

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 (<http://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 (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/) ¹	31
	College/School Requirements	22
	Program/Major Requirements ¹	38
	Law School Courses	30
Minimum Total Hours		121

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 (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/) [*]	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 (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)
or POLS 202	Introduction to Comparative Politics - SB (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/), D2 (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)

^{*}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 ¹	12
	Elective in Humanities or Natural Sciences ²	9
	WR – two approved courses at the 300 level or above ³	
Minimum Total Hours		22

Program/Major Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Department of Political Science		
POLS 111	Political Discourse - OC (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	3
POLS 201	Introduction to American Government and Politics - SB (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	3
POLS 202	Introduction to Comparative Politics - SB (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/), D2 (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	3
POLS 330	International Relations	3
POLS 390	Political Science Research Methods	3
POLS 495	Senior Seminar - WR (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/), CUE (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	3

Minimum Total Hours		18
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Code	Title	Hours
Additional Political Science Courses or Electives		21

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

¹ Completion of the intermediate level of a single foreign language

² In addition to courses counted toward General Education; 6 hours must be at 300 level or above

³ May be incorporated into other degree requirements

Flight Plan

Year 1		Hours
Fall		
GEN 101	Arts & Sciences First Year Experience	1
ENGL 101	Introduction to College Writing - WC (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	3
POLS 201	Introduction to American Government and Politics - SB (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	3
POLS 111	Political Discourse - OC (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	3
ECON 202	Principles of Macroeconomics - SB (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	3
Foreign Language 1		4
Hours		17
Spring		
ENGL 102	Intermediate College Writing - WC (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	3
POLS 202	Introduction to Comparative Politics - SB (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/), D2 (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	3
General Education: Cardinal Core Natural Sciences - S		3
Foreign Language 2		4
General Education: Cardinal Core Social & Behavioral Sciences Historical Perspective - SBH		3
Hours		16
Year 2		
Fall		
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
Hours		16-17

Spring		Hours
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
Hours		16
Year 3		
Fall		
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		
Hours		12
Spring		
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 - WR (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/), CUE (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	3
Hours		15
Year 4		
Fall		
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
Hours		15
Spring		
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
Hours		15
Minimum Total Hours		122-123

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:

- a. Log into your ULink account.
- b. Click on the Academic Progress tile.
- c. Select the appropriate report.
 - i. To run a Degree Audit report, click on "View my Degree Audit."
 - ii. To create a What-if report, click on "Create a What-if Advisement Report."
 - iii. 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>)