BA in Political Science: Research and Analysis (735115) MAP Sheet
Family Home and Social Sciences, Political Science
For students entering the degree program during the 2022-2023 curricular year.
Students graduating in political science are well-prepared for a wide variety of public and private sector careers or graduate study—law, government, foreign service, non-profits, business, education, data analysis, etc.

**Research and Analysis** is for those interested in jobs in consulting, data science, and 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.

**University Core and Graduation Requirements**

**University Core Requirements:**
- Requirements#
- Classes
- Hours
- Classes

**Religion Cornerstones**
- Teachings and Doctrine of The Book of Mormon
  - REL A 275
- Jesus Christ and the Everlasting Gospel
  - REL A 250
- Foundations of the Restoration
  - REL C 225
- The Eternal Family
  - REL C 200
- The Individual and Society
- American Heritage
  - POLI 110* or 210* + ECON 110*
- Global and Cultural Awareness
  - POLI 150*, 170*, or other approved upper-division electives*

**Skills**
- First Year Writing
  - WRTG 150
- Advanced Written and Oral Communications
  - POLI 200* + (POLI 400* or 410* or 430* or 450* or 470*)
- Quantitative Reasoning
  - from approved list
- Languages of Learning (Math or Language)
  - POLI 328*
- Arts, Letters, and Sciences
- Civilization
  - POLI 201
- Civilization
  - POLI 202*
- Arts
  - from approved list
- Letters
  - POLI 202*
- Biological Science
  - from approved list
- Physical Science
  - from approved list
- Social Science
  - POLI 110*, 150*, 170*, or 328*
- Core Enrichment: Electives
- Religion Electives
  - from approved list
- Open Electives

*These classes fill both University Core and Program Requirements (17-23 hours overlap)

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

**Suggested Sequence of Courses**

**Freshman Year**

**1st Semester**
- First-year Writing
  - 3.0
- POLI 110 or POLI 150 or POLI 170 or POLI 201 or POLI 203.0
- Religion Cornerstone course
  - 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
POLI 200 4.0
POLI 210 or POLI 250 or POLI 270 or POLI 201 or POLI 203 2.0
Religion Cornerstone course 2.0
General Education courses, and/or general electives 6.0
Total Hours 15.0

Sophomore Year
3rd Semester
POLI 210 or POLI 250 or POLI 270 or POLI 201 or POLI 203 3.0
One POLI Emphasis elective 3.0
Religion Cornerstone Course 2.0
General Education courses, and/or general electives 7.0
Total Hours 15.0

4th Semester
POLI 3283.0
One POLI Emphasis elective 3.0
Religion Cornerstone Course 2.0
General Education courses, and/or general electives 7.0
Total Hours 15.0

Junior Year
5th Semester
POLI 400 or POLI 410 or POLI 430 or POLI 450 or POLI 4703.0 3.0
One POLI Emphasis elective 3.0
Religion elective 2.0
General Education courses, and/or general electives 7.0
Total Hours 15.0

6th Semester
One Analytical and Professional Skills elective 3.0
One POLI Emphasis elective 3.0
Religion Elective 2.0
General Education courses, and/or general electives 7.0
Total Hours 15.0

Senior Year
7th Semester
POLI 399R (Internship) OR Two POLI emphasis/upper-division electives 6.0
Religion elective 2.0
General Education courses, and/or general electives 7.0
Total Hours 15.0

8th Semester
POLI 399R (Internship) OR Two POLI emphasis/upper-division electives 6.0
General Education courses, and/or general electives 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.

BA in Political Science: Research and Analysis (735115) 2022-2023 Program Requirements (44 Credit Hours)
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 210 - 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 250 - 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 University Core Advanced Written and Oral Communication requirement.)
  POLI 400 - 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 S 111 - Introduction to Computer Science 3.0
C S 142 - 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
GEOG 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 306R - Topics in Political Science Methods 3.0v
POLI 331 - Politics and Public Policy 3.0
POLI 332 - Public Policy Analysis 3.0
POLI 367 - Contemporary Political Theory 3.0
POLI 400 - Research Project in Political Theory 3.0
POLI 410 - Research Project in American Politics 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 9.0 hours from the following course(s)
Professional Emphasis Part 1.
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 306R - Topics in Political Science Methods 3.0v

You may take up to 9 credit hours.

requirement 7 Complete 6.0 hours from the following course(s)
Professional Emphasis Part 2.
ANTHR 442 - Ethnographic Research Design and Methods 3.0
C S 142 - Introduction to Computer Programming 3.0
ECON 398 - Applied Econometrics 3.0
ECON 478 - Game Theory and Economics 3.0
ECON 588 - Advanced Econometrics 3.0
FIN 201 - Principles of Finance 3.0
GEOG 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
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Poli 306R - Topics in Political Science Methods 3.0v
POLI 317 - Public Opinion and Voting Behavior 4.0v
POLI 332 - Public Policy Analysis 3.0
POLI 367 - Contemporary Political Theory 3.0
POLI 400 - Research Project in Political Theory 3.0
POLI 410 - Research Project in American Politics 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 430 - Research Project in Public Policy 3.0
POLI 450 - Research Project in Comparative Politics 3.0
POLI 465 - Philosophy of the Social Sciences 3.0
POLI 470 - Research Project in International Relations 3.0
POLI 491R - Center for the Study of Elections and Democracy - Lab 1.0
POLI 492R - Global Politics Lab 1.0
POLI 497R - Mentored Research 6.0v
You may take up to 6 credit hours.
PSYCH 310 - Psychological Research Design and Analysis 3.0
STAT 230 - Statistical Modeling 1 3.0
STAT 234 - Methods of Survey Sampling 3.0
STAT 251 - Introduction to Bayesian Statistics 3.0
STAT 435 - Nonparametric Statistical Methods 3.0
STAT 531 - Experimental Design 3.0
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 304 - Game Theory in Political Science 3.0
POLI 305 - Survey Research Methods 3.0
POLI 306R - Topics in Political Science Methods 3.0v
POLI 311 - State and Local Government and Politics 3.0
POLI 312 - American Judicial Politics 3.0
POLI 313 - Interest Groups 3.0
POLI 314 - The United States Presidency 3.0
POLI 315 - Congress and the Legislative Process 3.0
POLI 316 - American Political Parties 3.0
POLI 317 - Public Opinion and Voting Behavior 4.0v
POLI 318 - Campaigns and Elections 3.0
POLI 319R - Topics in American Government and Politics 3.0v
You may take up to 6 credit hours.

POLI 321 - The Media in American Politics 3.0
POLI 323 - Race, Ethnicity, and Gender in American Politics 3.0
POLI 324 - Political Psychology 3.0
POLI 325 - Politics of Wilderness, National Parks, and Public Land Management 3.0
POLI 331 - Politics and Public Policy 3.0
POLI 332 - Public Policy Analysis 3.0
POLI 333 - Politics of Bureaucracy 3.0
POLI 335 - Social Policy 3.0
POLI 336 - Government and Religion 3.0

POLI 339R - Topics in Public Policy 3.0v

POLI 341 - European Politics 3.0

POLI 342 - Gender and Politics 3.0

POLI 343 - Designing Democracy: Constitutional Design for Democratic Governance 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 349R - Topics in Politics 3.0v
You may take up to 6 credit hours.

POLI 351 - British Government and Politics 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 355 - Canadian Government and Politics 3.0

POLI 357 - Middle East Politics 3.0

POLI 358 - Latin American Politics 3.0

POLI 359R - Topics in Comparative Politics 3.0v
You may take up to 6 credit hours.

POLI 362 - Reason, Revelation, and Politics 3.0

POLI 364 - Jurisprudence 3.0

POLI 365 - Early American Political Thought: 1620-1865 3.0

POLI 366 - Modern American Political Thought: 1865-Present 3.0

POLI 367 - Contemporary Political Theory 3.0

POLI 368R - Topics in Political Philosophy 3.0v
You may take up to 6 credit hours.

POLI 371 - Foreign Policy Analysis 3.0

POLI 372 - International Political Economy 3.0

POLI 373 - International Law 3.0

POLI 374 - Ethics and International Affairs 3.0

POLI 375 - International Organizations 3.0

POLI 376 - U.S. Foreign Policy 3.0

POLI 377 - National Security Affairs 3.0

POLI 378 - International Conflict 3.0

POLI 379R - Topics in International Relations 3.0v
You may take up to 6 credit hours.

POLI 380 - International Relations of Latin America 3.0
POLI 381 - International Relations of the Middle East 3.0
POLI 382 - International Relations of North America 3.0
POLI 385 - International Relations of Asia 3.0
POLI 386 - Japanese Foreign Policy 3.0
POLI 387 - International Relations of Developing Countries 3.0
POLI 388 - Chinese Foreign Policy 3.0
POLI 391 - Advanced Seminar on Current Issues 3.0
POLI 392R - Topics in Political Strategy 3.0v
POLI 393R - Topics in Legal Studies 3.0v
POLI 394R - Topics in Global Development 3.0v
POLI 395R - Political Review 1.0
POLI 397 - Utah Legislative Politics 2.0
POLI 399R - Washington DC Internship 9.0v
POLI 399R - Academic Internship 9.0v
POLI 399R - Utah Legislature Internship 9.0v
POLI 399R - Pre-Law Internship 9.0v
POLI 399R - International Internship 9.0v
POLI 400 - Research Project in Political Theory 3.0
POLI 410 - Research Project in American Politics 3.0
POLI 420 - Constitutional Law - American Federal System 3.0
POLI 421 - Constitutional Law - Rights and Immunities 3.0
POLI 422 - Interests and Ideas in the American Founding 3.0
POLI 423 - Political Extremism in the United States 3.0
POLI 428 - Advanced Statistical Analysis 3.0
POLI 430 - Research Project in Public Policy 3.0
POLI 444 - The Political Economy of Development 3.0
POLI 450 - Research Project in Comparative Politics 3.0
POLI 452 - Islam and Politics 3.0
POLI 461 - Federalist Papers 3.0
POLI 462 - Tocqueville on America 3.0
POLI 465 - Philosophy of the Social Sciences 3.0
POLI 466 - Plato's Political Thought 3.0
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POLI 470 - Research Project in International Relations 3.0
POLI 472 - International Political Economy of Women 3.0
POLI 473 - Human Rights 3.0
POLI 474 - Arab-Palestinian-Israeli Conflict 3.0
POLI 475 - Civil Wars and Ethnic Violence 3.0
POLI 476 - Terrorism 3.0
POLI 491R - Center for the Study of Elections and Democracy - Lab 1.0
POLI 492R - Global Politics Lab 1.0
POLI 497R - Mentored Research 6.0v
You may take up to 6 credit hours.
POLI 498R - Directed Readings 3.0v
POLI 499 - (Not currently offered)
POLI 539R - Advanced Topics in Public Policy 3.0
POLI 579R - Topics on World Politics 3.0
POLI 599R - Academic Internship 9.0v
POLI 599R - Graduate Internship 9.0v
1. No double-counting of courses across requirements.
2. POLI 101R and POLI 297R do not count toward the major or any minor offered by the department.
3. Only 6 hours of POLI 399R (internship credit) may count toward the major.
4. No cooperative education (internship) credit from other universities or colleges will be accepted toward the major.
5. All students are strongly encouraged to complete an internship. Established programs are available through Washington Seminar, Utah State Legislature, or the Kennedy Center. [Students should contact the Political Science Internship Director (945 KMBL, 801-422-2168) at least 60-90 days before the anticipated internship start date or before beginning the search for an internship.]
6. Only 6 hours of POLI 497R (Mentored Research) may count toward the major.
7. We strongly encourage students to take POLI 398, a career lecture series course.

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 an emphasis to pursue and select from an array of courses within each emphasis to satisfy the requirements of the emphasis.

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 science and 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.

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