Catalog: 2026-2027 University of Wyoming Catalog Program: Political Science B.A.

Express Transfer Agreement (ETA) with Northwest College

Political Science B.A.

Political Science is the study of how societies govern themselves and interact with one another. The Political Science major offers the subfields: American politics, comparative government, international relations, political philosophy, public law, and public administration.

University Studies Program

This degree requires that The University Studies Program 2015 requirements are met before graduation. Some of the courses required for this major fulfill USP requirements, but not all. Students should check their degree evaluations and consult with their assigned academic advisor to discuss their specific course plan.

Course Name	Credits	UW Course in Major	AA/AS/AB/ADN satisfies this USP
C 1-Communication 1 (U5C1)	3		X
C 2-Communication 2 (U5C2)	3		X
C 3-Communication 3 (U5C3)	3	(Must be completed at UW)	
Q-Quantitative Reasoning (U5Q)	3		X
PN-Physical and Natural World (1) (U5PN)	3		X
PN-Physical and Natural World (2) (U5PN)	3		X
H-Human Culture (1) (U5H)	3		X
H-Human Culture (2) (U5H)	3		X
V-U S & WY Constitution (U5V)	3		X
FYS or USP Elective-Any 3-credit hour of FYS or 3-credit hours of USP electives	3		X

Note: FYS courses have been paused. 3 hours from any additional USP designated courses is still required.

Degree Requirements:

A major in political science requires 33 department hours, 9 of which are upper-division credits.

A maximum of 6 hours of internship credit may be applied toward the 33 hours required for the political science major. Only those political science courses in which a grade of C or better has been earned may be used to satisfy departmental requirements.

Most university studies courses and lower division political science courses should be completed prior to the junior year. Additional information about the political science major may be obtained from the School of Politics, Public Affairs, and International Studies: www.uwyo.edu/sppais.

Students are also required to take:

- at least one seminar in political science (and its prerequisites)
- 8 hours of a single foreign language or equivalent credit by examination as determined by the Department of Modern and Classical Languages

Core Courses - Political Science majors must take 12 credits from the following list of course offerings.

Course Name	Credits	Northwest College	Sequencing
POLS 1000 - American and Wyoming Government V	3	POLS 1000 - American and Wyoming Government	
POLS 1200 - Non-Western Political Cultures or POLS 1250 - Introduction to Comparative Government	3	POLS 1250 - Introduction to Comparative Government	
POLS 2310 - Introduction to International Relations	3	POLS 2310 - Intro to International Relations	
POLS 2460 - Introduction to Political Philosophy or POLS 3600 - American Political Thought C2	3	POLS 2460 - Intro to Political Philosophy	

Foreign Language - 8 hours of a single foreign language or equivalent credit by examination as determined by the Department of Modern and Classical Languages

Course Name	Credits	Northwest College	Sequencing
Foreign Language	4		
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Electives - Students are required to take 18 hours of elective credits, 9 of which must be upper-division credits. Electives may be selected from any field within Political Science to reflect the student's particular interests.

Course Name	Credits	Northwest College	Sequencing
POLS 1200 - Non-Western Political Cultures	3		
POLS 1250 - Introduction to Comparative Government	3	POLS 1250 - Introduction to Comparative Government	
POLS 2000 - Current Issues in American Government	3	POLS 2000 - Current Issues in American Government	
POLS 2070 - Politics of State and Local Government	3		
POLS 2200 - Politics of Europe C2	3		
POLS 2290 - Governments and Politics of Latin America	3		
POLS 2310 - Introduction to International Relations	3	POLS 2310 - Intro to International Relations	
POLS 2330 - Environmental Ethics	3		
POLS 2430 - Parties, Interest Groups and Elections	3		
POLS 2450 - Politics and Media	3		
POLS 2460 - Introduction to Political Philosophy	3	POLS 2460 - Intro to Political Philosophy	
POLS 2490 - Topics In (max 6 credits)	1-3		

Upper-Division Electives - Students are required to take 18 hours of elective credits, 9 of which must be upper-division credits.

Course Name	Credits	
POLS 3050 - Athenian Democracy	3	Offered at UW
POLS 3100 - Politics and the Judicial Process	3	Offered at UW
POLS 3200 - Comparative Political Cultures	3	Offered at UW
POLS 3220 - Government and Politics of Russia and FSU	3	Offered at UW
POLS 3300 - Model United Nations (max 6 credits)	1-3	Offered at UW
POLS 3520 - Voting and Participation in America	3	Offered at UW
POLS 3550 - Political Communication	3	Offered at UW
POLS 3600 - American Political Thought C2	3	Offered at UW
POLS 3610 - Classics in Environmental Thought	3	Offered at UW
POLS 3620 - Environmental Justice	3	Offered at UW

POLS 3680 - Introduction to Empirical Political Analysis C2	3	Offered at UW
POLS 4013 - Political Geography	3	Offered at UW
POLS 4051 - Environmental Politics	3	Offered at UW
POLS 4052 - Federal Land Politics	3	Offered at UW
POLS 4090 - Anglo-American Jurisprudence	3	Offered at UW
POLS 4100 - Constitutional Law: Institutional Powers	3	Offered at UW
POLS 4110 - Constitutional Law: Civil Liberties and Rights	3	Offered at UW
POLS 4160 - Legal Philosophy	3	Offered at UW
POLS 4215 - European Union	3	Offered at UW
POLS 4230 - Governments and Politics of Asia	3	Offered at UW
POLS 4255 - Politics of Developing Nations	3	Offered at UW
POLS 4260 - Democratization and Regime Change	3	Offered at UW
POLS 4290 - Inter-American Relations	3	Offered at UW
POLS 4330 - American Foreign Relations	3	Offered at UW
POLS 4340 - International Organizations	3	Offered at UW
POLS 4350 - Sustainable Development and Global Policy	3	Offered at UW
POLS 4360 - International Peace and Conflict	3	Offered at UW
POLS 4375 - Transitional Justice	3	Offered at UW
POLS 4385 - Environment and Resource Conflict	3	Offered at UW
POLS 4420 - Seminar in Public Administration (max. 6 credits)	3	Offered at UW
POLS 4430 - United States Presidency	3	Offered at UW
POLS 4435 - Presidential Elections	3	Offered at UW
POLS 4445 - Drug War Geopolitics in the Americas	3	Offered at UW
POLS 4455 - Energy Security	3	Offered at UW
POLS 4475 - Politics of Natural Resources in Latin America	3	Offered at UW
POLS 4520 - Public Opinion	3	Offered at UW
POLS 4530 - U.S. Congress	3	Offered at UW
POLS 4550 - Internship in Government	1-6	Offered at UW
POLS 4560 - Washington Semester Program	15	Offered at UW
POLS 4600 - Political Violence	3	Offered at UW
POLS 4640 - Political Philosophy: Ancient and Medieval	3	Offered at UW
POLS 4650 - Political Philosophy: Modern	3	Offered at UW
POLS 4660 - Political Philosophy: Contemporary	3	Offered at UW
POLS 4685 - Program Evaluation and Policy Analysis	3	Offered at UW
POLS 4700 - Readings in Political Science (max 6 credits)	1-3	Offered at UW
POLS 4705 - Terrorism	3	Offered at UW
POLS 4710 - Topics in (max 9 credits)	1-3	Offered at UW
POLS 4720 - Workshop in Practical Politics (max 6 credits)	1-3	Offered at UW
POLS 4810 - Seminar in Political Philosophy C3 (max 6 credits)	3	Offered at UW
POLS 4840 - Seminar in Public Law C3 (max 6 credits)	3	Offered at UW
POLS 4850 - Seminar in American Politics and Institutions C3 (max 6 credits)	3	Offered at UW
POLS 4870 - Seminar in International Relations C3 (max 6 credits)	3	Offered at UW
POLS 4890 - Seminar in Comparative Government and Politics C3 (max 6 credits)	3	Offered at UW

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

Notes:
COURSE SUBSTITUTIONS: WyoTAGs reflect published equivalencies. UW academic departments occasionally arrange for course substitutions when indirect equivalencies exist. Please contact your UW Academic Advisor for details.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This document is in effect as of the 2026-2027 catalog year; it reflects the published UW curriculum as of that date. Any changes to the UW curriculum or the WYCC course equivalents will require this document to be updated. To request an updated document, faculty should contact transfer@uwyo.edu via email.