

Politics, Policy and Law, BA

Program Description

Politics, policy, and law students learn the concepts, theories, and investigative methods associated with the field, while also building critical thinking and presentation skills honed through in-class and real-world experiences. Political science, public policy, and public law as fields focus on understanding the interests, interactions, and institutions that shape our communities, both locally and globally. In this program, students will build the knowledge and skills to navigate and influence these communities.

Program Curriculum

120 credits

Utah Tech General Education Requirements

All Utah Tech General Education requirements must be fulfilled. A previously earned degree may fulfill those requirements, but courses must be equivalent to Utah Tech's minimum General Education standards in American Institutions, English, and Mathematics.

General Education Core Requirements (<https://catalog.utahtech.edu/programs/generaleducation/#gerequirementstext>)

Code	Title	Hours
English		3-7
Mathematics		3-5
American Institutions		3-6
Life Sciences		3-10
Physical Sciences		3-5
Fine Arts		3
Literature/Humanities		3
Social & Behavioral Sciences		3

Code	Title	Hours
	Bachelor of Arts: Foreign Language Requirement	3-16

Complete one of the following:

- Complete 16 credits in a single foreign language, through earned credit (grade C or higher), credit by examination, or vertical credit from the courses listed on the GE Foreign Language Requirement page ¹
- Complete a 2020 or higher foreign language course (grade C or higher)
- Complete a 3060 foreign language course listed below (grade C or higher)
- Receive 16 transfer credits for GEFL 1000 (8) and GEFL 2000 (8) in a single foreign language (grade C or higher)

OR

Complete a 1010 course listed below in a second foreign language (grade C or higher) AND one of the following:

1. In a language not taught at Utah Tech, receive 12 FLATS exam credits for FLAT 1000 (8) and FLAT 2000 (4)

or

2. In a language not taught at Utah Tech, receive 12 transfer credits articulated as GEFL 1000 (8) and GEFL 2000 (4) (all grade C or higher)

OR

Available only to students who are nonnative English speakers, complete one of the following:

- Complete 16 credits of ESL courses listed below (grade B or higher)
- Complete ESL 2750 or ESL 2760 (grade B or higher).
- Submit one of the following test scores required for unconditional Utah Tech admission: TOEFL (61 iBT, 173 CBT, or 500 PBT); or Michigan (70); or USU-IELE equivalent score. Other tests may be accepted for admission to Utah Tech but will not fulfill this requirement. Official scores must be submitted to the Registrar's Office.

Total Hours

3-16

¹ General Education Foreign Language Classes may be found on the General Education page. (<https://catalog.utahtech.edu/programs/generaleducation/#gerequirementstext>)

Politics, Policy and Law Core Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
POLS 1100	American Government (AI)	3
POLS 2100	Introduction to International Relations (SS, GC)	3
POLS 2200	Intro to Comparative Politics (SS, GC)	3
POLS 3200	Introduction to Law and Politics	3
or POLS 2300	Intro to Political Theory	
POLS 3910	Civic Engagement and Applied Politics	3
POLS 4910	Senior Capstone in Politics, Policy, and Law	3
or POLS 3900	Public Policy and Government Internship Preparation and Research	
or SOC 4910	Senior Capstone	
or HIST 4890	Senior Capstone	
SOC 3111	Research Methods	3
or CJ 3300	Research Methods in Criminology and Criminal Justice	

Program Elective Courses

Code	Title	Hours
Complete 6 credits from the following (METHODS):		
HIST 3000	Historical Research Methodologies	3
PHIL 1250	Reasoning and Rational Decision-Making (HU, GC)	3
SOC 3112	Social Statistics	3
SOC 3113	Survey Research Design	3
SOC 3114	Qualitative Research Methods	3
Complete 18 credits from the following:		
12 must be upper division and 9 must have a POLS prefix		
POLS 2960	Topics in Political Science: [Topic]	3
POLS 3320	Introduction to Public Policy and Analysis	3
POLS 3000	Parties, Voters, and Elections	3
POLS 3050	Dictatorship and Democracy	3
POLS 3210	Constitutional Law	3
POLS 3450	War, Security, and Diplomacy	3
POLS 3700	The Politics of Development	3
POLS 3900	Public Policy and Government Internship Preparation and Research	3
POLS 3960	Special Topics	3
PHIL 2050	Social Ethics (HU, GC)	3
PHIL 3900R	Topics in Philosophy: (Topic)	3
COMM 2700	Voice and Civility in Public Discourse	3
COMM 3290	Globalization, Culture, and Identity	3
PHIL 3400	Topics in the History of Philosophy	3
PHIL 3500	Applied Ethics	3
SOC 2630	Sociology of Racial and Ethnic Relations (SS)	3
SOC 3550	Organizations in Society	3
GLS 3100	Global Political Topics: [Topic]	3
HIST 3160	Russian History 1924-Present	3
HIST 3190	Twentieth Century Europe	3
HIST 3230	American Foreign Relations	3
HIST 3490	East Asia Since 1800	3
HIST 3570	Modern Japan	3

HIST 3630	History of Modern Latin America	3
HIST 3640	History of Latin American Revolutions	3
HIST 3750	Contemporary America (1945-Present)	3
HIST 4310	History of Nationalism	3
HIST 4370	History of Social Movements in Modern America	3
HLTH 3010	Population & Community Health	3
HLTH 3020	U.S. & World Health Systems	3
HLTH 4500	Global Health	3

Graduation Requirements

1. Complete a minimum of 120 college-level credits (1000 and above).
2. Complete at least 40 upper-division credits (3000 and above).
3. Complete at least 30 upper-division credits at Utah Tech for institutional residency.
4. Minimum C- grade in Core courses, including the Capstone.
5. Cumulative GPA 2.0 or higher

Graduation Plan

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1st Year

Fall Semester	Hours Spring Semester	Hours
SSC 1010	2 ENGL 2010	3
ENGL 1010	3 MATH 1040	3
POLS 1100	3 POLS 2200	3
POLS 2100	3 SOC 1010	3
Foreign Language	4 Foreign Language	4
	15	16

2nd Year

Fall Semester	Hours Spring Semester	Hours
POLS Elective (Lower Division)	3 POLS 2300	3
General Elective (Upper Division)	3 POLS Elective (Upper Division)	3
General Education (Life Sciences)	3 General Elective	3
SOC 3111	3 General Elective (Upper Division)	3
Foreign Language	4 Foreign Language	4
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3rd Year

Fall Semester	Hours Spring Semester	Hours
General Education (Physical Science)	3 General Education (Humanities)	3
POLS Methods Course	3 POLS Methods Course	3
POLS Elective	3 General Elective (Upper Division)	3
General Elective	3 POLS Elective (Upper Division)	3
General Elective (Upper Division)	3 General Elective	3
	15	15

4th Year

Fall Semester	Hours Spring Semester	Hours
POLS 3910	3 POLS Elective (Upper Division)	3
General Education (Fine Arts)	3 POLS 4910	3
POLS Elective (Upper Division)	3 General Elective	3
General Elective	3 General Elective (Upper Division)	3

General Elective

3

15

12

Total Hours 120

BA Politics, Policy and Law Program Learning Outcomes

At the successful conclusion of this program, students will be able to:

1. Describe and apply key concepts used to study institutions, processes, and actors in politics, policymaking, and public law.
2. Investigate the interaction of politics, economics, law, and society using a diverse set of methodological tools.
3. Analyze political, policy, and legal phenomena and critique arguments in a theoretically and empirically informed manner, identifying and evaluating the credibility of sources and evidence.
4. Apply concepts and theories of politics, policy, and law through effective communication in written, oral, or active learning assessments.