



BA in POLITICAL SCIENCE (735121) Map Sheets

Department of Political Science

For students entering the degree program during the 2008–2009 curricular year.

Students taking this option qualify for graduate study in related fields, professional degrees, or a wide variety of public service occupations.

UNIVERSITY CORE AND GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS				PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS (50.0 total hours)	
UNIVERSITY CORE REQUIREMENTS (48.5 hours minimum)				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At least 27 hours of political science courses must be taken in residency at BYU (BYU Independent Study courses do not meet this requirement). PI Sc 101, 102, and 297 do not count toward the major or minor. Only 6 hours of 298R and 399R combined 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 all upper-division courses & must be taken no later than the sophomore year. 	
<u>Requirements</u>	<u>#Classes</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Classes</u>		
Doctrinal Foundation Book of Mormon 2 4.0 Rel A 121/H and 122/H New Testament 1 2.0 Rel A 211/H or 212/H Doctrine and Covenants 1 2.0 Rel C 324/H or 325/H				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	
The Individual and Society Wellness 1 or 3 1.5–2.0 from approved list Citizenship 1–2 3–6.0 PI Sc 110* + Econ 110* rec. American Heritage 1 3.0 PI Sc 150* or 170* Global & Cultural Awareness					
Skills Effective Communication First-Year Writing 1 3.0 from approved list Adv Written & Oral Communication 2 7.0 PI Sc 200* + capstone* Quantitative Reasoning 0–1 0–3.0 from approved list Languages of Learning (Math or Language) 1 4.0 PI Sc 328*				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. Complete one of the following capstone seminars during the senior year. A completed capstone paper with at least a C– grade is required to receive a final grade in all capstone classes and fulfill the University Core Advanced Written and Oral Communication requirement (note prerequisites in course descriptions): PI Sc 400* Capstone Seminar in Political Theory 3.0 PI Sc 410* Capstone Seminar in American Politics 3.0 PI Sc 430* Capstone Seminar in Public Policy 3.0 PI Sc 450* Capstone Seminar in Comparative Politics 3.0 PI Sc 470* Capstone Seminar in International Relations 3.0	
Arts, Letters, and Sciences Civilization 1 and 2 2 6.0 PI Sc 201 and 202*, or Phil 201 and 202* Arts 1 3.0 from approved list Letters 1 3.0 PI Sc 202*, 308*, or Phil 202* Scientific Principles & Reasoning Biological Science 1–2 3–6.0 from approved list Physical Science 1–2 3–7.0 from approved list Social Science 1 3.0 Econ 110*					
Core Enrichment: Electives Religion Electives 3–4 6.0 from approved list Open Electives Variable Variable personal choice				Complete the following: Econ 110* Economic Principles and Problems 3.0 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, 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 470-474. Complete one of the following foundation courses before higher numbered courses: 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, 364, 374, 473.	
GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS: Minimum residence hours required 30.0 Minimum hours needed to graduate 120.0					
				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 take a double major 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 PI Sc 110 or PI 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.	

FOR UNIVERSITY CORE AND PROGRAM QUESTIONS CONTACT THE ADVISEMENT CENTER
 *THESE CLASSES FILL BOTH UNIVERSITY CORE AND PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS (17–23.0 hours overlap)

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Suggested Sequence of Courses:

FRESHMAN YEAR

1st Semester

First-year Writing	3.0
PI Sc 110 (FWSp or Su)	3.0
or PI Sc 150 (FWSp or Su)	
or PI Sc 170 (FWSp or Su)	
or PI 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
PI Sc 110 (FWSp or Su)	
PI Sc 150 (FWSp or Su)	
PI Sc 170 (FWSpSu)	
PI Sc 201 (FW)	
PI 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

PI 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
PI Sc 300 (F or W)	
PI Sc 310 (F or W)	
PI Sc 330 (F or W)	
PI Sc 350 (FW)	
PI Sc 370 (FW)	
PI 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

*PI Sc 399R (Internship)	
OR Three PI 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

PI Sc 399R (internship)	
OR Two PI Sc electives (FWSpSu)	6.0
One of the following:	3.0
PI Sc 400 (F or W)	
PI Sc 410 (F or W)	
PI Sc 430 (F or W)	
PI Sc 450 (F or W)	
PI Sc 470 (F or W)	
Religion elective	2.0
General Education courses, and/or general electives	4.0
Total Hours	15.0

8th Semester

PI Sc Elective (FWSp)	9.0
General Education courses, and/or general electives	6.0
Total Hours	15.0

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 Pi Sigma Alpha (National Political Science Honor Society) and Sigma Iota Rho (International Studies Honor Society) are offered at BYU.

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 refer to *From Major to Career*, a publication located in all college advisement centers, or online at: <http://ccc.byu.edu/majortocareer/Book.pdf#pagemode=bookmarks>.

*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.

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