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**Institution Submitting Request:** University of Utah  
**Proposed Title:** Areas of emphasis in Political Science  
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**Department(s) or Area(s) Location:** Department of Political Science  
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5.1.9	<input type="checkbox"/>	Graduate Certificate			

\*Requires "Section VI: Program Curriculum" of Abbreviated Template

**Chief Academic Officer (or Designee) Signature:**

I certify that all required institutional approvals have been obtained prior to submitting this request to the Office of the Commissioner.

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Date:

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Program Request - Abbreviated Template  
University of Utah  
Political Science BA and BS  
9/7/2012

**Section I: Request**

The Department of Political Science requests approval to add three areas of emphasis to the existing undergraduate major in political science. The three emphases are: (1) international politics; (2) public policy; and (3) law and politics. Each area of emphasis consists of 5 upper division courses in political science selected from a list of courses in that area. These areas of emphasis would not change the existing requirements for the political science major. If approved, this proposal would allow political science majors the option of focusing their major courses in one of these areas and to have the emphasis included on their transcript upon graduation. The selection of an area of emphasis would not be required for political science majors.

**Section II: Need**

The request to consider the creation of emphases within the major came from members of the political science undergraduate Student Advisory Committee (SAC). The request for emphases within the political science major was motivated by the desire of students in the political science major to demonstrate a learning focus that would be beneficial to their future plans for employment or additional education (e.g., JD, MPA, MPP, or PhD) and recognized on their official transcript.

In response to this request, the department conducted a survey of political science majors and students enrolled in introductory classes during spring semester 2012. Among the students who responded (n = 220), there was strong interest in having areas of emphasis within the major (among political science majors 74% responded that they were "very interested," 21% were "somewhat interested," 4% were "not interested," and 1% were "unsure" about having emphases in political science). The survey also asked about possible areas of emphasis and international politics, public policy, and law and politics were all areas of high interest for students.

Following the student survey, the department's Undergraduate Studies Committee drafted a proposal to create three areas of emphasis within the political science major.

**International politics** is the study of cooperation and conflict among countries and other supra-national actors such as international governmental organizations (e.g., United Nations, European Union, NATO) and non-governmental organizations (e.g., Greenpeace, International Labor Organization). International politics has been a recognized subfield within political science for as long as political science has been a discipline. This emphasis would be especially valuable for students interested in working for public or private employers in an international context or who intend to pursue further study in international politics or international law.

**Public policy** is the study of how public policies are made, implemented, and evaluated. The study of public policy has grown as a subfield within political science in the post-World War II period in the US and in other countries. This emphasis would be especially valuable for students interested in working for public or private employers in areas related to public policy or who intend to seek an advanced degree in public administration (MPA) or public policy (MPP).

**Law and politics** is the study of the normative basis for law in democratic societies, the creation and administration of laws, and the evaluation of law both normatively and empirically. Law and politics has been an established subfield within political science since the emergence of the modern discipline of political science. This emphasis would be especially valuable for students interested in careers related to the administration of law or who intend to seek a law degree (JD).

The full political science faculty considered this proposal at a department meeting on August 16, 2012 and approved the proposal unanimously.

### Section III: Institutional Impact

This proposal to create areas of emphasis within the existing political science major requires no changes to department structure or personnel. All the courses included in the proposed emphases are existing political science courses and will continue to be taught by department faculty and instructors. Advising for political science majors with respect to the proposed areas of emphasis would be handled by the department's undergraduate advisors. Political science majors who wish to have an area of emphasis in their major can take courses from the appropriate list and report their intent to have an emphasis to a political science advisor when applying for graduation.

### Section IV: Finances

This proposal requires no changes to department funding or costs.

### Section VI: Program Curriculum

The current political science major requires 36 semester hours of POLS courses with 9 hours of required lower-division courses and 27 hours of elective upper-division courses in political science of which 9 hours must be courses at the 5000-5999 level. In addition, all political science majors must complete 12 hours of courses in allied areas outside of political science. This proposal does not change the existing requirements for the political science major but instead provides for three optional areas of focus within the POLS elective hours. Political science majors may complete the major without selecting an area of emphasis.

#### 1. Emphasis in International Politics

Course Prefix and Number	Course Title	Credits
Required Courses		
POLS 1100	American National Government	3
Complete 2 of 3:		
POLS 2100	Intro to International Relations	3
POLS 2200	Intro to Comparative Politics	3
POLS 2300	Intro to Political Theory	3
<b>Sub-total</b>		<b>9</b>
General Elective Courses within Political Science		
POLS 3000-5999	Four elective POLS courses	12
<b>Sub-total</b>		<b>12</b>

#### Emphasis in International Politics

Complete at least 15 semester hours from the following courses\*:

POLS 3410	European Politics	3
POLS 3420	Islam and Politics	3
POLS 3440	Comparative Politics of the Middle East	3
POLS 3490	Religion and Politics in Comparative Perspective	3
POLS 3500	Democracy in Latin America	3
POLS 3510	Politics and Governments of the Pacific Rim Nations	3
POLS 3550	Comparative Politics of Latin America	3
POLS 3620	United Nations	3
POLS 3680	Globalization and World Politics	3

POLS 5410	New Democracies	3
POLS 5420	The European Union	3
POLS 5440	Nationalism and Ethnic Conflict	3
POLS 5450	Political Violence/Terrorism	3
POLS 5460	International Relations of Africa	3
POLS 5470	International Relations of the Middle East	3
POLS 5480	International Relations of East Asia	3
POLS 5490	International Relations of Latin America	3
POLS 5610	International Law	3
POLS 5630	Global Governance	3
POLS 5660	American Foreign Policy	3
POLS 5670	US National Security Policy	3
POLS 5690	Foundations of International Security	3
POLS 5710	Found. of the Politics of Intern. Economic Relations	3
POLS 5750	Industries and State Power	3
POLS 5800	Theories of International Relations	3
	<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>15</b>
	<b>Total credits for major</b>	<b>36</b>

See Appendix 1 for a list of recommended allied courses for this emphasis.

## 2. Emphasis in Public Policy

Course Prefix and Number	Course Title	Credits
Required Courses		
POLS 1100	American National Government	3
Complete 2 of 3:		
POLS 2100	Intro to International Relations	3
POLS 2200	Intro to Comparative Politics	3
POLS 2300	Intro to Political Theory	3
	<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>9</b>
General Elective Courses within Political Science		
POLS 3000-5999	Four elective POLS courses	12
	<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>12</b>

### Emphasis in Public Policy

Complete at least 15 semester hours from the following courses\*:

POLS 3030	State and Local Government	3
POLS 3250	Gender, Ethics, and Public Policy	3
POLS 3300	Intro to Public Administration	3
POLS 3320	Intro to Public Policy and Analysis	3
POLS 3380	Politics and Budgets	3
POLS 3390	Intro to Environmental and Sustainability Policy	3
POLS 5170	Politics and American Economy	3
POLS 5290	Applied Quantitative Methods in Public Policy	3
POLS 5530	Public Policy Theories and Applications	3
POLS 5321	Health Policy	3
POLS 5322	Environmental and Sustainability Policy	3
POLS 5323	Policy Analysis	3

POLS 5380	Public Budgeting and Finance	3
POLS 5550	Politics of Public Land Management	3
POLS 5660	American Foreign Policy	3
POLS 5670	US National Security Policy	3
POLS 5780	Industries and State Power	3
	<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>15</b>
	<b>Total credits for major</b>	<b>36</b>

See Appendix 2 for a list of recommended allied courses for this emphasis.

### 3. Emphasis in Law and Politics

<b>Course Prefix and Number</b>	<b>Course Title</b>	<b>Credits</b>
Required Courses		
POLS 1100	American National Government	3
Complete 2 of 3:		
POLS 2100	Intro to International Relations	3
POLS 2200	Intro to Comparative Politics	3
POLS 2300	Intro to Political Theory	3
	<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>9</b>
General Elective Courses within Political Science		
POLS 3000-5999	Four elective POLS courses	12
	<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>12</b>

#### Emphasis in Law and Politics

Complete at least 15 semester hours from the following courses\*:

POLS 3000	Liberalism and Its Critics	3
POLS 3200	Intro to Law and Politics	3
POLS 3220	Jurisprudence of Criminal Law	3
POLS 5080	Islamic Law	3
POLS 5120	Judicial Process	3
POLS 5211	Constitutional Law	3
POLS 5212	Civil Rights and Civil Liberties	3
POLS 5240	Local Government Law	3
POLS 5250	Corrections Administration	3
POLS 5520	Law Enforcement Administration	3
POLS 5610	International Law	3
	<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>15</b>
	<b>Total credits for major</b>	<b>36</b>

See Appendix 3 for a list of recommended allied courses for this emphasis.

\*Other POLS courses related to an emphasis (e.g., POLS 5810, Research Seminar) may be counted toward the emphasis with the approval of the department's director of undergraduate studies. Changes to the list of approved courses in political science or in the allied areas may be made with the approval of the chair of the Department of Political Science and the CSBS Curriculum Committee.

All the POLS courses included as part of these proposed areas of emphasis are existing courses. No new courses are being proposed as part of these three emphases.

## Appendix 1, Recommended allied courses for international politics emphasis

Student pursuing a political science major with an emphasis in international politics should consider satisfying their allied course requirements by selecting from the following courses:

ANTH 2018	Human Universals
ANTH 4141	Ethnicity and Nationalism
ANTH 4182	Anthropology of Power
ECON 3500	International Economics
ECON 5400	Middle East Economic History
ECON 5410	Survey of European Economic History
ECON 5420	China and the Global Economy
ECON 5430	Asian Economic History and Development
ECON 5460	Latin American Economic History
ECON 5530	Principles of Economic Development
ECON 5560	Gender and Economic Development in the Third World
ETHNC 5350	Diaspora, Transnationalism and US Community
ETHNC 5450	Communication and Culture
GEOG 1300	World Regional Geography
GEOG 1400	Human Geography
GEOG 3320	Geography of Terrorism and Homeland Security
GEOG 3420	Political Geography
HIST 1500	World History to 1500
HIST 1510	World History since 1500
HIST 3200	Age of Imperialism
HIST 3210	Age of Total War
HIST 3398	History of the Middle East, 1798-1914 (or MIDE 3540)
HIST 3400	The Middle East since 1914 (or MIDE 3545)
HIST 3450	Modern Africa to 1914
HIST 4271	European Exploration, Imperialism, and Decolonization 1750 to present
HIST 4490	Major Issues in Middle Eastern History
HIST 4760	US Foreign Relations: Twentieth Century
MIDE 3410	The Contemporary Middle East
MIDE 3713	Peoples and Cultures of the Middle East
SOC 3435	Inequality, Power, and Globalization
SOC 3436	Global Social Structure and Change
SOC 3569	Terrorism, Violence, and Aggression
SOC 3653	Global Population Problems
SOC 3741	Sociology of Migration: Global and Local Perspectives

## Appendix 2, Recommended allied courses for public policy emphasis

Student pursuing a political science major with an emphasis in public policy should consider satisfying their allied course requirements by selecting from the following courses:

CMP 3100	Urban and Environmental Planning
CMP 3250	Planning Process and Methods
ECON 3250	Intro to Environmental and Natural Resource Economics
ECON 3370	Markets and Government

ECON 3500	International Economics
ECON 5060	History of Economic Doctrines
ECON 5180	Poverty and Inequality
ECON 5190	Health Economics
ECON 5240	Urban Economics
ECON 5260	Energy Policy Options for Utah
ETHNC 3150	Indian Law and Policy
ETHNC 3600	Native Americans in Modern Society: Implications for Social Policy
ETHNC 5800	Theories and Research on Social Inequality
FCS 3420	Housing Policy and Issues
FCS 3430	Intro to Family Policy
FCS 3470	International Consumer Policy
FCS 3600	Intro to Consumer and Community Policy
FCS 5400	Families and Economic Policy
FCS 5430	Families, Consumers, and Health
GEOG 3320	Geography of Terrorism and Homeland Security
GEOG 3330	Urban Environmental Geography
GEOG 3340	Geography of Disasters and Emergency Management
GEOG 3350	Resource Conservation and Environmental Management
GEOG 3375	Sustainable Transportation
GEOG 3380	Wilderness Issues and Management
GEOG 3385	Environmental Assessment
SOC 3480	Environmental Sociology
SOC 3561	Criminology
SOC 3653	Global Population Problems
SOC 3671	Sociology of Health
SOC 4085	Cities and Communities
SOC 5657	World Population Policies and Problems

### Appendix 3, Recommended allied courses for law and politics emphasis

Student pursuing a political science major with an emphasis in law and politics should consider satisfying their allied course requirements by selecting from the following courses:

COMM 5320	Freedom of Expression
CMP 4260	Planning Law and Administration
CMP 5360	Environmental Planning Law and Policy
ECON 5120	Labor Law and Collective Bargaining
ECON 5380	Law and Economics
ETHNC 3150	Indian Law and Policy
PHIL 1250	Reasoning and Rational Decision Making
PHIL 3500	Ethics
PHIL 3710	Philosophy of Law
PSY 5480	Psychology and Law
SOC 3560	Deviant Behavior and Social Control
SOC 3568	Sociology of Law