# BA in POLITICAL SCIENCE (735121) MAP Sheet

## Department of Political Science

For students entering the degree program during the 2016–2017 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

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<td>American Heritage</td>
<td>1–2</td>
<td>3–6.0</td>
<td>Poli 100* + Econ 110* recommended</td>
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<td>Global &amp; Cultural Awareness</td>
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<td>First-Year Writing</td>
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<td>Adv Written &amp; Oral Communication</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>7.0</td>
<td>Poli 200* + rsrch project*</td>
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### Arts, Letters, and Sciences

| Civilization 1 and 2            |          | 6.0   | Poli 201 and 202* |
| Letters                         | 1        | 3.0   | Poli 202* or 363* |

### Core Electives: Electives

| Religion Electives              | 3–4      | 6.0   | from approved list |
| Open Electives                  | Variable | Variable | personal choice |

### Core Enrichment: Electives

### Religious Cornerstones

- Teachings and Doctrine, Book of Mormon
- Jesus Christ & the Everlasting Gospel
- Foundations of the Restoration
- The Eternal Family

### Arts, Letters, and Sciences

- Civilizations
- First-Year Writing
- Adv Written & Oral Communication
- Quantitative Reasoning
- Languages of Learning
- Effective Communication
- Global & Cultural Awareness

### Arts

- Letters
- Scientific Principles & Reasoning
- Biological Science
- Physical Science
- Social Science

### Core Enrichment: Electives

- Religion Electives
- Open Electives

### Graduation Requirements

- Minimum residence hours required: 30.0
- Minimum hours needed to graduate: 120.0

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<td>27 hours of political science courses must be taken in residency at BYU (BYU Independent Study courses do not meet this requirement). These hours may also go toward BYU’s 30-hour residency requirement for graduation.</td>
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<td>Poli 101R and 297R do not count toward the major or any minor offered by the department.</td>
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<td>Only 6 hours of 399R may count toward the major.</td>
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<td>No cooperative education (internship) credit from other universities or colleges will be accepted toward the major.</td>
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<td>Students are strongly encouraged to complete an internship. Established programs are available through Washington Seminar, Utah State Legislature, or the Kennedy Center.</td>
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<td>Students scoring a 4 or 5 on the Am. Govt and/or Comparative Govt AP exams may substitute AP credit for Poli 110 or 150, respectively.</td>
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<td>Students are encouraged to take Poli 298R, a career lecture series course.</td>
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<td>Note: Courses used to complete the above req. can double count toward completion of this requirement.</td>
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### Philosophy

- Complete at least one of the following:
  - Poli 201 Western Political Heritage 1
  - Poli 202 Western Political Heritage 2
  - Poli 210 Principles of American Politics
  - Poli 215 Comparative Government & Politics
  - Poli 250 Principles of Comparative Politics
  - Poli 270 Principles of International Politics

### Intro Research & Writing

- Complete the following:
  - Poli 200 Political Inquiry

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*These classes fill both university core and program requirements (17–23 hours overlap)
ii. Complete two additional courses from req. i or from the following:

- C S 342 Intro to Computer Programming 3.0
- Econ 478 Game Theory and Economics 3.0
- Econ 488 Applied Econometrics 3.0
- Econ 520 Advanced Econometrics 3.0
- Geog 212 Intro to Geog. Information Systems 3.0
- Geog 213 Earth Observ. & Image Interp. 3.0
- Phil 209 Intro to Formal Logic 3.0
- Poli 317 Public Opinion & Voting Behavior 3.0
- Stat 151 Intro to Bayesian Statistics 3.0
- Stat 230 Analysis of Variance 3.0
- Stat 232 Methods of Survey Sampling 3.0
- Stat 431 Experimental Design 3.0
- Stat 435 Nonparametric Statistical Methods 3.0

E. Global Development

i. Complete the following:

- Econ 110 Econ Principles & Problems 3.0

ii. Complete four courses from the following:

- Econ 230 Econ Development & Growth 3.0
- Econ 431 Economic Development 3.0
- Econ 432 Economic Growth 3.0
- Poli 342 Gender and Politics 3.0
- Poli 343 Comparative Institutional Design 3.0
- Poli 344 Comparative Political Economy 3.0
- Poli 345 Comparative Parties & Elections 3.0
- Poli 346 Comparative Politics of Asia 3.0
- Poli 347 Russia/Former Soviet Politics 3.0
- Poli 352 African Politics 3.0
- Poli 354 Canadian Govt and Politics 3.0
- Poli 354 Japan: Govt and Politics 3.0
- Poli 356 Middle East: Political Systems 3.0
- Poli 358 Latin American Politics 3.0
- Poli 374 Ethics and International Affairs 3.0
- Poli 380 Int. Relations of Latin America 3.0
- Poli 386 Int. Relations of Asia 3.0
- Poli 392R Topics in Legal Studies 3.0
- Hist 389R Advanced Legal Internship 3.0
- Hist 496R Advanced Legal Internship 3.0

Note: Up to 3 hrs of StDev can count for the Legal Studies track.

C. Political Strategy

i. Complete five courses from the following:

- Econ 110 Econ Principles & Problems 3.0
- Econ 477 Political Economics 3.0
- Poli 304 Game Theory in Poli. Science 3.0
- Poli 311 State & Local Govt & Politics 3.0
- Poli 313 Interest Groups 3.0
- Poli 314 The U.S. Presidency 3.0
- Poli 315 Congress & the Legislative Process 3.0
- Poli 348 Comparative Politics of Asia 3.0
- Poli 352 African Politics 3.0
- Poli 354 Canadian Govt and Politics 3.0
- Poli 364 Comparative Institutional Design 3.0
- Poli 371 Public Opinion & Voting Behavior 3.0
- Poli 380 Int. Relations of Latin America 3.0
- Poli 385 Int. Relations of Devel. Countries 3.0
- Poli 386 Japanese Foreign Policy 3.0
- Poli 393R Topics in Legal Studies 3.0
- Hist 393 U.S. Foreign Relations 3.0

Note: Up to 3 hrs of StDev can count for the Legal Studies track.

Note 2: Poli 278 will not double count with the Analytical and Professional Skills req. above.

Note 3: Up to 3 hrs of StDev can count for the legal studies track.

ii. Students are encouraged to complete internships, work on campaigns, & gain other practical political experience.

B. Legal Studies

i. Complete three courses from the following:

- Poli 278 Applied Stats for Public Policy/Law 3.0
- Poli 364 Jurisprudence 3.0
- Poli 373 International Law 3.0
- Poli 393R Topics in Legal Studies 3.0
- Poli 420 Const. Law-Amer. Federal System 3.0
- Poli 421 Const. Law-Rights & Immunities 3.0
- Poli 422 Interests & Ideas in Amer. Founding 3.0
- Hist 392 U.S. Constitutional History 3.0

Note 1: Phil 416 may be used in place of Poli 364. See your academic advisor.

Note 2: Poli 278 will not double count with the Analytical and Professional Skills req. above.

Note 3: Up to 3 hrs of StDev can count for the legal studies track.

D. Research and Analysis

i. Complete three courses from the following:

- Poli 302 Experimental Research Methods 3.0
- Poli 303 Quantiative Research Methods 3.0
- Poli 304 Game Theory in Political Science 3.0
- Poli 305 Survey Research Methods 3.0
- Poli 306 Research in Political Science Methods 3.0
- Poli 367 Contemporary Political Thought 3.0
- Poli 400 Research Proj in Political Theory 3.0
- Poli 410 Research Proj in American Politics 3.0
- Poli 420 Research Proj in Int. Relations 3.0
- Poli 425 Research Proj in Compar. Politics 3.0
- Poli 465 Philosophy of Social Sciences 3.0
- Poli 470 Research Proj in Int. Relations 3.0

Note: Up to 6 hrs Poli 399R or 497R with int. dev. orgs may count for requirement ii.

Additional requirement for all majors: Complete 6 additional credit hours of 200-level and above Political Science courses. A max of 3 lower-division hours may count toward these 6.

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 politicians; 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.
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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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 major has been changed this year to provide more choice for students with varying career interests. The department has instituted five specialized tracks that help students choose courses that conform to their desired career paths. Under this new program, 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 tracks 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 track for those interested in law school because courses there cover constitutional law, international law, and jurisprudence, for example. The Political Strategy track 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 track, Research and Analysis, may be the choice of those going on to graduate work in social sciences. It includes course electives in areas such as survey research, experimental methods, and qualitative methods. The final track, 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.

Similarly, new minors have been introduced that allow students in Political Science or in other majors to complete minors in areas including Legal Studies, Political Strategy, or International Strategy and Diplomacy. These minors may be the choice of those going on to graduate work in social sciences. It includes course electives in areas such as survey research, experimental methods, and qualitative methods. The final track, 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.

### Suggested Sequence of Courses:

#### FRESHMAN YEAR

**1st Semester**
- First-year Writing 3.0
- Poli 110 3.0
  - or Poli 150
  - or Poli 170
  - or Poli 201
  - or Poli 202
- 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
- One of the following: 3.0
  - Poli 210
  - Poli 250
  - Poli 270
  - Poli 201
  - Poli 202
- Religion Cornerstone course 2.0
- General Education courses, and/or general electives 6.0

**Total Hours 15.0**

#### SOPHOMORE YEAR

**3rd Semester**

- One of the following: 3.0
  - Poli 210
  - Poli 250
  - Poli 270
  - Poli 201
  - Poli 202
- Poli elective 3.0
- Religion Cornerstone course 2.0
- General Education courses, and/or general electives 7.0

**Total Hours 15.0**

**4th Semester**

- One of the following: 3.0
  - Poli 400
  - Poli 410
  - Poli 430
  - Poli 450
  - Poli 470
- Religion elective 2.0
- General Education courses, and/or general electives 6.0

**Total Hours 15.0**

#### JUNIOR YEAR

**5th Semester**

- Three Track electives 9.0
- Religion Cornerstone course 2.0
- General Education courses, and/or general electives 4.0

**Total Hours 15.0**

**6th Semester**

- One of the following: 3.0
  - Poli 302, 303, 304, 305, 306R, 332, 367, 421; Bus M 201; C S 142; Econ 478, 488; Geog 212, 213; IS 201; Phil 205; Slat 234
- One Track elective 3.0
- Religion elective 2.0
- General Education courses, and/or general electives 4.0

**Total Hours 15.0**

#### SENIOR YEAR

**7th Semester**

- Poli 399R (internship)
- OR Two Track 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) 6.0
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