

Political Science, BA/BS



University of Wyoming, 2017-18

Freshman Fall Semester		Hrs	Min	Grade	Notes
	USP First-Year Seminar	3		C	FY
	USP Human Culture (Language *)	4		C	H
MATH	1400 College Algebra **	3		C	Q; can substitute MATH 1000 (Problem Solving) ***.
POLS	1250 Introduction to Comparative Government	3		C	ASG; can substitute POLS 1200 (Non-Western Political Cultures).
	Elective	3			
Credit hours subtotal:		16			

Freshman Spring Semester		Hrs	Min	Grade	Notes
	USP Human Culture (Language *)	4		C	H
	USP Physical & Natural World	4			PN
ENGL	1010 College Composition and Rhetoric	3		C	C1
POLS	1000 American and Wyoming Government	3		C	V
	Elective	3			
Credit hours subtotal:		17			

Sophomore Fall Semester		Hrs	Min	Grade	Notes
	A&S Core Diversity in the US	3			ASD
POLS	2460 Introduction to Political Philosophy	3		C	Can substitute POLS 3600 (American Political Thought).
STAT	2070 Introductory Statistics for the Social Sciences	4		C	
	Political Science Elective	3		C	
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Credit hours subtotal:		16			

Sophomore Spring Semester		Hrs	Min	Grade	Notes
	USP Physical & Natural World	4			PN
POLS	2200 Politics of Europe and the European Union	3		C	C2; can substitute POLS 3680 (Intro/Empirical Political Analysis).
POLS	2310 Introduction to International Relations	3		C	
	Electives	6			
Credit hours subtotal:		16			

This is a guide for course work in the major; actual course sequence may vary by student. Please refer to the online student degree evaluation, and consult with an academic advisor. • Not all courses are offered every semester and some electives may have prerequisites. Students should review the course descriptions in the *University Catalog* and consult with their academic advisor to plan accordingly.

University of Wyoming requirements:

Students must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 to graduate. • Students must complete 42 hours of upper division (3000-level or above) coursework, 30 of which must be from the University of Wyoming. • Courses must be taken for a letter grade unless offered only for S/U. • University Studies Program (USP) Human Culture (H) and Physical & Natural World (PN) courses must be taken outside of the major subject, but can be cross-listed with the major.

College of Arts and Sciences requirements:

Students must take two "core" courses in addition to the USP requirements: Diversity in the United States (ASD) and Global Awareness (ASG). • No more than 60 hours in the major subject may be used toward the 120 credit hours required for graduation. • At least 30 hours in the major subject must be completed with a grade of C or better (the major may require more).

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Junior Fall Semester	Hrs	Min Grade	Notes
Political Science Electives	6	C	
Upper Division Electives	3		
Electives	6		
Credit hours subtotal:	<u>15</u>		

Junior Spring Semester	Hrs	Min Grade	Notes
Political Science Upper Division Electives	6	C	
Upper Division Electives	6		
Political Science Elective	3	C	
Credit hours subtotal:	<u>15</u>		

Senior Fall Semester	Hrs	Min Grade	Notes
Political Science Seminar Course	3	C	C3 ****
Upper Division Electives	12		
Credit hours subtotal:	<u>15</u>		

Senior Spring Semester	Hrs	Min Grade	Notes
Upper Division Electives	12		
Credit hours subtotal:	<u>12</u>		

TOTAL CREDIT HOURS: 122

Political Science Program Notes:

In addition to university and college requirements, a major in political science requires 33 hours of coursework in the subject. • Eighteen (18) of the required 33 hours must be electives from within the department, nine (9) of which must be upper division (3000- or 4000-level). A maximum of six (6) hours of internship credit may count toward the electives requirement. • Only those political science courses in which a grade of C or better has been earned may be used to satisfy department requirements. • A study abroad experience or an internship are encouraged during the junior or senior year. Consult with an academic advisor about opportunities and programs and/or courses necessary to prepare. • Students majoring in Political Science should discuss the designation of a Bachelor of Arts (BA) or Bachelor of Science (BS) degree with their academic advisor.

* A single language must be taken for two (2) semesters to fulfill the eight (8) hour foreign language requirement for the program. • Students taking American Sign Language to fulfill the language requirement of the major will have to take other courses to fulfill the USP H requirements.

** Requires MATH ACT \geq 23, MATH SAT \geq 600, Math Placement Exam \geq 3, or \geq C in MATH 0925. (University standard)

*** Requires MATH ACT \geq 21, MATH SAT \geq 600, Math Placement Exam \geq 2, or \geq C in MATH 0921. (University standard)

**** Not all Political Science seminar courses fulfill the USP C3 requirement. A seminar is required for the major and a C3 is required for the degree. C3 courses can be selected from within the major or from another department. Students should consult with their academic advisor.