

POLITICAL SCIENCE PROGRAM OF STUDY

Bachelor of Arts OR Bachelor of Science For Students Declaring Major before Fall 2015 University of Wyoming

I. DEPARTMENT INTRODUCTION

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

Graduating from the University of Wyoming will require students to complete a minimum of 121 hours. This must include all University Studies Program requirements as well as the College of Arts and Sciences requirements. This must also include 60 non-major hours, a minimum of 48 upper level (3000 or 4000 level) hours, and 9 upper level (3000 or 4000 level) non-major hours.

III. MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

A major in Political Science requires 33 hours. All Political Science courses must be completed with a "C" or better. Please note that POLS 1000: American and Wyoming Government is a prerequisite for all Political Science coursework and shall not count towards the 33 hour requirement.

A. Complete one required gateway course and one seminar:

1.		POLS 1000	American & Wyoming Government
2.		POLS 4_____	Political Science seminar of a student's choosing

B. Complete one course from each political science subfield:

1.		American Politics	
2.		Comparative Government	
3.		International Relations	
4.		Public Law	
5.		Political Theory	

C. Complete 15 hours of electives in the department:

*Courses selected to fulfill the requirements for categories B and C should be chosen from page 2.
All courses are 3 hours unless otherwise noted.*

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AMERICAN POLITICS

2000	Current Issues in American Government
2070	Politics of State & Local Government
2410	Introduction to Public Administration
2420	Women & Politics
2430	Parties, Interest Groups & Elections
2450	Politics & Media
2490	Topics in _____ (max 6) - *^#
3100	Politics & the Judicial Process - *
3500	Gender & Society (social science focus)
3520	Voting & Participation in America
3550	Political Communication
4051	Environmental Politics
4052	Federal Land Politics
4330	American Foreign Relations - *
4400	Black Politics, 1867 to Present
4420	Sem in Public Administration (max 6)
4430	U.S. Presidency
4435	Presidential Elections
4510	Sem in Political Behavior (max 6) - *#
4520	Public Opinion
4530	U.S. Congress
4710	Topics in _____ (max 9) - *^#
4720	Workshop in Practical Politics (max 6) - *^#
4850	Sem in American Politics & Institutions (max 6)

COMPARATIVE GOVERNMENT

1200	Non-Western Political Cultures
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
4220	European Union
4230	Governments & Politics of Asia
4240	Culture, Society & Political Econ in East Asia
4255	Politics of Developing Nations
4260	Democratization & Regime Change
4375	Transitional Justice*
4510	Sem in Political Behavior (max 6) - *#
4710	Topics in _____ (max 9) - *^#
4875	Sem in Comp Foreign Policy Analysis (max 6)
4890	Sem in Comp Government & Politics (max 6)

NON-SUBFIELD COURSES

1111	Issues in Political Science (Max 3)
2330	Environmental Ethics
2490	Topics in _____ (max 6) - *^
3050	Athenian Democracy
3610	Classics in Environmental Thought
3680	Introduction to Empirical Political Analysis
4013	Political Geography
4550	Internship in Government - ^%
4560	Washington Semester Program - ^%
4685	Program Evaluation & Policy Analysis
4700	Readings in _____ (max 6) - ^
4710	Topics in Political Science (max 9) - *^

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
4710	Topics in _____ (max 9) - *^#
4840	Sem in Public Law (max 6)

POLITICAL THEORY

2460	Introduction to Political Philosophy
2490	Topics in _____ (max 6) - *^#
3600	American Political Thought
3620	Environmental Justice
4640	Political Philosophy: Ancient & Medieval
4650	Political Philosophy: Modern
4660	Political Philosophy: Contemporary
4710	Topics in _____ (max 9) - *^#
4810	Sem in Political Philosophy (max 6)

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

2300	World Politics in the Post-Cold War Era
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*
4600	Political Violence
4710	Topics in _____ (max 9) - *^#
4865	Sem in International Relations Theories (max 6)
4870	Sem in International Relations (max 6)

Legend

- * Fulfills one but not two areas
- ^ Hours may vary
- # Content of course determines which area is fulfilled – department approval required
- % A maximum of 6 hours of internship credit may count towards the 33 hours required for the major