses, and/or general electives: 4.0

**Total Hours: 15.0**

**8th Semester**
- Pl Sc Elective (FWSp): 9.0
- General Education courses, and/or general electives: 6.0

**Total Hours: 15.0**

*Up to 6 hours of credit earned from an internship (399R) may be counted toward the major.*

Your faculty advisor can assist you in choosing electives to meet your total hour requirement.

**Note:** Students are encouraged to complete an average of 15 credit hours each semester or 30 credit hours each year, which could include spring and/or summer terms. Taking fewer credits substantially increases the cost and the number of semesters to graduate.
THE DISCIPLINE:
The Political Science major is designed to fulfill the admonition of the Doctrine and Covenants (88:79-80) to teach one another “things which are at home, things which are abroad; the wars and the perplexities of the nations, and the judgments which are on the land; and a knowledge also of countries and of kingdoms that ye may be prepared in all things . . .”

Politics extends far beyond the immediate concerns of politicians or pollsters; it is essential to the human condition. Since we are all shaped by the institutions we inhabit, political science helps us to understand not only our world but ourselves. It involves fundamental choices concerning our life in communities whether locally, nationally, or globally. Without politics there could be only chaos and conflict. With politics there is the chance for order and thus the opportunity to seek prosperity and fulfillment. Often conflictual but just as often cooperative, politics reflects our basic needs and interests, our highest aspirations, and the often harsh requirements of power.

Political Science involves this full range of inquiry, including questions of “who gets what,” questions of the best or most just political order, and questions of the nature, uses, and abuses of power. Political Science students will be exposed to a broad range of perspectives or great ideas about politics to better understand questions such as “Why is campaign finance reform so difficult?” “Why did the Soviet Union fall?” “Were the Athenians justified in condemning Socrates to death?” and “Do democracies fight fewer wars?” Students will learn a variety of methods ranging from statistical analysis of quantifiable data to historical comparison of institutions to reflection on influential texts. Before graduating, students will not only better define their own values and ideas about politics but also develop their own significant research project as political scientists. Students will be prepared “in all things” to influence their communities for the better.

RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES:
Students may have the opportunity to work as research assistants to political science faculty.

INTERNSHIPS, CO-OP & PRACTICAL ED:
The Political Science Department offers internships in Washington D.C., with the Utah State Legislature, and with other state and local government entities.

HONORARY SOCIETIES AND CLUBS:
A chapter of Sigma Iota Rho (International Studies Honor Society) and the BYU Political Affairs Society (BYUPAS) are offered at BYU. BYUPAS is the official student organization of the BYU Political Science Department. BYUPAS is dedicated to serving students who have interests in applied politics and connecting them with alumni, faculty, and friends of the University. Members of BYUPAS automatically become members of the Beta Mu chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha, the national political science honor society. Go to http://byupas.org to join.

FINANCING:
Many students work up to 20 hours per week. Some find employment in campus offices and some junior and senior students obtain teaching or research assistantships. Most of our students obtain summer jobs that make use of their training and interests.

CAREERS:
The Political Science Department offers an undergraduate degree in political science for students who are preparing for graduate study in related fields, professional degrees (law or business), or a wide variety of public service occupations, or for liberal arts students who are interested in an undergraduate major that focuses on the challenging questions facing modern society.

Students may emphasize the subfields of American government, comparative politics, international politics, political philosophy, or public policy.

For more information on careers in your major, please contact the University Career Center or the College of Family, Home, and Social Sciences Academic Advisement Center.