

Political Science

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Political science enjoys a central position among the social sciences. Aristotle characterized politics as the “queen of the sciences.” It is a broad discipline that encompasses philosophical, historical and analytical studies of governments, politics and policies. Political science students learn not only the concepts, theories and methods associated with the discipline, but also gain the cognitive and presentational skills required of tomorrow’s leaders, both public and private. At its core, politics is about building and maintaining communities at the local, state, national and international levels that enable citizens to live enriching and fulfilling lives. Political science students develop not only an understanding of those communities, but also the ability to influence them.

Political science students develop a versatility of skills that prepare them for a wide range of future career paths. The career possibilities for a political science student include: government service and public administration at the federal, state, and local levels; policy analysis and

lobbying for both non-profit organizations and corporations; foreign service; campaign consulting; public opinion and marketing research; journalism; and secondary and post-secondary education. Political science is also the leading course of study for students preparing to enter law school.

Several courses fill general education requirements in the social science distribution area. Upper division courses apply toward a BA/BS in Political Science and the Integrated Studies Social Sciences emphasis and may service as electives in other programs. (See specific program requirements.)

BA in Political Science 120 CREDITS

General Education Requirements: 35 Credits

- ENGL 1010 Introduction to Writing 3.0
- ENGL 2010 Intermediate Writing--Humanities/Social Sciences 3.0
- or ENGL 2020 Intermediate Writing--Science and Technology (3.0)

Complete one of the following: 3.0

- MATH 1030 Quantitative Reasoning (recommended for Humanities or Arts majors) (3.0)
- MATH 1040 Introduction to Statistics (recommended for Social Science majors) (3.0)
- MATH 1050 College Algebra (recommended for Business, Education, Science, and Health Professions majors) (4.0)

Complete one of the following: 3.0

- HIST 1700 American Civilization (3.0)
- HIST 2700 US History to 1877 (3.0)
- and HIST 2710 US History since 1877 (3.0)
- HIST 1740 US Economic History (3.0)
- POLS 1000 American Heritage (3.0)

Complete the following:

- PHIL 2050 Ethics and Values 3.0
- HLTH 1100 Personal Health and Wellness (2.0)
- or PES 1097 Fitness for Life 2.0

Distribution Courses

- Biology 3.0
- Physical Science 3.0
- Additional Biology or Physical Science 3.0
- Humanities Distribution (Fulfilled by completing Foreign Language Course 2020) 3.0
- Fine Arts Distribution 3.0
- Social/Behavioral Science 3.0

Discipline Core Requirements: 21 Credits

- POLS 1010 Introduction to Political Science 3.0
- POLS 1020 Political Ideologies 3.0
- POLS 1100 American National Government 3.0
- POLS 2100 Introduction to International Relations 3.0
- POLS 2200 Introduction to Comparative Politics 3.0
- POLS 3000 Political Analysis 3.0
- POLS 4990 Senior Seminar (3.0) 3.0
- or POLS 480R Internship (2.0)

Emphasis:

Complete one of the following:

- American Government 18.0
- International Relations 18.0
- Political Philosophy/Public Law 18.0

Elective Requirements: 46 Credits

- Complete the 1010, 1020, and 2010 courses from 15.0 one foreign language
- Complete courses numbered 1000 or higher (at least 16 credits must be upper-division) 31.0

Graduation Requirements:

- 1 Completion of a minimum of 120 or more semester credits, 40 credits must be upper-division.
- 2 Overall grade point average of 2.0 (C) or above (departments may require a higher GPA).
- 3 Residency hours: minimum of 30 credit hours through course attendance at UVSC, with at least 10 hours earned in the last 45 hours.
- 4 Completion of GE and specified departmental requirements.
- 5 Completion of 18 credit hours of course work from one language to include the 1010, 1020, 2010, and 2020 levels or transferred equivalents.

Emphasis in

American Government 18 Credits

Emphasis Requirements: 18 Credits

Complete 18 credits from the followings courses: 18.0

- POLS 3030 State and Local Government (3.0)
- POLS 3150 Executive Branch (3.0)
- POLS 3180 Public Opinion and Political Behavior (3.0)
- POLS 3200 Legislative Process (3.0)
- POLS 3250 Introduction to Law and Politics (3.0)
- POLS 3300 Introduction to Public Administration (3.0)
- POLS 420R Issues and Topics in Political Science (3.0)
- POLS 4720 Foundations of American Constitutionalism (3.0)
- POLS 4790 US Constitution (3.0)
- POLS 480R Internship (2.0)
- POLS 490R Independent Study (1.0)
- HIST 3870 Constitutional History to Plessy 1896 (3.0)
- HIST 3880 Constitutional History since Plessy 1896 (3.0)
- HIST 4600 Contemporary American Indian Political and Social Issues (3.0)
- PHIL 3530 Environmental Ethics (3.0)
- PHIL 3700 Social and Political Philosophy (3.0)
- SOC 3200 Race and Minority Relations (3.0)
- SOC 3460 Political Sociology (3.0)

Emphasis in

International Relations 18 Credits

Emphasis Requirements: 18 Credits

Complete 18 credits from the following courses: 18.0

- POLS 1440 Introduction to Middle East Politics (3.0)
- POLS 1800 Our Global Community (3.0)
- POLS 3100 Survey of International Terrorism (3.0)
- POLS 3400 American Foreign Policy (3.0)
- POLS 3500 International Relations of the Middle East (3.0)
- POLS 3600 International Relations of East Asia (3.0)
- POLS 420R Issues and Topics in Political Science (3.0)
- POLS 490R Independent Study (1.0)
- HIST 3050 Modern Latin America (3.0)
- HIST 3520 The United States and Vietnam--1945 to Present (3.0)
- HIST 3610 The Modern History of East Asia (3.0)
- HIST 4300 Violence and Social Conflict in Latin America (3.0)
- HIST 4430 History of Iran--1900 to Present (3.0)
- ANTH 1070 Multicultural Societies (3.0)
- ANTH 3000 Language and Culture (3.0)
- MGMT 3300 Survey of International Business (3.0)
- MGMT 3320 Cross-Cultural Communications for International Business (3.0)
- PHIL 1600 World Religions (3.0)
- SOC 3100 Population Society and Demography (3.0)

Emphasis in Political

Philosophy/Public Law 18 Credits

Emphasis Requirements: 18 Credits

Complete 18 credits from the following: 18.0

- POLS 2350 Introduction to Political Theory (3.0)
- POLS 3030 State and Local Government (3.0)
- POLS 3180 Public Opinion and Political Behavior (3.0)
- POLS 3200 Legislative Process (3.0)
- POLS 3250 Introduction to Law and Politics (3.0)
- POLS 3300 Introduction to Public Administration (3.0)
- POLS 420R Issues and Topics in Political Science (3.0)
- POLS 4720 Foundations of American Constitutionalism (3.0)
- POLS 4790 US Constitution (3.0)
- POLS 490R Independent Study (1.0)
- HIST 3870 Constitutional History to Plessy 1896 (3.0)
- HIST 3880 Constitutional History since Plessy 1896 (3.0)
- PHIL 3150 Philosophical Issues in Feminism (3.0)

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- PHIL 3530 Environmental Ethics (3.0)
- PHIL 3700 Social and Political Philosophy (3.0)
- SOC 3200 Race and Minority Relations (3.0)

BS in Political Science 120 Credits

General Education Requirements: 36 Credits

- ENGL 1010 Introduction to Writing 3.0
 - ENGL 2010 Intermediate Writing--Humanities/Social Sciences (3.0)
- or ENGL 2020 Intermediate Writing--Science and Technology 3.0
- MATH 1050 College Algebra (recommended for Business, Education, Science, and Health Professions majors) 4.0

Complete one of the following: 3.0

- HIST 1700 American Civilization (3.0)
 - HIST 2700 US History to 1877 (3.0)
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Distribution Courses:

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- Fine Arts 3.0
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Discipline Core Requirements: 36 Credits

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 - POLS 1020 Political Ideologies 3.0
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 - POLS 2200 Introduction to Comparative Politics 3.0
 - POLS 3000 Political Analysis 3.0
 - POLS 4990 Senior Seminar (3.0)
- or POLS 480R Internship (2.0) 3.0

Quantitative Requirement: Complete 15 credits from the following courses: 15.0

- CLSS 1050 Library Research (1.0)
- COMM 1130 Writing for the Mass Media (3.0)
- COMM 1500 Introduction to Mass Communication (3.0)
- MATH 1060 Trigonometry (3.0)
- MATH 1210 Calculus I (5.0)
- MATH 2040 Principles of Statistics (4.0)
- MGMT 2390 Effective Business Presentations (3.0)
- MGMT 3000 Organizational Behavior (3.0)
- MGMT 3430 Human Resource Management (3.0)
- ECON 4150 Public Finance (3.0)

Emphasis:

- Complete one of the following:
- American Government 18.0
 - International Relations 18.0
 - Political Philosophy/Public Law 18.0

Elective Requirements: 30 Credits

- Complete courses numbered 1000 or higher (at least 16 credits must be upper-division) 30.0

Graduation Requirements:

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Emphasis in American Government 18 Credits

Emphasis Requirements: 18 Credits

Complete 18 credits from the following: 18.0

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- POLS 3150 Executive Branch (3.0)
- POLS 3180 Public Opinion and Political Behavior (3.0)
- POLS 3200 Legislative Process (3.0)
- POLS 3250 Introduction to Law and Politics (3.0)
- POLS 3300 Introduction to Public Administration (3.0)
- POLS 4720 Foundations of American Constitutionalism (3.0)

- POLS 4790 US Constitution (3.0)
- POLS 420R Issues and Topics in Political Science (3.0)
- POLS 480R Internship (2.0)
- POLS 490R Independent Study (1.0)
- HIST 3870 Constitutional History to Plessy 1896 (3.0)
- HIST 3880 Constitutional History since Plessy 1896 (3.0)
- HIST 4600 Contemporary American Indian Political and Social Issues (3.0)
- PHIL 3530 Environmental Ethics (3.0)
- PHIL 3700 Social and Political Philosophy (3.0)
- SOC 3200 Race and Minority Relations (3.0)
- SOC 3460 Political Sociology (3.0)

Emphasis in International Relations 18 Credits

Emphasis Requirements: 18 Credits

Complete 18 credits from the following courses: 18.0

- POLS 1440 Introduction to Middle East Politics (3.0)
- POLS 1800 Our Global Community (3.0)
- POLS 3100 Survey of International Terrorism (3.0)
- POLS 3400 American Foreign Policy (3.0)
- POLS 3500 International Relations of the Middle East (3.0)
- POLS 3600 International Relations of East Asia (3.0)
- POLS 420R Issues and Topics in Political Science (3.0)
- POLS 490R Independent Study (1.0)
- HIST 3050 Modern Latin America (3.0)
- HIST 3520 The United States and Vietnam--1945 to Present (3.0)
- HIST 3610 The Modern History of East Asia (3.0)
- HIST 4300 Violence and Social Conflict in Latin America (3.0)
- HIST 4430 History of Iran--1900 to Present (3.0)
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- MGMT 3300 Survey of International Business (3.0)
- MGMT 3320 Cross-Cultural Communications for International Business (3.0)
- PHIL 1600 World Religions (3.0)
- SOC 3100 Population Society and Demography (3.0)

Emphasis in Political Philosophy/Public Law 18 Credits

Emphasis Requirements: 18 Credits

Complete 18 credits from the following courses: 18.0

- POLS 2350 Introduction to Political Theory (3.0)
- POLS 3030 State and Local Government (3.0)
- POLS 3180 Public Opinion and Political Behavior (3.0)
- POLS 3200 Legislative Process (3.0)
- POLS 3250 Introduction to Law and Politics (3.0)
- POLS 3300 Introduction to Public Administration (3.0)
- POLS 4720 Foundations of American Constitutionalism (3.0)
- POLS 4790 US Constitution (3.0)
- POLS 420R Issues and Topics in Political Science (3.0)
- POLS 490R Independent Study (1.0)
- HIST 3870 Constitutional History to Plessy 1896 (3.0)
- HIST 3880 Constitutional History since Plessy 1896 (3.0)
- PHIL 3150 Philosophical Issues in Feminism (3.0)
- PHIL 3530 Environmental Ethics (3.0)
- PHIL 3700 Social and Political Philosophy (3.0)
- SOC 3200 Race and Minority Relations (3.0)

Minor in Political Science 18 Credits

Matriculation Requirements:

- 1 Completion of one of the following prerequisites: POLS 1000, American Heritage; POLS 1010, Introduction to Political Science; or POLS 1100, American National Government.
- 2 Admitted to a bachelor degree program at UVSC.

Discipline Core Requirements: 18 Credits

Complete TWO of the following: 6.0

- POLS 1020 Political Ideologies (3.0)
- POLS 1440 Introduction to Middle East Politics (3.0)
- POLS 2200 Introduction to Comparative Politics (3.0)
- POLS 2100 Introduction to International Relations (3.0)
- POLS 1800 Our Global Community (3.0)
- POLS 2120 Political Parties (3.0)

Complete TWO of the following: 6.0

- POLS 3030 State and Local Government (3.0)
- POLS 3150 Executive Branch (3.0)
- POLS 3200 Legislative Process (3.0)
- POLS 3250 Introduction to Law and Politics (3.0)

Complete TWO of the following: 6.0

- POLS 3000 Political Analysis (3.0)
- POLS 3100 Survey of International Terrorism (3.0)
- POLS 3400 American Foreign Policy (3.0)
- GEOG 3430 Political Geography (3.0)
- POLS 3500 International Relations of the Middle East (3.0)
- POLS 3590 American Indian Law and Tribal Government (3.0)
- POLS 3600 International Relations of East Asia (3.0)
- POLS 480R Internship* (2.0)

Graduation Requirements:

- 1 Complete all history courses with a grade of "C-" or better.

Footnotes:

- * Only 3 credits of Internship will be accepted.

See Course Descriptions section of the catalog for detailed course information. This department manages the following course prefixes:

- ARCH, Archaeology
- GEOG, Geography
- HIST, History
- POLS, Political Science
- SOSOC, Social Science