
ABOUT THE HINCKLEY INSTITUTE OF POLITICS

The Hinckley Institute of Politics at the University of Utah is a bipartisan institute dedicated to engaging students in governmental, civic, and political processes; promoting a better understanding and appreciation of politics; and training ethical and visionary students for service in the American political system. Robert H. Hinckley founded the Hinckley Institute of Politics in 1965 with the vision to “teach students respect for practical politics and the principle of citizen involvement in government.” Since its founding, the Hinckley Institute has provided a wide range of programs for students, public school teachers, and the general public including internships, courses, forums, scholarships, and mentoring. The Hinckley Institute places emphasis on providing opportunities for practical experience in politics.

INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

A nationally recognized program and the heart of the Hinckley Institute, the Hinckley internship program places more than 300 students every year in political and government offices, non-profits, campaigns, and think tanks. The Institute provides internship opportunities to students from all majors for academic credit in Washington, DC, at the Utah Legislature, in local offices and campaigns, and in more than 35 countries.

CAMPAIGN MANAGEMENT MINOR

The Hinckley Institute of Politics offers an undergraduate minor in Campaign Management designed to provide undergraduate students the opportunity to learn the theory and practices that will allow them to be effective participants in election and advocacy campaigns. Students are required to complete a political internship and an interdisciplinary series of courses in areas such as campaign management; interest groups and lobbying; voting, elections, and public opinion; media; and other practical politics.

PUBLIC FORUMS AND EVENTS

The Hinckley Institute hosts weekly Hinckley Forums where several political speakers address public audiences in the Hinckley Caucus Room. Hinckley Forums enable students, faculty, and community members to discuss a broad range of political concepts with local, national, and international politicians, ambassadors,

activists, and academics. Past guests include Presidents Bill Clinton and Gerald Ford; Senators Orrin Hatch, John McCain, Harry Reid, and Joe Lieberman; Utah Governors Michael Leavitt, Jon Huntsman, Jr., and Gary Herbert; and many other notable politicians and professionals. The speeches are broadcast on KUER 90.1 FM radio and KUED TV.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND LOANS

The Hinckley Institute provides more than \$730,000 in internship and academic scholarships to students through the Robert H. Hinckley, Abrelia Clarissa Hinckley, Anne and John Hinckley, Senator Pete Suazo, Robert F. Bennett, Dan Jones Future Leaders, and Scott M. Matheson scholarship funds, as well as through donations from the Li Ka Shing Foundation. The Hinckley Institute is also the University of Utah’s representative for the Harry S. Truman Scholarship and the James Madison Fellowship—two of America’s most prestigious scholarships.

HUNTSMAN SEMINAR FOR TEACHERS

The Huntsman Seminar in Constitutional Government for Teachers is a week-long seminar sponsored by the Huntsman Corporation. The primary focus of the seminar is to improve the quality of civic education in Utah schools by bringing Utah educators together with political experts and visiting politicians to discuss current events in Utah and American politics. The Huntsman Seminar is truly a unique opportunity for teachers to gain an in-depth understanding of local and national political issues.

DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

The Department of Political Science and the Hinckley Institute have a strong tradition of working together to provide students with opportunities to enrich academic studies with experiences in practical politics. The Institute’s programs complement the academic offerings of the Political Science Department. Courses are available in five subfields of the discipline: American Politics, International Relations, Comparative Politics, Political Theory, and Public Administration. If you have questions about the Department and its programs, contact the office at 252 Orson Spencer Hall, (801) 581-7031.