

POLITICAL SCIENCE PROGRAM OF STUDY

Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science University of Wyoming

I. DEPARTMENT DESCRIPTION & GOALS

Political Science is the study of how societies govern themselves and interact with one another. Courses of instruction in the Department of Political Science are offered in the following subfields: American politics, comparative government, international relations, political philosophy, public law, and public administration. Areas of focus include analysis of government structures and processes, citizens' influence on government, policy content, philosophical concepts and traditions, political systems of other nations, and resolution of conflicts between nations. Our goals are to help students better understand political processes, and to develop the critical thinking and analytic skills necessary for effective participation in the political process, successful careers in the public and private sectors, and further study in law, political science, and public administration.

II. UNIVERSITY & COLLEGE REQUIREMENTS

Students must complete a minimum of 120 hours for a bachelor's degree. This includes 42 upper-division hours, 30 of which must be from UW. A maximum of 60 hours in the major can go toward satisfying the 120 hour graduation requirement. In addition, students will need to complete the following:

1.		All University Studies Program requirements
2.		College of Arts and Sciences Core Course: US Diversity (ASD)
3.		College of Arts and Sciences Core Course: Global Awareness (ASG)

III. MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

A major in Political Science requires 33 hours of Political Science coursework. Students must complete four Political Science gateway classes, at least one Political Science seminar, and at least 18 hours of electives within the department, 9 of which must be upper-division (3000 or 4000 level) coursework. Students will also be required to complete STAT 2070, Introductory Statistics for the Social Sciences (or an equivalent course), and 8 hours of a single foreign language or sign language (or receive equivalent credit by examination).

A. Complete the required POLS gateway courses, at least one POLS seminar, STAT 2070, and the language requirement:

1.		POLS 1000	American & Wyoming Government
2.		POLS 2310	Introduction to International Relations
3.		POLS 1200	Non-Western Political Cultures
		OR POLS 1250	OR Introduction to Comparative Government
4.		POLS 2460	Introduction to Political Philosophy
		OR POLS 3600	OR American Political Thought
5.		POLS ____	Political Science seminar selected from POLS 4420, 4810, 4840, 4850, 4870, 4890
6.		STAT 2070	Introductory Statistics for the Social Sciences (or an equivalent course)
7.		____ 1010	8 hours of a single foreign language (or receive equivalent credit by examination)
		____ 1020	

B. Complete 18 hours of electives in the department, 9 of which must be upper-division (3000 or 4000 level):

*Courses selected to fulfill category B should be chosen from page 2.
All courses are 3 hours unless otherwise noted.*

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Electives may be selected from any field within Political Science to reflect the student's particular interests.

AMERICAN POLITICS

2000	Current Issues in American Government
2070	Politics of State & Local Government
2410	Introduction to Public Administration
2430	Parties, Interest Groups & Elections
2450	Politics & Media
2490	Topics in _____ (max 6)
3100	Politics & the Judicial Process
3520	Voting & Participation in America
3550	Political Communication
4051	Environmental Politics
4052	Federal Land Politics
4100	Constitutional Law: Institutional Powers
4110	Constitutional Law: Civil Liberties & Rights
4330	American Foreign Relations
4420	Seminar in Public Administration (max 6)
4430	U.S. Presidency
4435	Presidential Elections
4520	Public Opinion
4530	U.S. Congress
4710	Topics in _____ (max 9)
4720	Workshop in Practical Politics (max 6)
4850	Seminar in American Politics & Institutions (max 6)

COMPARATIVE GOVERNMENT

1200	Non-Western Political Cultures
1250	Intro to Comparative Government
2200	Politics of Europe & the European Union
2290	Governments & Politics of Latin America
2490	Topics in _____ (max 6)
3200	Comparative Political Cultures
3220	Government & Politics of Russia & FSU
3270	Governments & Politics of the Middle East
4013	Political Geography
4220	European Union
4230	Governments & Politics of Asia
4255	Politics of Developing Nations
4260	Democratization & Regime Change
4375	Transitional Justice
4445	Drug War Geopolitics in the Americas
4475	Politics of Natural Resources in Latin America
4710	Topics in _____ (max 9)
4890	Seminar in Comp Government & Politics (max 6)

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

2310	Introduction to International Relations
2490	Topics in _____ (max 6)
3300	Model United Nations (max 6)
4290	Inter-American Relations
4300	The World System
4330	American Foreign Relations
4340	International Organizations
4350	Sustainable Development & Global Policy
4360	International Peace & Conflict
4375	Transitional Justice
4455	Energy Security
4600	Political Violence
4710	Topics in _____ (max 9)
4870	Seminar in International Relations (max 6)

POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY

2460	Introduction to Political Philosophy
2490	Topics in _____ (max 6)
3050	Athenian Democracy
3600	American Political Thought
3610	Classics in Environmental Thought
3620	Environmental Justice
4640	Political Philosophy: Ancient & Medieval
4650	Political Philosophy: Modern
4660	Political Philosophy: Contemporary
4710	Topics in _____ (max 9)
4810	Seminar in Political Philosophy (max 6)

PUBLIC LAW

2490	Topics in _____ (max 6)
3100	Politics & the Judicial Process
4090	Anglo-American Jurisprudence
4100	Constitutional Law: Institutional Powers
4110	Constitutional Law: Civil Liberties & Rights
4160	Legal Philosophy
4710	Topics in _____ (max 9)
4840	Seminar in Public Law (max 6)

NON-SUBFIELD COURSES

2330	Environmental Ethics
3680	Introduction to Empirical Political Analysis
4013	Political Geography
4550	Internship in Government (1-6) *
4560	Washington Semester Program (15) *
4685	Program Evaluation & Policy Analysis
4700	Readings in _____ (max 6)
4710	Topics in Political Science (max 9)

*Maximum of 6 hours of internship credit can be applied to the 33 hours required for the major.