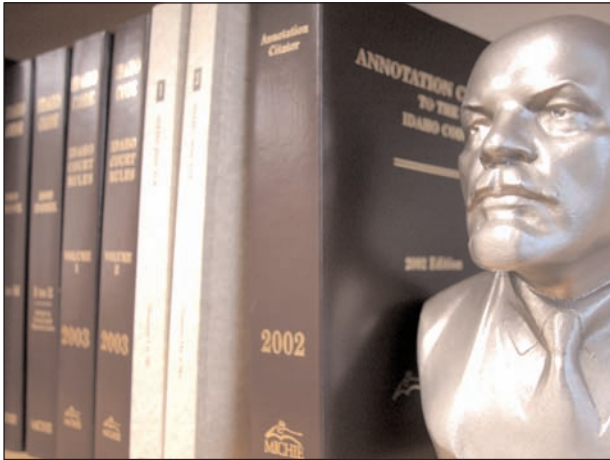


Department of

Political Science



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Introduction

The goal of Political Science at BYU-Idaho is to challenge and stimulate students to develop an understanding of governmental institutions and political systems, and particularly, to critically evaluate the LDS members' role in the nation's political process. Majors may have education goals in law or in careers as consultants in government or as educators. The following programs will be offered in political science: (1) a major in Political Science, (2) a minor in political science, (3) a minor in American Government Education.

NOTE on Pre-Law:

Some universities do not have a specific major called Pre-Law. This happens because no specific major is required to enter law school. Students who wish to enter law school after completion of a Bachelor's Degree at BYU-Idaho are encouraged to choose Political Science or any major of interest to them. Students developing a Political Science major may choose a minor or cluster in International Studies, International Business, Economics, or other related disciplines. Please consult with one of the Political Science faculty to determine which cluster courses would be best for you.

Department Requirements

- Students must earn a C or better in all courses
- No double counting of Major courses

BA in Political Science

General Education Requirements

I. Reading and Writing: <i>Take 1 course:</i> ENG 111 3 ENG 111C 3 AND <i>Take 1 course:</i> POLSC 300 3 II. Mathematics: <i>Take 1 course:</i> MATH 108 3 MATH 110 3 MATH 111 2 MATH 112 4 MATH 113 3 MATH 119 4 MATH 214 3 MATH 221 3 MATH 306 3 III. Arts: <i>Take 1 course:</i> ART 101 3 ART 104 3 ART 160 3 ART 201 3 ART 202 3 DANCE 101 3 HFED 140 3 HORT 230 3 HUM 101 3 HUM 201 3 HUM 202 3 MUSIC 100 3 MUSIC 101 3 TA 115 3 TA 117 3 AND <i>Take this course:</i> FA 100 0-1	IV. Biological Science and Physical Science <i>Take 4 credits:</i> AGRON 122 4 AGRON 270 4 BIO 100 3 BIO 102 1 BIO 118 4 BIO 120 4 BIO 130 4 BIO 150 3 BIO 150L 1 BIO 176 4 BIO 200 4 BIO 202 4 BIO 208 4 BIO 221 3 BIO 222 1 BIO 230 4 BIO 250 4 BIO 264 4 BIO 265 4 BIO 268 8	IV. Biological Science and Physical Science(Cont.) OR <i>Take 4 credits:</i> CHEM 100 4 CHEM 101 4 CHEM 105 4 CHEM 106 4 GEOG 101 3 GEOG 101L 1 GEOL 101 3 GEOL 102 1 GEOL 103 3 GEOL 103L 1 GEOL 104 3 GEOL 110 3 GEOL 110L 1 GEOL 111 3 GEOL 111L 1 GEOL 137 3 GEOL 137L 1 PH 101 3 PH 102 1 PH 105 3 PH 115 4 PH 116 4 PH 117 3 PH 117L 1 PH 121 3 PH 127 3 PH 127L 1 PH 150 1 PH.S 100 3 PH.S 100L 1 PH.S 110 4	V. American Institutions: <i>Take 1 course:</i> POLSC 110 3 IX. Social Science: <i>Take 1 course:</i> ANTH 101 3 CHILD 210 3 ECON 111 3 ECON 112 3 ED 270 3 GEOG 120 3 HIST 201 3 HIST 202 3 PHIL 203 3 PHIL 204 3 POLSC 110 3 POLSC 170 3 PSYCH 111 3 PSYCH 201 3 SOC 111 3 SOC 112 3 VII. Foreign Language: Take 8 credits of language study and 3 credits of literature all in the same language. <i>Take 11 credits:</i> CHIN 101 4 CHIN 102 4 CHIN 201 4 CHIN 347 3 FR 102 4 FR 201 4 FR 202 3 GER 102 4 GER 201 4 GER 202 3 RUSS 101 4 RUSS 102 4 RUSS 201 4 RUSS 340 3 SPAN 102 4 SPAN 201 4 SPAN 201M 4 SPAN 202 3 SPAN 302 3	Religion Requirement: (Book of Mormon) <i>Take these courses:</i> REL 121 2 REL 122 2 OR <i>Take this course:</i> REL 221 4 AND (Scripture Based Courses) <i>Take 6 credits:</i> REL 211 3 REL 212 2 REL 301 3 REL 301H 3 REL 302 3 REL 302H 3 REL 324 3 AND (Other Religion Courses) <i>Take 4 credits:</i> REL 100 2 REL 130 2 REL 215 2 REL 234 2 REL 235 2 REL 261 2 REL 264 2 REL 333 2 REL 341 2 REL 342 3 REL 351 2 REL 352 2 REL 360 4 REL 370 2 REL 431 2 REL 471 3 REL 475 2
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Total GE Credits=46

Major Requirements

No Double Counting of Major Courses - No Grade Less Than C

<i>Take 18 credits:</i> (PolSc 498 must be taken for 3 credits) POLSC 150 3 POLSC 170 3 POLSC 280 3 POLSC 311 3 POLSC 497 3 POLSC 498 1-6 18	<i>Take 6 courses:</i> POLSC 314 3 POLSC 315 3 POLSC 320 3 POLSC 330 3 POLSC 350 3 POLSC 360 3 POLSC 372 3 POLSC 380 3 POLSC 390 3 18	<i>Program Notes:</i>
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Total Major Credits=36

This major also requires a minor or 2 clusters

This major is available on the following tracks:

Fall-Winter---YES

Winter-Summer---YES

Summer-Fall---YES

Course Descriptions

Credits*

- POLSC 110 American Government (3:3:0)**
 Fulfills GE American Institutions requirement.
 English background of American institutions, colonial systems of government, the Constitution, the evolution and adoption of government to the changing role of the United States as an industrialized member of the world of nations and the changing federal/state relations.
 (Fall, Winter, Summer)
- POLSC 150 Foreign Government (3:3:0)**
 Major types of government in present use: historical development, organization, and operation.
 (Fall, Winter, Summer)
- POLSC 170 International Politics (3:3:0)**
 Fulfills GE Social Science requirement.
 The study of the geographic, demographic, economic, and ideological factors affecting international behavior, including the function of power, diplomacy, international law and organization
 (Fall, Winter, Summer)
- POLSC 280 Introduction to Law (3:3:0)**
 Prerequisite: POLSC 110 with a grade of C or higher.
 An introduction to the study and practice of law. A “non-glamour” oriented approach to the reality of the law profession.
 (Fall, Winter)
- POLSC 300 Political Inquiry (3:3:0)**
 Fulfills GE Reading & Writing requirement.
 Systematic treatment of methodology in political science, including theory and techniques of research design.
 (Fall, Winter, Summer)
- POLSC 311 State and Local Government (3:3:0)**
 A study of state and local political systems and their relationship to the federal system.
 (Fall, Winter, Summer)
- POLSC 314 The Executive Branch (3:3:0)**
 A detailed study of the executive branch of government at the national and state levels focusing particularly on the powers of the American presidency.
 (Rotating Semesters.)
- POLSC 315 The Legislative Branch (3:3:0)**
 A detailed study of the powers, structure, organization, and procedures of the U. S. Congress including relations with groups and the other branches of government.
 (Rotating Semesters.)
- POLSC 320 Political Parties and Interest Groups (3:3:0)**
 Functions and roles of American political parties and interest groups: public, elections, policy.
 (Rotating Semesters.)
- POLSC 330 Introduction to Public Administration (3:3:0)**
 Introduction to administrative procedures and policy making in government agencies. A socio psychological approach to the study of organizations. Some study of theory and policy assessment and the nature of bureaucracy.
 (Rotating Semesters.)
- POLSC 350 Ancient Political Theory (3:3:0)**
 Political thought from Greek antiquity through the Renaissance, primarily from the perspective of political philosophy and scriptures.
 (Rotating Semesters.)

- POLSC 360 Modern Political Theory (3:3:0)**
 Western political thought from Renaissance to present, including American political philosophers. This course surveys contemporary political theory, including the revival of liberal-egalitarian moral theory.
 (Rotating Semesters.)
- POLSC 372 Advanced Theory of International Relations (3:3:0)**
 Prerequisite: POLSC 170 and POLSC 300 with a grade of C or higher.
 A study of influential traditions of thought in international relations; includes variants of realism, liberalism, Marxism, and constructivism.
 (Rotating Semesters.)
- POLSC 380 US Constitutional History and Law (3:3:0)**
 Prerequisite: No prerequisites, but students are encouraged to have AmHer 170, Hist 201-202 and Hist 300. All students in 300 level courses will be expected to know how to research, write, and document a basic historical essay.
 Foundations of constitutionalism, the development of the federal system, the principles of judicial review, nationalism and sectionalism, commerce, due process, equal protection and civil rights.
 (Rotating Semesters.)
- POLSC 390 American Foreign Policy (3:3:0)**
 Prerequisite: Completion of International Politics and Political Inquiry with a C- or higher.
 The history of American foreign policy from the colonial period to the end of the 19th century, and foreign policy issues in and beyond the 20th century with emphasis given to how people, events, and politics helps shape foreign policy.
 (Fall, Winter)
- POLSC 497 Capstone Seminar in Politics (3:3:0)**
 Prerequisite: POLSC 300 and Senior Class Status
 Seminar in political theory for students in their senior year devoted to current political science topics as determined by instructor.
 (Fall, Winter, Summer)
- POLSC 498 Internship (1-6:0:0)**
 Prerequisite: Acceptance into an internship program, completion of required classes, and 60 credit hours.
 An internship is a cooperative program between the Political Science department at BYU-Idaho and an approved organization. Professional internships correlate actual work experience with coursework; provide students with knowledge of career opportunities, and give students work experience in preparation for employment after graduation. Ideas for internships are developed by the student in consultation with the department internship coordinator. Students should expect to work eighty hours during their intership for each credit hour earned.
 (Fall, Winter, Summer)