### University Core and Graduation Requirements

#### Religion Cornerstones
- **Teachings and Doctrine of The Book of Mormon**
  - REL 275
  - Hours: 2.0
- **Jesus Christ and the Everlasting Gospel**
  - REL 250
  - Hours: 2.0
- **Foundations of the Restoration**
  - REL 225
  - Hours: 2.0
- **The Eternal Family**
  - REL 200
  - Hours: 2.0

#### The Individual and Society
- **American Heritage**
  - Hours: 3.0
  - From approved list
- **Global and Cultural Awareness**
  - Hours: 3.0
  - From approved list

#### Skills
- **First Year Writing**
  - Hours: 3.0
  - From approved list
- **Advanced Written and Oral Communications**
  - Hours: 3.0
  - From approved list
- **Quantitative Reasoning**
  - Hours: 0-3.0
- **Languages of Learning (Math or Language)**
  - Hours: 4-7.0
  - From approved list

#### Arts, Letters, and Sciences
- **Civilization 1**
  - Hours: 3.0
  - From approved list
- **Civilization 2**
  - Hours: 3.0
  - From approved list
- **Arts**
  - Hours: 3.0
  - From approved list
- **Letters**
  - Hours: 3.0
  - From approved list
- **Biological Science**
  - Hours: 3.0
  - From approved list
- **Physical Science**
  - Hours: 3.0
  - From approved list
- **Social Science**
  - Hours: 3.0
  - From approved list

#### Core Enrichment: Electives
- **Religion Electives**
  - Hours: 3-4
  - From approved list
- **Open Electives**
  - Hours: Variable
  - Personal choice

#### Graduation Requirements:
- Minimum residence hours required: 30.0
- Minimum hours needed to graduate: 120.0

---

### FRESHMAN YEAR

#### 1st Semester
- **First-year Writing**
  - Hours: 3.0
- **POLI 110 or POLI 150 or POLI 170 or POLI 201 or POLI 202**
  - Hours: 3.0
- **Religion Cornerstone course**
  - Hours: 2.0
- **Quantitative Reasoning (if needed)**
  - Hours: 0-3.0
- **General Education courses, and/or general electives**
  - Hours: 4.7

**Total Hours:** 15.0

#### 2nd Semester
- **POLI 200**
  - Hours: 4.0
- **POLI 210 or POLI 250 or POLI 270 or POLI 201 or POLI 202**
  - Hours: 3.0
- **Religion Cornerstone course**
  - Hours: 2.0
- **General Education courses, and/or general electives**
  - Hours: 6.0

**Total Hours:** 15.0

### SOPHOMORE YEAR

#### 3rd Semester
- **POLI 220 or POLI 250 or POLI 270 or POLI 201 or POLI 202**
  - Hours: 3.0
- **Religion Cornerstone Course**
  - Hours: 2.0
- **General Education courses, and/or general electives**
  - Hours: 7.0

**Total Hours:** 15.0

#### 4th Semester
- **POLI 328**
  - Hours: 3.0
- **One POLI Emphasis elective**
  - Hours: 3.0
- **Religion Cornerstone Course**
  - Hours: 2.0
- **General Education courses, and/or general electives**
  - Hours: 7.0

**Total Hours:** 15.0

### JUNIOR YEAR

#### 5th Semester
- **POLI 399R (Internship) OR Two POLI emphasis/upper-division electives**
  - Hours: 6.0
- **Religion elective**
  - Hours: 2.0
- **General Education courses, and/or general electives**
  - Hours: 7.0

**Total Hours:** 15.0

#### 6th Semester
- **POLI 400 or POLI 430 or POLI 450 or POLI 470**
  - Hours: 3.0
- **One POLI Emphasis elective**
  - Hours: 3.0
- **Religion elective**
  - Hours: 2.0
- **General Education courses, and/or general electives**
  - Hours: 7.0

**Total Hours:** 15.0

### SENIOR YEAR

#### 7th Semester
- **POLI 399R (Internship) OR Two POLI emphasis/upper-division electives**
  - Hours: 6.0
- **Locally approved Analytical and Professional Skills elective**
  - Hours: 3.0
- **General Education courses, and/or general electives**
  - Hours: 7.0

**Total Hours:** 15.0

#### 8th Semester
- **POLI 400 or POLI 430 or POLI 450 or POLI 470**
  - Hours: 3.0
- **One POLI Emphasis elective**
  - Hours: 3.0
- **Religion elective**
  - Hours: 2.0
- **General Education courses, and/or general electives**
  - Hours: 9.0

**Total Hours:** 15.0

**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.
The Political Science Department requires a minimum of 27 hours of political science courses to be taken in residency at BYU for this degree program (BYU Independent Study courses do not meet this requirement). These hours may also go toward BYU’s 30-hour residency requirement for graduation.

REQUIREMENT 1 Complete 1 option

INTRODUCTION TO THE MAJOR.

OPTION 1.1 Complete 2 groups

GROUP 1.1.1 Complete 1 course
POLI 110 - Principles of American Politics 3.0

GROUP 1.1.2 Complete 1 course
POLI 150 - Comparative Government and Politics 3.0
POLI 170 - Introduction to International Politics 3.0
POLI 250 - Principles of Comparative Politics 3.0
POLI 270 - Principles of International Relations 3.0

OPTION 1.2 Complete 2 groups

GROUP 1.2.1 Complete 1 course
POLI 200 - Principles of Comparative Politics 3.0

GROUP 1.2.2 Complete 1 course
POLI 110 - American Government and Politics 3.0
POLI 170 - Introduction to International Politics 3.0
POLI 210 - Principles of American Politics 3.0
POLI 270 - Principles of International Relations 3.0

OPTION 1.3 Complete 2 groups

GROUP 1.3.1 Complete 1 course
POLI 270 - Principles of International Relations 3.0

GROUP 1.3.2 Complete 1 course
POLI 110 - American Government and Politics 3.0
POLI 150 - Comparative Government and Politics 3.0
POLI 210 - Principles of American Politics 3.0
POLI 250 - Principles of Comparative Politics 3.0

REQUIREMENT 2 Complete 1 course

POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY.
POLI 201 - Western Political Heritage 1 3.0
POLI 202 - Western Political Heritage 2 3.0
POLI 367 - Contemporary Political Theory 3.0

REQUIREMENT 3 Complete 1 course

INTRODUCTORY RESEARCH AND WRITING. (NOTE: THIS COURSE IS A PREREQUISITE TO MANY OTHER COURSES AND SHOULD BE TAKEN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.)

POLI 200 - Political Inquiry 4.0

REQUIREMENT 4 Complete 1 course

RESEARCH PROJECT. (NOTE: THIS COURSE SHOULD BE TAKEN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER POLI 200 BECAUSE IT WILL PROVIDE SKILLS FOR MANY OTHER COURSES, IN COMBINATION WITH POLI 200, IT FULFILLS THE

POLI 405 - Research Project in Political Theory 3.0
POLI 410 - Research Project in American Politics 3.0
POLI 430 - Research Project in Public Policy 3.0
POLI 450 - Research Project in Comparative Politics 3.0
POLI 470 - Research Project in International Relations 3.0

REQUIREMENT 5 Complete 2 options

ANALYTICAL AND PROFESSIONAL SKILLS.

OPTION 5.1 Complete 1 course
(NOTE: POLI 328 SHOULD BE TAKEN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER POLI 200 BECAUSE IT WILL PROVIDE SKILLS FOR MANY OTHER COURSES. IT FULFILLS THE UNIVERSITY CORE LANGUAGES OF LEARNING REQUIREMENT.)
POLI 328 - Statistical Analysis 4.0

OPTION 5.2 Complete 3.0 hours from the following course(s)
ANTHR 442 - Ethnographic Research Design and Methods 3.0
C 5111 - Introduction to Computer Science 3.0
C 5142 - Introduction to Computer Programming 3.0
ECON 398 - Applied Econometrics 3.0
ECON 478 - Game Theory and Economics 3.0
FIN 201 - Principles of Finance 3.0
GEOL 212 - Introduction to Geographic Information Systems 3.0
IS 201 - Introduction to Management Information Systems 3.0
PHIL 205 - Introduction to Logic and Critical Thinking 3.0
POLI 301 - Data Visualization 3.0
POLI 302 - Experimental Research Methods 3.0
POLI 303 - Qualitative Methods 3.0
POLI 304 - Game Theory in Political Science 3.0
POLI 305 - Survey Research Methods 3.0
POLI 306B - Topics in Political Science Methods 3.0
POLI 332 - Public Policy Analysis 3.0
POLI 367 - Contemporary Political Theory 3.0
POLI 420 - Constitutional Law - American Federal System 3.0
POLI 421 - Constitutional Law - Rights and Immunities 3.0
POLI 428 - Advanced Statistical Analysis 3.0
POLI 465 - Philosophy of the Social Sciences 3.0
STAT 234 - Methods of Survey Sampling 3.0

REQUIREMENT 6 Complete 1 course

PROFESSIONAL EMPHASIS PART 1.
ECON 110 - Economic Principles and Problems 3.0

REQUIREMENT 7 Complete 12.0 hours from the following course(s)

PROFESSIONAL EMPHASIS PART 2.
ECON 230 - Economic Development and Growth 3.0
ECON 431 - Economic Development 3.0

ECON 432 - Economic Growth 3.0
POLI 342 - Gender and Politics 3.0
POLI 343 - Designing Democracy: Constitutional Design for Democratic Gov 3.0
POLI 344 - Comparative Political Economy 3.0
POLI 345 - Comparative Parties and Elections 3.0
POLI 346 - Southeast Asian Politics 3.0
POLI 347 - Russia/Former Soviet Politics 3.0
POLI 348 - Government and Politics of Asia 3.0
POLI 352 - African Politics 3.0
POLI 353 - China: Government and Politics 3.0
POLI 354 - Japan: Government and Politics 3.0
POLI 357 - Middle East Politics 3.0
POLI 358 - Latin American Politics 3.0
POLI 374 - Ethics and International Affairs 3.0
POLI 380 - International Relations of Latin America 3.0
POLI 381 - International Relations of the Middle East 3.0
POLI 385 - International Relations of Asia 3.0
POLI 387 - International Relations of Developing Countries 3.0
POLI 388 - Chinese Foreign Policy 3.0
POLI 394R - Topics in Global Development 3.0
You may take up to 9 credit hours.

Note: Internships and mentored research must be related to global development to count for the Global Development track (i.e. international development organization or in developing countries).

Note: Students are strongly encouraged to complete international internships and mentored field research.

REQUIREMENT 8 Complete 6.0 hours from the following course(s)

ADDITIONAL ELECTIVES.
POLI 301 - Data Visualization 3.0
POLI 302 - Experimental Research Methods 3.0
POLI 303 - Qualitative Methods 3.0
POLI 345 - Comparative Parties and Elections 3.0
POLI 459R - Mentored Research 6.0v
SOC 340 - Sociology of International Development 3.0
SOC 345 - World Populations 3.0

Note: Students are strongly encouraged to complete international internships and mentored field research.
You may take up to 6 credit hours.

You may take up to 6 credit hours.

You may take up to 6 credit hours.

You may take up to 6 credit hours.

You may take up to 6 credit hours.

You may take up to 6 credit hours.

You may take up to 6 credit hours.

You may take up to 6 credit hours.

You may take up to 6 credit hours.

You may take up to 6 credit hours.

You may take up to 6 credit hours.

You may take up to 6 credit hours.

You may take up to 6 credit hours.

You may take up to 6 credit hours.

You may take up to 6 credit hours.

You may take up to 6 credit hours.

You may take up to 6 credit hours.

You may take up to 6 credit hours.

You may take up to 6 credit hours.

You may take up to 6 credit hours.

You may take up to 6 credit hours.

You may take up to 6 credit hours.
**RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES:**
Students may have the opportunity to work as research assistants to political science faculty. Some students are paid research or teaching assistants, and others receive mentored research credit. Mentored research credit can apply towards elective credit in the major.

**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. International mentored research and internship opportunities are also offered through the department.

**HONORARY SOCIETIES AND CLUBS:**
A chapter of Sigma Iota Rho (International Studies Honor Society) and the BYU Political Affairs Society (BYUPAS) are offered at BYU. BYUPAS is the official student organization of the BYU Political Science Department. BYUPAS is dedicated to serving students who have interests in applied politics and connecting them with alumni, faculty, and friends of the University. Members of BYUPAS automatically become members of the Beta Mu chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha, the national political science honor society. Go to https://clubs.byu.edu/ to join.

**CAREERS:**
The department has five specialized emphases that help students choose courses that support their desired career paths. Majors can choose a track to pursue and select from an array of courses within each track to satisfy the requirements of the track.

These emphases allow students to specialize in a particular area of Political Science. **International Strategy and Diplomacy** is designed for majors interested in international/comparative-related careers such as diplomacy and risk analysis, and includes courses on comparative politics, international relations, national security, human rights, etc. **Legal Studies** is an ideal emphasis for those interested in law school. Courses in the legal studies emphasis include constitutional law, international law, and jurisprudence. The **Political Strategy** emphasis may be an option for those interested in political and campaign management and features courses on topics such as campaigns and elections, the political role of the media, and state and local government. A fourth emphasis, **Research and Analysis**, may be the choice of those interested in jobs in data-related fields, or going on to graduate work in social sciences. It includes course electives in areas such as data visualization, survey research, experimental methods, and qualitative methods. The final emphasis, **Global Development**, is an option particularly for students interested in political and economic development, with courses on subjects such as regional or country-specific politics, political economy, terrorism, etc.

The department offers several minors to students in Political Science or other majors: **Legal Studies**, **Political Strategy**, **Political Research and Data Analysis**, or **International Strategy and Diplomacy**. These minors supplement students’ current majors with specific emphases that help them acquire knowledge in more concentrated tracks, and also aid employers in understanding students’ experiences and skills.

**MAP DISCLAIMER**
While every reasonable effort is made to ensure accuracy, there are some student populations that could have exceptions to listed requirements. Please refer to the university catalog and your college advisement center/department for complete guidelines.

**DEPARTMENT INFORMATION**
Political Science Department
Brigham Young University
745 Spencer W. Kimball Tower
Provo, UT 84602
Telephone: 801-422-3423

**ADVICEMENT CENTER INFORMATION**
Liberal Arts Advisement and Careers
Brigham Young University
1041 JFSB
Provo, UT 84602
Telephone: 801-422-3541