POLITICAL SCIENCE (BA)

This program was approved for students entering the university in the Summer 2023—Spring 2024 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
Unit: College of Arts and Sciences (AS) (http://www.louisville.edu/a-s/)
Department: Political Science (http://louisville.edu/politicalscience/)
Academic Plan Code(s): See Track Requirements tab.

Program Information
This program can be completed in a traditional classroom format or entirely online (https://louisville.edu/online/programs/bachelors/online-bachelor-of-arts-in-political-science/).

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science program at UofL cultivates an understanding of policy, politics and governments in the United States and around the globe. We offer a wide range of courses including campaigns and elections, the Presidency and Congress, social movements and civil rights, terrorism and war, constitutional law, environmental policy, religious politics, urban politics and poverty, and international politics. The department is a particularly inviting environment for students, with small class sizes, our own building, a computer lab, and options to specialize via several tracks in our major.

Political Science majors at the University of Louisville have been extremely successful in earning prestigious scholarships and fellowships. The roster of recent successes includes numerous Fulbright Award winners and multiple Truman Scholars. Since 2010, three of our students have won the annual Mary Churchill Humphrey scholarship, often described as UofL's Rhodes Scholarship because it supports students have won the annual Mary Churchill Humphrey scholarship, winners and multiple Truman Scholars. Since 2010, three of our students have won the annual Mary Churchill Humphrey scholarship, winners and multiple Truman Scholars. Since 2010, three of our students have won the annual Mary Churchill Humphrey scholarship, winners and multiple Truman Scholars. Since 2010, three of our students have won the annual Mary Churchill Humphrey scholarship, winners and multiple Truman Scholars. 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POLS 330  International Relations 3
POLS 390  Political Science Research Methods 5 3
POLS 495  Senior Seminar (CUE) 6 3

Minimum Total Hours 15

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**Experiential Learning**

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**Supporting Courses**

ECON 202  Principles of Macroeconomics 3

Minimum Electives 32

Minimum Total Hours 53

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**Track in Global Politics and International Affairs**

Academic Plan Code(s): POLSBA_GIA

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**Track Requirements**

Students who satisfy General Education Requirements by courses defined by the program will require additional electives to complete the minimum hours for the degree.

**Track in Applied Politics**

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- 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
- POLS 347 Democratization
- POLS 349 Comparative Political Culture
- POLS 350 African Government and Politics
- POLS 355 Introduction to Middle East Politics
- POLS 356 Political Islam
- POLS 357 Religion and International Politics
- POLS 362 Comparative Political Economy
- POLS 363 Politics of Oil
- POLS 365 People’s Republic of China
- POLS 366 Politics of East Asia
- POLS 367 Politics and Government of Southeast Asia
- POLS 370 Comparative Political Development in Latin America
- POLS 371 Latin America in the World
- POLS 402 Topics in Comparative Politics
- POLS 437 The United States and East Asia
- POLS 502 Topics in Comparative Politics
- POLS 563 Women in Developing Countries

POLS Electives 1 6

Supporting Courses

- ECON 202 Principles of Macroeconomics 3

Minimum Electives 32

Minimum Total Hours 53

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No-Track Political Science BA

Academic Plan Code(s): POLSBA, POLSBA_O

Students in this plan of study are required to take at least one course from each of Political Science’s five subfields.

**American Politics** 2 3

Select one of the following:

- 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
- POLS 316 Gender, Sexuality & Law
- POLS 317 American Congress
- POLS 318 Religion and United States Politics
- POLS 319 Media and Politics
- POLS 320 Civil Rights and the Law II
- POLS 321 Public Opinion
- POLS 322 American Political Parties and Elections

**Public Policy** 2, 3 3

Select one of the following:

- 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
- POLS 333 American Foreign Policy
- POLS 335 Global Environmental Politics
- POLS 348 Environmental Policy
- POLS 405 Topics in Public Policy
- POLS 444 Law, Diplomacy and Power: The Foreign Relations of the U.S.
- POLS 505 Topics in Urban and Public Policy
- POLS 510 Louisville Metro Council Internship
- POLS 511 Internship II
- POLS 512 Frankfort Legislative Internship

**International Relations** 2, 3, 4, 5 3

Select one of the following:

- POLS 331 International Organization
- POLS 332 International Law
- 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 444 Law, Diplomacy and Power: The Foreign Relations of the U.S.
- POLS 339 Terrorism
- POLS 341 Political Violence
- POLS 363 Politics of Oil
- POLS 364 Improving World Order
- POLS 371 Latin America in the World
- POLS 406 Topics in International Relations
- POLS 450 Topics in World Affairs
- POLS 437 The United States and East Asia
- POLS 506 Topics in International Relations
- POLS 520 Coping with Conflict
- POLS 530 International Negotiation

**Comparative Politics** 2, 4, 5 3

Select one of the following:

- POLS 304 Comparative Urban Politics
- POLS 328 Information Technology and Politics
- POLS 340 Politics and Government of Western Europe
- POLS 345 Russia and Eurasia
Political Science (BA)

POLS 341 Political Violence
POLS 347 Democratization
POLS 349 Comparative Political Culture
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 366 Politics of East Asia
POLS 365 People’s Republic of China
POLS 367 Politics and Government of Southeast Asia
POLS 370 Comparative Political Development in Latin America
POLS 371 Latin America in the World
POLS 402 Topics in Comparative Politics
POLS 437 The United States and East Asia
POLS 502 Topics in Comparative Politics
POLS 563 Women in Developing Countries

Political Theory 2
Select one of the following:

POLS 381 Early Political Thought
POLS 382 Modern Political Thought
POLS 383 American Political Thought
POLS 384 Democracy and Its Critics
POLS 386 Political Theory and Utopia
POLS 387 American Utopian Communities
POLS 388 Contemporary Political Theory
POLS 404 Topics in Political Theory
POLS 504 Topics in Political Theory
POLS 568 Feminist Theory

Political Science Electives 6

Supporting Courses

ECON 202 Principles of Macroeconomics 3

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

Minimum Electives 14

Minimum Total Hours 53

1 The department encourages students to satisfy a portion of the elective requirement through completion of experiential learning courses such as POLS 430, POLS 465, POLS 510, POLS 511, POLS 520 or POLS 530.
2 POLS 399 may be an appropriate elective under any category depending on its topic in a given semester. A student must obtain her/his advisor’s approval before attempting to use this course to satisfy an area requirement.
3 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.
4 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.
5 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

No Track - Political Science (BA)

Academic Plan Code(s): POLSBA

Year 1

Fall          Hours

GEN 100 or GEN 101 Student Success Center First Year Experience 1
ENGL 101 Introduction to College Writing 3
POLS 201 Introduction to American Government and Politics 3
ECON 202 Principles of Macroeconomics 3
Foreign Language 1 3-4
General Education: Cardinal Core Oral Communication - OC 3

Hours 16-17

Spring

ENGL 102 Intermediate College Writing 3
POLS 202 Introduction to Comparative Politics 3
General Education: Cardinal Core Natural Sciences - S 3
Foreign Language 2 3-4
General Elective 3

Hours 15-16

Year 2

Fall

General Education: Cardinal Core Social & Behavioral Sciences Historical Perspective - SBH 3
General Education: Cardinal Core Quantitative Reasoning - QR 3-4
Foreign Language 3 3-4
Political Science American Politics elective 3
General Elective 3

Hours 15-17

Spring

POLS 330 International Relations 3
Humanities or Natural Science WR elective (300 level or above) 3
General Education: Cardinal Core Natural Sciences - S 3
General Education: Cardinal Core Natural Sciences Lab - SL 1
Foreign Language 4 2-4
Political Science Comparative Politics elective 3

Hours 16-17

Year 3

Fall

Social Science elective 3
General Education: Cardinal Core Arts & Humanities US Diversity - AHD1 3
Political Science International Relations elective 3
Humanities or Natural Science elective (300 level or above) 3

Hours 15

Spring

POLS 390 Political Science Research Methods 3
Political Science Public Policy elective 3
Social Science elective (300 level or above) 3
General Education: Cardinal Core Arts & Humanities - AH 3
Social Science elective 3

Hours 15
Political Science (BA) 5

Year 4
Fall
Social Science elective (300 level or above) 3
Political Science Political Theory elective 3
Humanities or Natural Science elective 3
Political Science elective 3
General elective 3

Hours 15

Spring
POLS 495  Senior Seminar 3
Political Science elective 3
General elective (300 level or above) 3
General elective (300 level or above) 3
General elective 3

Hours 15

Minimum Total Hours 122-127

Track in Applied Politics
Academic Plan Code(s): POLSBA_APO

Year 1
Fall
GEN 100  Student Success Center First Year Experience 1
or GEN 101  or Arts & Sciences First Year Experience
ENGL 101  Introduction to College Writing 3
POLS 201  Introduction to American Government and Politics 3
Foreign Language 1 3-4
General Elective 3
General Elective 2

Hours 15-16

Spring
ENGL 102  Intermediate College Writing 3
POLS 202  Introduction to Comparative Politics 3
General Education: Cardinal Core Oral Communication - OC 3
General Education: Cardinal Core Natural Sciences - S 3
Foreign Language 2 3-4

Hours 15-16

Year 2
Fall
POLS 330  International Relations 3
General Elective 3
General Education: Cardinal Core Social & Behavioral Sciences Historical Perspective - SBH 3
General Education: Cardinal Core Quantitative Reasoning - QR 3-4
Foreign Language 3 3-4

Hours 15-17

Spring
ECON 202  Principles of Macroeconomics 3
Humanities or Natural Science WR Elective (300 level or above) 3
General Education: Cardinal Core Natural Sciences - S 3
General Education: Cardinal Core Natural Sciences Lab - SL 1
General Elective 3
Foreign Language 4 3-4

Hours 16-17

Year 3
Fall
General elective 3
General elective (300 level or above) 3
General Education: Cardinal Core Arts & Humanities US Diversity - AHD1 3

Spring
POLS 390  Political Science Research Methods 3
Political Science Political Institutions course 3
General elective (300 level or above) 3
General Education: Cardinal Core Arts & Humanities - AH 3
Political Science Experiential Learning course 3

Hours 15

Year 4
Fall
Political Science Political Identity and Behavior course 3
Political Science Political Identity and Behavior course 3
General elective (300 level or above) 3
General elective (300 level or above) 3
Humanities or Natural Science elective 3

Hours 15

Spring
POLS 495  Senior Seminar 3
Political Science Political Identity and Behavior course 3
Political Science Political Identity and Behavior course 3
General elective (300 level or above) 3
General elective (300 level or above) 3

Hours 15

Minimum Total Hours 121-126

Track in Global Politics and International Affairs
Academic Plan Code(s): POLSBA_GIA

Year 1
Fall
GEN 100  Student Success Center First Year Experience 1
or GEN 101  or Arts & Sciences First Year Experience
ENGL 101  Introduction to College Writing 3
POLS 201  Introduction to American Government and Politics 3
Foreign Language 1 3-4
General elective 3
General elective 2

Hours 15-16

Spring
ENGL 102  Intermediate College Writing 3
POLS 202  Introduction to Comparative Politics 3
General Education: Cardinal Core Oral Communication - OC 3
General Education: Cardinal Core Natural Sciences - S 3
Foreign Language 2 3-4

Hours 15-16

Year 2
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General Elective 3
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General Education: Cardinal Core Quantitative Reasoning - QR 3-4
Foreign Language 3 3-4

Hours 15-17

Spring
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Hours 15

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Political Science International Relations course 3
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Social Science elective 3
General elective (300 level or above) 3

Hours 15

Year 4
Fall
Political Science International Relations course 3
Political Science Comparative Politics course 3
Humanities or Natural Science elective 3
Political Science elective 3
General elective (300 level or above) 3

Hours 15

Spring
POLS 495 Senior Seminar 3
Political Science Comparative Politics course 3
Political Science elective 3
General elective (300 level or above) 3
General elective (300 level or above) 3

Hours 15

Minimum Total Hours 121-126

Degree Audit Report
Degree Audit reports illustrate how your completed courses fulfill the requirements of your academic plan. 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)