



PROGRAM PLANNING GUIDE

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Name: _____

Bachelor of Arts

Political Science



Political Science is the systematic study of government, politics and political behaviour. It studies how a society governs itself at all levels and various ideas about how it should be governed in the future. As a political science student you will study how political conflict is organized and resolved in the "real world." You will look at how rulers are chosen, governmental decisions are taken and how decision-making processes are organized. You'll learn how governments design and implement their laws and policies in Canada and abroad.

What determines my program requirements?

Please refer to the Academic Calendar (www.ulethbridge.ca/ross/academic-calendar) for complete program information.

Calendar Year: 2024/2025 - Your calendar year is set to the academic year you are admitted (or readmitted) and you should follow the requirements for that year for the duration of your program.

Faculty/School: Faculty of Arts and Science (www.ulethbridge.ca/artsci)

Program(s): Bachelor of Arts

Major(s): Political Science

Minor: A defined set of courses, designed to provide depth in a particular discipline, study in an interdisciplinary area, or focus on a theme-related topic. To learn more about optional minors see www.ulethbridge.ca/ross/minors.

Am I admissible to this program?

Admission: www.ulethbridge.ca/ross/admissions/undergrad

Transfer: www.ulethbridge.ca/ross/transfer-resources

When/How do I apply to the University?

Deadlines: www.ulethbridge.ca/ross/admissions/undergrad/deadlines

Step-by-Step: www.ulethbridge.ca/ross/admissions/step-by-step

Where can I find information on courses?

Course Catalogue: www.ulethbridge.ca/ross/courses

Registration Guide: www.ulethbridge.ca/ross/registration-guide

When can I register for classes?

Register early! (March for Summer and Fall; November for Winter)

Registration Dates: www.ulethbridge.ca/ross/registration-dates

How can I enhance my program?

Career Bridge: www.ulethbridge.ca/career-bridge

Co-op Education: www.ulethbridge.ca/career-bridge/co-operative-education

Honours Thesis: www.ulethbridge.ca/ross/undergraduate-thesis

Double Major: www.ulethbridge.ca/ross/double-major

What supports are available to students?

Student Services: www.ulethbridge.ca/campus-life/student-services

Student Success Centre: www.ulethbridge.ca/student-success-centre

Accessible Learning: www.ulethbridge.ca/ross/alc

Counselling Services: www.ulethbridge.ca/counselling





Required courses and notes

Major Requirements (13 Courses)

- _____ 1. Political Science 1000 - Introduction to Political Science
- _____ 2. Political Science 2110 - International Relations
- _____ 3. Political Science 2210 - Canadian Politics and Government
- _____ 4. Political Science 2310 - Comparative Politics and Government
- _____ 5. Political Science 2511 - Introduction to Political Theory
- _____ 6. Political Science 2610 - Introductory Research Methods
- _____ 7.-11. Five courses (15.0 credit hours) in Political Science at the 3000/4000 level
 - _____ 7. _____
 - _____ 8. _____
 - _____ 9. _____
 - _____ 10. _____
 - _____ 11. _____
- _____ 12.-13.¹ Two courses (6.0 credit hours) in Political Science at the 4000 level, excluding Political Science 4980 (Applied Study) and Political Science 4990 (Independent Study)
 - _____ 12. _____
 - _____ 13. _____

Notes

¹ Students completing Political Science 4995 (6.0 credit hours) as part of this requirement will still need at least one classroom-based 4000-level Political Science course (3.0 credit hours).

Electives (27 Courses)

- _____ 14.-40. Twenty-seven additional courses (81.0 credit hours) chosen to complete program requirements
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Recommended Course Sequence

Shown below is the recommended sequence of courses for your degree. Consult timetables for course offerings, prerequisites, and corequisites before registering each term as some courses may have limited offerings (ie. once a year, alternating years, or only offered in the Fall or Winter terms).

Consult with an Academic Advisor in your faculty if you wish to alter this sequence with regard to the specifically listed courses.

Note that this sequence was prepared based on course scheduling at the time of publication and may change during your studies.

First Year

Political Science 1000

- Political Science 2000 level
- Lib Ed Requirement course
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Second Year

- Political Science 2000 level
- Political Science 2000 level
- Political Science 2000 level
- Political Science 2000 level
- Elective
- Elective
- Elective
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- Elective
- Elective

Third Year

- Political Science 3000/4000 level
- Political Science 3000/4000 level
- Political Science 3000/4000 level
- Political Science 4000 level
- Elective 3000/4000 level
- Elective 3000/4000 level
- Elective 3000/4000 level
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Fourth Year

- Political Science 4000 level
- Political Science 3000/4000 level
- Political Science 3000/4000 level
- Elective 3000/4000 level
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Note: Courses in bold in Years 1 and 2 of the sample sequence are prerequisite(s) for required courses and should be completed early in your program. Students are advised to review the prerequisites for elective courses within the major and plan accordingly.