POLITICAL SCIENCE (BS)

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 Science 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): POLSBS_LP

Program Information
Bachelor of Science 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 to study in Great Britain. Many of our majors go on to have successful careers in government, international affairs, nongovernmental organizations, business, academia, and media.

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

Degree Summary

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Specific coursework information can be found on the Degree Requirements tab.

Accelerated BA-BS/MA in Political Science
Political Science majors who are considering pursuing a master's degree (MA) in Political Science can speed up the process by applying some of their undergraduate credit hours toward a master's degree. Students accepted into the Accelerated BA-BS/MA take three graduate courses (9 credit hours) as an undergraduate that apply toward both the bachelor's degree and the eventual master's degree.

Interested students must apply for admission to the program in the first semester of the senior year (i.e., after completing 90 hours). Applicants must meet the general requirements for admission to the Graduate School and must submit an application to the Department of Political Science. Applicants should have an undergraduate major or minor in social science or have sufficient alternative preparation in the social sciences.

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.

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

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POLS 316  Gender, Sexuality & Law
POLS 320  Civil Rights and the Law II
POLS 332  International Law
POLS 444  Law, Diplomacy and Power: The Foreign Relations of the U.S.

Public Policy Area
Select two courses: 6
POLS 302  Urban Political Economy
POLS 304  Comparative Urban Politics
POLS 305  Urban Politics
POLS 310  Policy, Community & Service
POLS 325  Public Administration
POLS 320  Civil Rights and the Law II
POLS 332  International Law
POLS 444  Law, Diplomacy and Power: The Foreign Relations of the U.S.

Minimum Total Hours 42

Supporting Courses
POLS 201  Introduction to American Government and Politics 3
General Education: Cardinal Core Natural Sciences - S 3
General Education: Cardinal Core Natural Sciences Lab - SL 1
Foreign Language 1 3-4

POLS 325  or POLS 326  Public Administration  or Public Policy 3
ENGL 102  Intermediate College Writing 3
General Education: Cardinal Core Natural Sciences - S 3
General Education: Cardinal Core Quantitative Reasoning - QR 3-4
General Elective 3
Foreign Language 2 3-4

Year 2
Fall
POLS 202  Introduction to Comparative Politics 3
POLS 330  International Relations 3
Social Science elective (300 level or above) 3
General Education: Cardinal Core Oral Communication - OC 3
General Education: Cardinal Core Arts & Humanities - AH 3

Minimum Total Hours 15

Year 3
Fall
Humanities or Natural Sciences WR elective (300 level or above) 3
ECON 201  Principles of Microeconomics 3
General Education: Cardinal Core Social & Behavioral Sciences Historical Perspective - SBH 3
Political Science Law & Jurisprudence course 3
General elective 3

Minimum Total Hours 15

Year 4
Fall
Political Science Public Policy course 3
Political Science elective 3
Social Science elective 3
Political Science Law & Jurisprudence course 3
POLS 390  Political Science Research Methods 3
Social Science elective 3

Minimum Total Hours 15

Flight Plan
Year 1
Fall
GEN 101  Arts & Sciences First Year Experience 1
or GEN 100  or Student Success Center First Year Experience
ENGL 101  Introduction to College Writing 3

POLS 495  Senior Seminar 3
Political Science elective 3
Political Science elective 3
General elective 3
General elective 3

Minimum Total Hours 15

Minimum Total Hours 121-122
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)