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QUICK FACTS

- Internships are available working for Federal and State Legislatures, regulatory agencies, lobbying firms, think tanks, corporations, and international organizations offer students real world experience.
- Pi Sigma Alpha, our chapter of the National Political Science Honor Society, won best chapter 7 out of the last 8 years. It sponsors seminars and service projects.
- Political Science faculty have been awarded CHASS teacher of the year, Utah State University Teacher of the Year, and the Robbins Award for Teacher of the Year.
- Each year faculty work with several Undergraduate Research Fellows on projects which result in publication and presentations of professional meetings.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

- Ideal for preparation for the legal profession or academia
- Policy analysis in government and the private sector
- Careers as U.S. Senate and U.S. House staff members, Washington Lobbyists, Foreign Service Officers, Intelligence Analysts, Campaign Consultants, and Analysts for the Utah State Legislature
- Optional careers in business, education, communications, public relations, social work, law enforcement, and consulting.

INTERNSHIPS

- A myriad of internship opportunities exist for Utah State students interested in politics. Each semester our students work with politicians at the local, state and federal level. In the past, students have worked for think-tanks, government agencies, lobbying firms and legislators on Capitol Hill including Orin Hatch

and Ted Kennedy. Internships are available at agencies and organizations including the American Farmland Trust, CIA, CNN, Foreign Embassies, Kennedy Center for the Arts, USAID, U.S. Chamber of Commerce, U.S. Department of Energy, White House and more.

- For information regarding internships, please contact Federal and State Relations in MAIN 109 or at (435) 797-0257.
- If you have acquired an international internship and need help funding it, you can apply for the Internship Assistance Award. For more information, contact the Department of Political Science at 435-797-1306 or visit <http://politicalscience.usu.edu/htm/study/internships>

SCHOLARSHIPS

- The political science department offers a number of scholarships to eligible students each year. Scholarship applications are available online or can be picked up in the office, located in MAIN 320, at the beginning of Spring Semester. For information regarding scholarships offered through the Department of Political Science, please contact the department at (435) 797-1306 or at politicalscience@usu.edu.

APPLICATION INFORMATION

- New freshmen admitted to USU in good standing qualify for admission to the Law and Constitutional Studies major.
- Transfer students from other institutions or from other USU majors need a 3.0 total GPA to be admitted.
- For more information, contact Dan Mathews in the CHaSS Advising Center (TSC 302) at (435) 797-3883.

Law & Constitutional Studies (BS or BA*) Graduation Requirements

Overview

The law and constitutional studies is the only major of its kind in the Intermountain West. This is a rigorous program designed for students interested in leadership roles in business, public communications, government, education, or the study or practice of law. The program is intended to introduce students to the study of law and politics, with an emphasis on the American Constitution, and it focuses on how constitutional rules affect political and economic processes. Students study the theory, history, economics, and development of constitutional thought. They also learn about natural and civil rights, a market economy, a self-governing citizenry, voluntary associations, and the rule of law. Through an intensive program of constitutional study, this major equips students with the intellectual tools and understanding of constitutional principles necessary to enter graduate study or law school, as well as a variety of other professions. The program hosts prominent experts on law and the Constitution such as guest speakers such as Justice Antonin Scalia of the U.S. Supreme Court. Students also have ample opportunities for internships in federal and state legislatures, regulatory agencies, lobbying firms, think tanks, corporations and international organizations.

Bachelor of Arts Degree Language Requirement

A Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree signifies proficiency in one or more foreign languages. Specifically, the BA requirement may be completed in one of the following ways:

1. Demonstration of proficiency in *one* foreign language by successful completion of one course at the 2020-level or higher (or its equivalent).
Or
2. Demonstration of proficiency in American Sign Language by successful completion of **COMD 4920** and **COMD 4780**, and by passing an exit interview.
Or
3. Demonstration of proficiency in *two* foreign languages by successful completion of the 1020 course level in one language *and* the 2010 course level in the second language (or its equivalent).
Or
4. Completion of an upper-division (3000-level or higher) foreign language grammar or literature course requiring the 2020 course level (or its equivalent) as a prerequisite. Conversation courses *cannot* be considered for satisfying this requirement.

For nonnative English-speaking students *only*, the following options are available:

1. Successful completion of the Intensive English Language Institute (IELI) program for international students.
Or
2. TOEFL, Michigan, or IELI placement scores high enough to meet the University admission criteria.

General Education Requirements

Note: Approved University Studies courses and requirements are listed in the *General Catalog*. The most current listings are shown online at: <http://catalog.usu.edu/>

Students must complete the General Education Requirements:

- POLS 1100 (required for POLS and LCS majors) will fulfill the American Institutions requirement
- POLS 2200 (required for POLS majors) will fulfill the Social Sciences requirement

Students must also complete the University Studies Depth Requirements:

- POLS 4990 (required for POLS majors), plus POLS 4220, POLS 4310 or POLS 4450 (if selected in the Area Requirements), will fulfill the Communication Intensive (CI) requirement
- POLS 3000 (required for POLS majors) will fulfill the Quantitative Intensive (QI) requirement
- Complete at least 2 credits in approved 3000-level or above courses from each of the following two categories: Humanities and Creative Arts (DHA) and Life and Physical Sciences (DSC)

Pre-Major Requirements

Students who wish to become Law and Constitutional Studies majors must apply for admission after completing the Department's pre-major program. New freshmen in good standing are eligible to declare the pre-major. Continuing students and transfer students with a 3.0 GPA are eligible to declare the pre-major. When the pre-major courses are completed with a GPA of 3.0, the student will be able to declare the Law and Constitutional Studies major. A student must be declared as a Law and Constitutional Studies major in order to apply for graduation.

Complete all of the following (12 credits):

ENGL 2010 - Intermed. Writ.: Res. Writ. in a Pers. Mode (CL2).....	3
POLS 1100 - United States Government and Politics (BAI).....	3
POLS 2300 - Introduction to Political Theory.....	3
STAT 1040 - Introduction to Statistics (QL) or	
MATH 1050 - College Algebra (QL).....	3-4

Other courses may be applied to the pre-major but only upon approval of the Political Science Department.

Notes: Advanced Placement US Government is not used for the POLS 1100 requirement. Credits taken for Law and Constitutional Studies Major may not be used to fulfill requirements of other majors and minors without departmental approval. You may not double major in Political Science and Law and Constitutional Studies or major in Law and Constitutional Studies and minor Political Science.

Complete two additional General Education courses (6 credits) chosen with undergraduate advisor:

In an effort to support essential learning outcomes, it is recommended that the student follow the general education program contained in the *Preparing for Degrees, Careers and Lives: Pathways to General Education* pamphlet developed by the College of Humanities and Social Sciences.

Careful selection of general education classes can enhance a student's undergraduate experience. The following are examples of recommendations to help students enhance their experience in the social sciences and foster critical and creative thinking skills of inquiry, analysis, and evaluation.

For example:

Students who wish to emphasize US Government and policy analysis in their curriculum are encouraged to consider:

- ECN 1500** - Intro to Econ. Inst., History, and Principles (BAI).....3
- ECN 2010** - Introduction to Microeconomics (BSS).....3

Law school candidates:

- PHIL 1250** - Practical Logic (BHU).....3
- PHIL 2200** - Deductive Logic (QI).....3

Interest in environmental policy issues:

- WATS 1200** - Biodiversity and Sustainability (BLS).....3
- WILD 2200** - Ecology of Our Changing World (BLS).....3

International relations and Foreign Service:

- CMST 2110** - Interpersonal Communication (BHU/HR).....3
- Bachelor of Art - foreign language

Those with an emphasis in political theory:

- HIST 1100** - Found. of West. Civ.: Ancient & Medieval (BHU).....3
- HIST 1110** - Found. of Western Civilization: Modern (BHU).....3
- PHIL 1120** - Social Ethics (BHU).....3

Law and Constitutional Studies Major

Min. GPA for Admission: 3.0, USU; 3.0, Career
 Min. GPA for Graduation: 3.0, major courses; 3.0, USU; 3.0, Career
 Min. Grade Accepted: C in major courses

This is a rigorous program designed for students interested in leadership roles in business, public communications, government, education, or the study or practice of law.

Total Credits in Political Science Courses: 36

Please note that none of the courses can be taken Pass/Fail; all Political Science courses must be taken for a letter grade. Also, all courses must be attended in their entirety. Students cannot take these courses during an internship.

Career Total and USU Cumulative GPAs: 3.00
Average GPA in Political Science Courses: 3.00

Required Courses (21 credits)

- POLS 1100** - United States Government and Politics (BAI).....3
- POLS 2300** - Introduction to Political Theory.....3
- POLS 3120** - Law and Politics (DSS).....3
- POLS 4120** - American Constitutional Law.....3

Please take one of the following:

- POLS 5130** - Law and Policy or
- POLS 5140** - Law, Politics, and War.....3

Please take two of the following:

- POLS 3320** - The Foundations of American Constitutionalism.....3
- POLS 4130** - Constitutional Theory.....3
- POLS 4140** - Political Organizations.....3

Note: Advanced Placement US Government is not used for the POLS 1100 requirement, and Advanced Placement Comparative Politics is not used for the POLS 2200 requirement.

Course Sequencing

Law and Constitutional Studies majors are required to complete POLS 1100 as a prerequisite to all 3000-and 4000-level Political Science courses. It is advised that Law and Constitutional Studies majors take POLS 3120 prior to POLS 4120, POLS 4130, POLS 5130, or POLS 5140

Area Requirements (6 credits minimum)

Students must take a minimum of six upper-division credits in U.S. Government and Policy in addition to courses required for this major.

Electives (9 credits)

Any Political Science upper-division courses can be used to complete the major and fulfill this requirement, with two exceptions:

1. Not more than **three** credits in Directed Readings courses (**POLS 4910**) can apply to this requirement.
2. Not more than **three** credits in the following courses can apply to this requirement:

- POLS 5900** - Government and Policy Internship Seminar.....3
- POLS 5910** - Campaign Internship.....1-12
- POLS 5920** - Washington Internship.....1-12
- POLS 5930** - State Government Internship.....1-12
- POLS 5940** - Administrative Internship.....1-12
- POLS 5950** - International Internship.....1-12

Minimum University Requirements

- Total Credits.....120
- Grade Point Average (most majors require higher GPA).....2.00
- Credits of C- or better.....100
- Credits of upper-division courses (#3000 or above).....40
- USU Credits (10 of last 40 must be USU credits).....30
- Completion of approved major program of study.....See college advisor
- Credits in minor (if required).....12
- Credits in American Institutions (ECN 1500; HIST 1700, HIST 2700 or HIST 2710; HONR 1300; POLS 1100; or USU 1300).....3
- General Education Requirements and University Studies Depth Requirements.....See college advisor

Requirement Changes

Graduation requirements shown on this sheet are subject to change. Students should check with their departments concerning possible changes.

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