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Study Plan for the Political Science

“B.A. in Political Science”

**Department of Political Science
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Study Plan
Bachelor's Degree in Political Science

Name of the Degree: B.A. In Political Science

Components of Plan: The study plan for the B.A programme in Political Science consists of (129) credit hours, allocated as follows:

Number	Type of courses	Credit Hours
1	University Requirements: ----- Compulsory University Requirements: Elective University Requirements:	27 ----- 12 15
2	Faculty Requirements	24
3	Specialization Requirements (Compulsory and Elective)	81
Total		132

Numbering System:

1. Departments:

Number	Department
1	Department of International Relations and Diplomacy
2	Department for International Development
3	Department of Regional Studies
4	Political Sciences

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↑ Faculty			↑ Department	↑ Level	↑ Area	↑ Serial

First: The University Requirements: (27) credit hours, allocated as follows:

1. **Compulsory Requirements: (12) credit hours**
2. **Elective Requirements: (15) credit hours**

A. University Compulsory Requirements:

Course Number	Course Title	Credit Hours
1501100	Arabic Communication Skills	3
1502100	English Communication Skills	3
2200100	Military Sciences	3
2300100	National Education	3

B. University Elective Requirements (15) credit hours, to be chosen from the 1st; 2nd.; and 3rd. fields, minimum one course should be chosen from each field and maximum two courses, and it should not be from the Political Science Department, as following:

- **Human Sciences**

Course Number	Course Title	Credit Hours
1041100	Laws Culture	3
0401100	Islamic Culture	3
0402100	Islamic System	3
2302102	Human Civilizations	3
1601105	Administration Skills	3
2301100	Creative Writing	3
0807100	Introduction to Library and Information Science	3
1132100	Sport and Health	3
2001100	Art Appreciation	3
1502103	Foreign Language	3
1032100	Human Rights	3

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- Art and Economic

Course Number	Course Title	Credit Hours
02302104	History of Palestine and Jordan	3
1607100	World Political Economy	3
3004100	Principles of Political Science*	3
2303100	Logic and Critical Thinking	3
2305100	Introduction to Sociology	3
2307100	Principles of Psychology	3
2304100	Geography of Jordan	3
2601100	Antiquities of Jordan	3
2701100	Principles of Social Work	3

- Science, Technology, Agriculture and Health

Course Number	Course Title	Credit Hours
0505100	Introduction in General Health	3
0300100	Scientific Research Methodology	3
0342100	Science and Society	3
0641100	Domestic Agriculture	3
0905100	Principles in Public Safety	3
0352100	Principles of Energy and its Economics	3
0905101	Jordanian Industries	3
0603100	Principles of Human Nutrition	3
0305100	Environment Science	3
0710100	First Aid	3

* Introduction of Political Science (3004100), University Elective Requirements, its not Allowed to the Political Science Students to register in the course.

Second: Faculty Requirements: (24) credit hours as follows:

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Course Number	Course Title	Credit hours	Prerequisite
2303103	The Philosophy of Humanities and Social Sciences	3	-
1606102	Modern Public Administration	3	-
1942102	Human Computerized Skills	-	-
1001111	Introduction to Law	3	-
3004101	Introduction to Political Sciences	3	-
3004110	Introduction to International Studies	3	-
1607111	Principles of Macroeconomics	3	-
2001111	Introduction to the Arts	3	-

Third: Specialization Requirements: (81) Credit Hours distributed as follows:

(A): Required Compulsory Courses (51) Credit Hours.

(B): Required Elective Courses (30) Credit Hours.

A: Required Compulsory Courses: (51) Credit Hours include the following courses:

Course No.	Course Title	Credit hours	Prerequisite
3004112	Research Methods in Political Science (1)	3	-
3004221	Classic & Medieval Political Thought	3	Introduction to Political Sciences
3004231	Contemporary and Modern Political Thought	3	Introduction to Political Sciences
3004233	Arab-Islamic Political Thought*	3	Introduction to Political Sciences
3004111	Principles of International Relations	3	-
3004214	Theories of International Relations *	3	Principles of International Relations
3004343	International Political and Economic Order	3	-
3004332	Foreign Policies	3	-
3004224	Foundations and Theories of Comparative Politics	3	Research Methods in Political Science (1)
3004411	Democratic Theory*	3	-
3004424	Jordanian Political System	3	-
3004312	Theories of Human Rights*	3	-
3004338	International Contemporary Issues	3	Principles of International Relations

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3004337	Diplomacy and Negotiations	3	-
3004346	Strategic Studies*	3	-
3004344	Public International Law	3	-
3004453	Internship Training	3	-

***Course taught in English**

B- Required Elective Courses (30) Credit Hours include the following courses

3004201	Research Methods in Political Science (2)	3	Research Methods in Political Science (1)
3004222	Political Sociology*	3	Introduction to Political Sciences
3004212	Public Policy Analysis		Research Methods in Political Science (1)
3004117	Political Statistics *	3	Methodology (1)
3004370	Political Psychology*	3	Introduction to Political Sciences
3004227	Political Economy	3	Research Methods in Political Science (1)
3004313	The Middle East in International Relation*	3	Principles of International Relations
3004449	Political Islam*	3	-
3004206	Asian Studies	3	-
3004446	European Studies	3	-
3004447	African Studies	3	-
3004314	Latin American Studies*	3	-
3004450	Constitutional Law	3	-
3004309	Political Parties	3	-
3004412	Ethics and International Relations	3	-

***Course taught in English**

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Transition Plan

Old Plan		New Plan	
Course Title	Course No.	Course Title	Course No.
Principles of Political Science	3004100	Principles of Political Science	3004100
Introduction to Political Sciences	3004101	Introduction to Political Sciences	3004101
-	-	Introduction to International Studies	3004110
Research Methods in Political Science	3004112	Research Methodology in Political Science	3004112
Classic & Medieval Political Thought	3004221	Classic & Medieval Political Thought	3004221
Contemporary and Modern Political Thought	3004231	Modern Political Thought	3004231
Arab-Islamic Political Thought	3004233	Arab-Islamic Political Thought *	3004233
Principles and Theories of International Relations	3004111	Principles of International Relations	3004111
-	-	Theories of International Relations *	3004214
International Political and Economic Order	3004343	International Political and Economic Order	3004343
Foreign Policies	3004332	Foreign Policies	3004332
Political Systems	3004224	Foundations and Theories of Comparative Politics	3004224
-	-	Democratic Theory *	3004411
Principles of Political Sociology	3004222	Principles of Political Sociology	3004222
-	-	Public Policy Analysis	3004212
Jordanian Political System	3004424	Jordanian Political System	3004424
-	-	Theories of Human Rights *	3004312
-	-	Internship Training	3004453
Political Statistics	3004117	Political Statistics *	3004117

Political Psychology	3004370	Political Psychology *	3004370
International Contemporary Issues	3004338	International Contemporary Issues	3004338
Diplomacy and Negotiations	3004337	Diplomacy and Negotiations	3004337
Political Economy	3004227	Political Economy	3004227
-	-	The Middle East in International Relation *	3004313
-	-	Political Islam *	3004444
Asian Studies	3004206	Asian Studies	3004206
European Studies	3004446	European Studies	3004446
African Studies	3004447	African Studies	3004447
-	-	Latin American Studies*	300314
Constitutional Law	3004450	Constitutional Law	3004450
Strategic Studies in English	3004346	Strategic Studies *	3004346
Political Parties	3004309	Political Parties	3004309
-	-	Ethics And international Relations	3004412
Public International Law	3004434	Public International Law	3004434

(*) course taught in English

Courses Description

(3004112) Research Methods in Political Science (1)

This is a course on research design for social sciences. The course will cover how to create a useful research question, how to develop, refine, and test hypotheses, and how to select the appropriate research methodology. Each student will identify a research question, develop a research design for testing it, and present the research design to the rest of the class.

(3004201) Research Methods in Political Science (2)

This course provides the student with the theoretical approaches and the practical aspects of developing, writing and submitting a research proposal. The student will identify a study design, develop a sampling plan, develop instrumentation and methodology for data collection, and plan for data analysis. The student is introduced to quantitative and qualitative methods and analysis including common non-parametric and parametric statistical tests. An experience with data analysis using an established data set and SPSS is provided.

(3004221) Classic & Medieval Political Thought

This course seeks to introduce the evolution of political thought in the medieval age by studying the lives and ideas of the early pioneers of thinkers who have contributed to the evolvement of political thought such as Sophists and Socrates, Plato, Aristotle, the Romans, and Machiavellians. Also this subject will analyze the political systems in the world in the ancient city-state, etc., Christian thought and the relationship between religious authority and the feudal system, as well as the intellectual trends of the Middle Ages.

(3004231) Contemporary and Modern Political Thought

The purpose of the course is to provide an overview of the most influential contemporary schools of political thought. The students will be introduced to the contemporary political theorists and a major emphasis will be upon the content of their theories that have impacted political philosophy and Western politics over the last two centuries. Students will also be introduced to various methodological and theoretical approaches in studying political thought.

(3004233) Arab-Islamic Political Thought*

This course is an introductory course to Arab Islamic political Thought. The course provides an overview of main ideas and issues that have impacted Islamic thinking and Arab Muslim politics over the last two centuries. In addition, the course will introduce leading and influential thinkers and texts that have played key role in shaping the Arab Mind. Students will be introduced to various methodological and theoretical approaches in studying religious and political thought. The course as well will take up the following themes: setting the stage, politics and debates in Islamic thought, Islamic theology and philosophy, modernity and traditionalism, key Islamic thinkers and certain issues in Islamic thought including Ijtihad, democracy, human rights, and Islamic feminism.

(3004111) Principles of International Relations

This course is designed to provide a clear introduction to the academic study of International Relations particularly the historical development of IR and how the society of states came about and was affected by various factors such as nationalism and other ideologies, technology and a globalizing capitalist economy..

(3004214) Theories of International Relations*

This course discusses the most important principles governing the relations between States in the international community. The following theories of international relations will be discussed: game theory, decision-making theory, theory of force, balance of power, collective security, cooperation and international integration.

(3004343) International Political and Economic Order

This course will clarify the process and the development of international political and the economic order in the contemporary world. It touches on the concepts and the stages of its development, components and characteristics. Also this course will focus on the clarification of the status of various international organizations and their effect on the IPCO. The course examines the changes in the international order especially after September 11, 2001 and the global financial crisis.

(3004332) Foreign Policy

This course aims to study and analyze the internal political behavior of states by focusing on the definition of foreign policy and its approaches of implementation. The Inter - relations, regionally and internationally, and its effect on foreign policy will be discussed. The course will also discuss the factors influencing foreign policy, and the process of political decision-making.

(3004224) Foundations and Theories of Comparative Politics

This course is designed to introduce students to the main conceptual paradigms, methods, and theories of comparative politics. It will discuss and explore some of the major theoretical and methodological approaches in the comparative study of political behavior and institutions, the articulation of political interests, group decision-making, and regime types.

(3004411) Democratic Theory*

This course offers basic treatment of the major approaches in democratic theory. The principal goal of the course is to provide both a historical section that surveys democratic thought, and contemporary issues in democratic theory section. Towards the end of the course, students will also come to problematic the schematic representation of the field, as its basic premises are being questioned.

(3004222) Political Sociology*

This course acquaints the students with important theories in the field of sociology and its relations with the theories of political science. Also, this course will discuss the social structures of the international communities and the impact of these structures on understanding the political developments and changes.

(3004424) Jordanian Political System

This course discuss the Jordanian political system since the Great Arab Revolt in 1916, and the formation of the Emirate of Trans Jordan through the adoption of the Basic Law in 1928, the Declaration of Independence in 1946 and the 1952 constitution until today. This course will be useful for clarifying the nature of the political system in Jordan and the relations between the three powers; executive, legislative and judicial. An underlying theme of this course will be democracy and political pluralism.

(3004312) Theories of Human Rights*

This is an introductory course to theories of human rights, focusing primarily on theorizing human rights. The course provides a comparative overview of various philosophical, religious, and theoretical grounding of human rights. Controversies in the concept of rights, and problems involved in asserting universal moral standards across political and cultural divides will be explored. These issues will then be applied in context of specific human rights controversies.

(3004453) Internship Training

The bulk of the course is built around working 6 credit hours with a government agency, political party, interest group, or non-governmental organization (NGO). Students and employers will be required to abide by a "Learning, Confidentiality and Professional Conduct" agreement and maintain a work log of activities. The position is normally unpaid. The course also involves occasional meetings as a class to discuss your placements, analyze readings, and report on your papers.

(3004117) Political Statistics*

This course aims to enable the student to learn basic principles of socio-political statistics, and highlight the importance of this science to explain and clarify a range of political phenomena. Students will have the opportunity to analyze and predict outputs of political action.

(3004370) Political Psychology *

This course examines the concept of political psychology and its historical revolution, focusing on the emergence and definition of political behavior, trends, political values, patterns of political socialization, the definition of political participation, motives, values and patterns. Moreover, it concentrates on the definition of public opinion, concepts related to psychological sense, trends, and factors affecting the composition and methods of measurement.

(3004338) International Contemporary Issues

This course aims to study the most important issues that interact at the international level and their relevance in determining the domestic and foreign policy of States. Also it will study some models of problems and issues of contemporary international societies, and the suitable methods of its solution through the legal and political ways.

(3004337) Diplomacy and Negotiations

The course deals with the historical development of the diplomacy phenomenon. It will be covering the following topics: definition of diplomacy in the past and the present, organizational rules, theory of representation, diplomatic personnel,

activities, duties of the diplomatic mission, privileges, immunities, diplomatic correspondence, negotiations, treaties, diplomacy of international organizations, and diplomacy of international organizations and conferences.

(3004227) Political Economy

The aim of this course is to explain to the students the concept of the development of economy in political life and the nature of the relations between political and economic dimensions. Thus, the purpose is to study the different economy schools and its role in the political decisions, particularly in our recent world order.

(3004313) The Middle East in International Relation

This course is a brief survey of some of the major themes in the international politics of the contemporary Middle East. The central concern of this course is the study of the dynamics of contemporary Middle Eastern politics within the larger framework of International relations theory. Students will be introduced to various methodological and theoretical approaches in International politics and Middle East studies. This course will take up the following themes: Historical overview of the contemporary Middle East, the cold war, Arab Israeli conflict, the politics of the oil, Islamism and international politics. Special attention will be given to the interaction between the Middle East and the United States, Europe, Russia, Iran, Turkey, China, and India.

(3004449) Political Islam*

This course evaluates the relationship between Islam and politics in the contemporary Middle East and Africa through various analytic themes, including political economy, social movement and gendered analysis.

(3004206) Asian Studies

Student will be able through the study of this course to recognize the most political systems in several Asian countries (China, Japan, Malaysia, India .etc.). Additionally, this course will introduce the most important issues taking place in Asia such as economic activities, political development, arms control and internal issues in these countries and their impact on the development of political systems and foreign policy.

(3004446) European Studies

The course sketches out the emergence of European unity since the establishment of the first European "the Coal and Steel" group in 1952. It also surveys the development of the European project touching on important agreements and incidents such as: the Rome agreement in 1957, the formation of the European Common Market, the accession of the first new countries in 1973, the accession of Greece, Spain and Portugal in 1990s of the last century, the Maastricht Treaty and the Declaration of the European Union, the Treaty of Amsterdam, the Treaty of Nice in 2000, EU's enlargement on 1 May 2004, the draft European Constitution, and the Lisbon agreement in 2007. Also this course analyses the important amendments made by the European Union, difficulties facing the EU, common European policy, decision-making, and the EU relations with the others actors.

(3004447) African Studies

This course will discuss the geo-political and social development in the African region, the problems faced on the continent, and the changing trends in African

countries. Additional areas of discussion will include: the forms of government and the political processes in African countries, development of economic problems, the African Union, and major African countries and their foreign policies, the wars and armed conflicts, the problems and political tensions, the activities of international institutions for peace and security, the establishment of a zone free of nuclear weapons, and the question of protection of human rights.

(3004314) Latin American Studies*

This course is an introductory survey of the various methodological approaches to multi-disciplinary studies of Latin America. It will provide students with a strong grasp of the social structure, the economic situation, and the political dynamic that have impacted on the domestic and international events in the region. Students will engage with critical debates about issues in Latin America such as: coups and military states, revolutionary and nationalist movements, impact of international factors, and transitions to democracy. In addition, they will be encouraged to analyze specific countries, organizations, and conflicts.

(3004450) Constitutional Law

This course studies the constitutions, other sources of law, constitutional models, constitution theory, and the development, characteristics and the principles of the constitution with particular reference to the Jordanian constitution. Additionally, the course will analyze the political systems, such as: the parliamentarian, presidential, the Constitutional Court, the Higher Court etc.

(3004346) Strategic Studies*

This course examines the strategic theme on objectives, plans, programs and tools adopted by the state to achieve its ideal goals. Also it will analyze the concept of strategy and how it differs from the military strategy. In the meantime, the most important theories of the strategy will be discussed. Also the strategies of some countries such as, the USA, Russian, China, European, and Israeli strategies will be discussed.

(3004309) Political Parties

This course aims to introduce political parties, party systems and to clarify the theories and basic concepts of the assets of political parties and their performance. It also analyzes the place of political parties in the political system and their relationship among each other. Additionally, it will allude to different models of the laws of the organization of party work in different countries particularly in Jordan.

(3004212) Public Policy Analysis

Public Policy Studies is a multidisciplinary major grounded in the social sciences, with substantial inputs from economics, sociology, political science, and law, among other disciplines. The major recognizes that public issues are not efficiently contained within traditional disciplinary boundaries, and, that analysts possessing a broad range of social scientific understanding, quantitative expertise, and communication skills are well placed to contribute to improved public policies. Public Policy involves direct contact with policy problems, ensuring that academic speculations are well-informed and connected to real-world conditions

(3004412) Ethics and International Relations

The purpose of this course is to introduce students to the main tradition of international ethics. Starting from an overview of different theoretical perspectives concerning moral argumentation in international affairs, it proceeds to consider the ethical dimensions of more specific international issues such as the use of force, global poverty, human rights, and distributive justice.

(3004344) International Public Law

This course presents a definition of international public law, its nature, developments, and its relationship with domestic laws. Also this course discusses its sources, subjects, international responsibility and its role in the peaceful settlements of regional and international disputes. The rights and the duties of the States and its relationship with foreigners, asylum, recognitions between the States, the relationships in time of peace and war will be discussed.

***Course taught in English**