

# POLITICAL SCIENCE WITH A 3+3 TRACK TO LAW (BA)

This program was approved for students entering the university in the Summer 2024–Spring 2025 catalog year. For more information about catalog year, go to Catalog Year Information (<https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/university-wide-unit-specific-policies/catalog-year/>).

## Bachelor of Arts in Political Science with a 3+3 Track to Law

Unit: College of Arts and Sciences (AS) (<http://www.louisville.edu/a-s/>)  
Department: Political Science (<http://louisville.edu/politicalscience/>)  
Academic Plan Code(s): POLS BA 3+3

## Program Information

The College of Arts & Sciences and the Louis D. Brandeis School of Law have joined forces to create 3+3 Accelerated Law programs that allow eligible students in the College of Arts & Sciences to begin law school in their senior year of undergraduate study. Students substitute undergraduate major and elective requirements with the first 30 hours of law school, earning an undergraduate degree after their first year of law school and a Juris Doctor (JD) degree two years later. Students must have completed three years (6 semesters, fall & spring) of undergraduate course work post high school graduation, including transfer credit, prior to enrollment at Brandeis.

Completion of this degree requires work to be submitted for the department's Learning Outcomes Measurement. For details, contact the department.

## Degree Summary

Code	Title	Hours
	General Education Requirements ( <a href="https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/">https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/</a> ) <sup>1</sup>	31
	College/School Requirements	22
	Program/Major Requirements <sup>1</sup>	59
	Law School Courses	30
	<b>Minimum Total Hours</b>	<b>142</b>

## Departmental Admission Requirements

There are no specific admission requirements for this degree plan.

The Change Major Request form can be found under the Academic Progress tile on ULink.

## Admission to Law School

Admission to the 3+3 track does not guarantee admission to the law school. Students seeking admission to law school must complete a law school application and satisfy all of Brandeis' admissions requirements, including its median GPA and LSAT expectations.

The law school requires that students seeking admission through the 3+3 program have completed three years of undergraduate course work, including transfer credit and credit earned in summer. It is recommended that students planning to pursue this track have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.5.

For more information on Brandeis and its admissions requirements, please contact the Brandeis School of Law Office of Admissions (<http://louisville.edu/law/admissions/>). The office can also arrange for you to visit the law school and to sit in on a class.

## General Education Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
	General Education Requirements ( <a href="https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/">https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/</a> ) <sup>*</sup>	31

The following courses are required by the program and satisfy the respective General Education Requirement(s)

POLS 201	Introduction to American Government and Politics - SB ( <a href="https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/">https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/</a> )
or POLS 202	Introduction to Comparative Politics - D2 ( <a href="https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/">https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/</a> ), SB ( <a href="https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/">https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/</a> )

\*All degrees require the completion of the University-wide General Education Program (link provided above). Some General Education requirements may be met by the requirements for the major or supporting coursework, in which case additional electives may be required to complete the minimum hours for the degree.

## College/School Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Arts & Sciences Requirements		
GEN 100	Student Success Center First Year Experience	1
or GEN 101	Arts & Sciences First Year Experience	
	Foreign Language <sup>1</sup>	12
	Elective in Humanities or Natural Sciences <sup>2</sup>	9
	WR – two approved courses at the 300 level or above <sup>3</sup>	
	<b>Minimum Total Hours</b>	<b>22</b>

## Program/Major Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Department of Political Science		
POLS 201	Introduction to American Government and Politics - SB ( <a href="https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/">https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/</a> ) <sup>4</sup>	3
POLS 202	Introduction to Comparative Politics - D2 ( <a href="https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/">https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/</a> ), SB ( <a href="https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/">https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/</a> ) <sup>4</sup>	3
POLS 330	International Relations	3
POLS 390	Political Science Research Methods <sup>5</sup>	3
POLS 495	Senior Seminar - CUE ( <a href="https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/">https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/</a> ), WR ( <a href="https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/">https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/</a> ) <sup>6</sup>	3
	<b>Minimum Total Hours</b>	<b>15</b>

Code	Title	Hours
Additional Political Science Courses or Electives		
Take at least one course from each of the five Political Science subfields:		
<i>American Politics</i> <sup>7</sup>		3
POLS 306	State Government	
POLS 311	American Presidency	
POLS 312	Constitutional Law	
POLS 313	Constitutional Law	
POLS 314	Judicial Politics	
POLS 315	Race, Law and Politics - D1 ( <a href="https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/">https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/</a> ), SB ( <a href="https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/">https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/</a> )	
POLS 316	Gender, Sexuality & Law	
POLS 317	American Congress	
POLS 318	Religion and United States Politics - D1 ( <a href="https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/">https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/</a> ), SB ( <a href="https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/">https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/</a> )	
POLS 319	Media and Politics	
POLS 320	Civil Rights and the Law II	
POLS 321	Political Psychology and Public Opinion - SB ( <a href="https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/">https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/</a> )	
POLS 322	American Political Parties and Elections - SB ( <a href="https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/">https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/</a> )	
POLS 323	Queer Politics	
POLS 324	Women in American Politics	
POLS 327	Black Politics & Democracy - D1 ( <a href="https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/">https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/</a> ), SB ( <a href="https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/">https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/</a> )	
POLS 342	American Law and Lawyering	
POLS 401	Topics in American Politics - WR ( <a href="https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/">https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/</a> )	
POLS 501	Topics in American Politics	
POLS 507	Topics in Digital Politics	
<i>Public Policy</i> <sup>7,8</sup>		3
POLS 302	Urban Political Economy	
POLS 304	Comparative Urban Politics	
POLS 305	Urban Politics	
POLS 310	Policy, Community & Service	
POLS 325	Public Administration	
POLS 326	Public Policy - SB ( <a href="https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/">https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/</a> )	
POLS 333	American Foreign Policy	
POLS 335	Global Environmental Politics	
POLS 348	Environmental Policy	
POLS 405	Topics in Public Policy	
POLS 505	Topics in Urban and Public Policy	
POLS 510	Louisville Metro Council Internship	
POLS 511	Internship II	
POLS 512	Frankfort Legislative Internship	
<i>International Relations</i> <sup>7,8,9,10</sup>		3
POLS 331	The United Nations and International Organization - WR ( <a href="https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/">https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/</a> )	
POLS 332	International Law - WR ( <a href="https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/">https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/</a> )	
POLS 333	American Foreign Policy	
POLS 334	The Politics of Global Economic Relations	
POLS 335	Global Environmental Politics	
POLS 336	Politics of European Integration and Foreign Policy	
POLS 338	National and International Security: Issues and Policies	
POLS 339	Terrorism	
POLS 341	Political Violence	
POLS 357	Religion and International Politics - D2 ( <a href="https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/">https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/</a> ), SB ( <a href="https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/">https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/</a> )	
POLS 363	Politics of Oil	
POLS 364	Improving World Order	
POLS 371	Latin America in the World	
POLS 406	Topics in International Relations	
POLS 444	Law, Diplomacy and Power: The Foreign Relations of the U.S.	
POLS 506	Topics in International Relations	
POLS 520	Coping with Conflict	
POLS 530	International Negotiation	
<i>Comparative Politics</i> <sup>7,9,10</sup>		3
POLS 304	Comparative Urban Politics	
POLS 328	Information Technology and Politics	
POLS 340	Politics and Government of Western Europe	
POLS 341	Political Violence	
POLS 345	Russia and Eurasia - WR ( <a href="https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/">https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/</a> )	
POLS 347	Democratization	
POLS 349	Comparative Political Culture - WR ( <a href="https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/">https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/</a> )	
POLS 350	African Government and Politics	
POLS 355	Introduction to Middle East Politics	
POLS 356	Political Islam	
POLS 362	Comparative Political Economy	
POLS 363	Politics of Oil	

POLS 365	People's Republic of China - D2 ( <a href="https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/">https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/</a> ), SB ( <a href="https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/">https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/</a> ), WR ( <a href="https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/">https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/</a> )	
POLS 366	Politics of East Asia - D2 ( <a href="https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/">https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/</a> ), SB ( <a href="https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/">https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/</a> )	
POLS 367	Politics and Government of Southeast Asia	
POLS 370	Comparative Political Development in Latin America - D2 ( <a href="https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/">https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/</a> ), SB ( <a href="https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/">https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/</a> )	
POLS 371	Latin America in the World	
POLS 402	Topics in Comparative Politics	
POLS 437	The United States and East Asia - WR ( <a href="https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/">https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/</a> )	
POLS 502	Topics in Comparative Politics	
POLS 563	Women in Developing Countries - WR ( <a href="https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/">https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/</a> )	
<i>Political Theory</i> <sup>7</sup>		3
POLS 381	Early Political Thought	
POLS 382	Modern Political Thought	
POLS 383	American Political Thought	
POLS 384	Democracy and Its Critics - WR ( <a href="https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/">https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/</a> )	
POLS 386	Political Theory and Utopia - WR ( <a href="https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/">https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/</a> )	
POLS 387	American Utopian Communities	
POLS 388	Contemporary Political Theory	
POLS 404	Topics in Political Theory	
POLS 504	Topics in Political Theory - WR ( <a href="https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/">https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/</a> )	
POLS 568	Feminist Theory - WR ( <a href="https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/">https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/</a> )	
<i>Political Science Electives</i>		6
<i>Supporting Courses</i>		
ECON 202	Principles of Macroeconomics - SB ( <a href="https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/">https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/</a> )	3

Electives in Social Sciences other than Political Science, with 9 hours at the 300-level or above 15

**Minimum Total Hours 39**

At least 50 of the total minimum hours required must be at the 300 level or above.

Code	Title	Hours
<i>Culminating Undergraduate Experience (Graduation requirement)</i>		
Requirement fulfilled by completing:		
POLS 495	Senior Seminar - CUE ( <a href="https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/">https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/</a> ), WR ( <a href="https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/">https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/</a> )	3

## Law School Courses

Code	Title	Hours
LAW 802	Torts I	3
LAW 803	Torts II	3
LAW 804	Contracts I	3
LAW 805	Contracts II	3
LAW 806	Property I	3
LAW 807	Property II	3
LAW 808	Civil Procedure I	3
LAW 810	Criminal Law	3
LAW 811	Lawyering Skills I	3
LAW 812	Lawyering Skills II	3

**Minimum Total Hours 30**

- <sup>1</sup> Completion of the intermediate level of a single foreign language
- <sup>2</sup> In addition to courses counted toward General Education; 6 hours must be at 300 level or above
- <sup>3</sup> May be incorporated into other degree requirements
- <sup>4</sup> Fulfills General Education requirement.
- <sup>5</sup> Substitutions may be approved by the departmental advisor.
- <sup>6</sup> Fulfills WR requirement.
- <sup>7</sup> POLS 399 may be an appropriate elective under any category depending on its topic in a given semester.
- <sup>8</sup> POLS 333 may be used as an elective option under Public Policy or International Relations. It may only satisfy one requirement. It may not be used to satisfy both requirements.
- <sup>9</sup> POLS 341 may be used as an elective option under International Relations and Comparative Politics. It may only satisfy one requirement. It may not be used to satisfy both requirements.
- <sup>10</sup> POLS 363 may be used as an elective option under International Relations and Comparative Politics. It may only satisfy one requirement. It may not be used to satisfy both requirements.

## Flight Plan

Year 1		Hours
Fall		
GEN 101	Arts & Sciences First Year Experience	1
ENGL 101	Introduction to College Writing - WC ( <a href="https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/">https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/</a> )	3
POLS 201	Introduction to American Government and Politics - SB ( <a href="https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/">https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/</a> )	3
POLS 111	Political Discourse - OC ( <a href="https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/">https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/</a> )	3
ECON 202	Principles of Macroeconomics - SB ( <a href="https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/">https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/</a> )	3

Foreign Language 1		4
<b>Hours</b>		<b>17</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
ENGL 102	Intermediate College Writing - WC ( <a href="https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/">https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/</a> )	3
POLS 202	Introduction to Comparative Politics - D2 ( <a href="https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/">https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/</a> ), SB ( <a href="https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/">https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/</a> )	3
General Education: Cardinal Core Natural Sciences - S		3
Foreign Language2		4
General Education: Cardinal Core Social & Behavioral Sciences Historical Perspective - SBH		3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>16</b>
<b>Year 2</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
General Education: Cardinal Core Quantitative Reasoning - QR		3-4
Foreign Language 3		4
Political Science American Politics Elective		3
General Education: Cardinal Core Arts & Humanities US Diversity - AHD1		3
Natural Science Elective		3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>16-17</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
General Education: Cardinal Core Arts & Humanities - AH		3
General Education: Cardinal Core Natural Sciences - S		3
General Education: Cardinal Core Natural Sciences Lab - SL		1
General Education: Cardinal Core Arts & Humanities Global Diversity - AHD2		3
POLS 330	International Relations	3
General Education: Cardinal Core Social & Behavioral Sciences US Diversity - SBD1		3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>16</b>
<b>Year 3</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
Humanities Elective (300 level or above)		3
POLS 390	Political Science Research Methods	3
Political Sciences Public Policy Elective		3
Social Sciences Elective		3
International relations Elective		
<b>Hours</b>		<b>12</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
Humanities Elective (300 level or above)		3
Political Science Comparative Politics Elective		3
Political Science Political Theory Elective		3
Political Science Elective		3
POLS 495	Senior Seminar - CUE ( <a href="https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/">https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/</a> ), WR ( <a href="https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/">https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/</a> )	3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Year 4</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
LAW 802	Torts I	3
LAW 804	Contracts I	3
LAW 806	Property I	3
LAW 810	Criminal Law	3
LAW 811	Lawyering Skills I	3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
LAW 803	Torts II	3
LAW 805	Contracts II	3
LAW 807	Property II	3
LAW 808	Civil Procedure I	3

LAW 812	Lawyering Skills II	3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Minimum Total Hours</b>		<b>122-123</b>

The Flight Plan outlined above is intended to demonstrate one possible path to completing the degree within four years. Course selection and placement within the program may vary depending on course offerings and schedule, elective preferences, and other factors (study abroad, internship availability, etc.). Please consult your advisor for additional information about building a flight plan that works for you.

### Degree Audit Report

Degree Audit reports illustrate how your completed courses fulfill the requirements of your academic plan, and which requirements are still outstanding. Degree audits also take transfer credits and test credits into account. "What-if" reports allow you to compare the courses you have completed in your current academic plan to the courses required in another academic plan. Should you have questions about either report, please consult with your academic advisor.

### Flight Planner

The Flight Planner tool is available for you to create a personalized Flight Plan to graduation. Advisors have access to review your Flight Planner and can help you adjust it to ensure you remain on track to graduate in a timely manner.

### To create these reports:

1. Log into your ULink account.
2. Click on the Academic Progress tile.
3. Select the appropriate report.
  - a. To run a Degree Audit report, click on "View my Degree Audit."
  - b. To create a What-if report, click on "Create a What-if Advisement Report."
  - c. To run a Flight Planner report, click on "Use My Flight Planner."

Click here to run a Degree Audit report, create a What-if report, or run a Flight Planner report. (<https://ulink.louisville.edu>)