

Political Science (BA)

This program was approved for students entering the university in the Summer 2016 - Spring 2017 catalog year. For more information about catalog year, go to [Catalog Year Information](#).

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science (POLSBA)

Major: POLS

Degree: BA

Unit: [College of Arts and Sciences \(AS\)](#)

Department: [Political Science](#)

Flight Plan coming soon

Departmental Admission Requirements: There are no specific admission requirements for this degree plan. The Application for Major form can be found on the A&S Advising Center web site: <http://louisville.edu/artsandsciences/advising/apply>.

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

General Education

	Hours
General Education Requirements	34

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.

Arts & Sciences Programmatic Requirements

	Hours
General 101: A&S Orientation	1
Foreign Language (completion of the intermediate level of a single foreign language)	12
Electives in Humanities or Natural Sciences (in addition to courses counted toward General Education; 6 hours must be at 300 level or above)	9
WR—two approved courses at the 300 level or above (may be incorporated into other degree requirements)	

Total	22
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Department of Political Science

	Hours
POLS 201 ¹	3
POLS 202 ¹	3
POLS 330	3
POLS 390 ³	3
POLS 495 ²	3
POLS electives	18
Total	33

Supporting Courses

	Hours
ECON 202 ¹	3
Electives in Social Sciences other than Political Science, with 9 hours at the 300-level or above	15
Minimum Electives	14
Total	32

	Hours
Minimum Total	121

Culminating Undergraduate Experience (For students admitted Summer 2014 or later)

Requirement fulfilled by completing POLS 495	(3)
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NOTE: No more than 6 hours of Political Science 430, 510, 511 and/or 512 may count toward the major.

Only 40 hours in the major department may be applied toward the Bachelor of Arts Degree.

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

¹ Fulfills General Education requirement.

² Fulfills WR requirement.

³ Substitutions may be approved by the departmental advisor.

Political Science with Track in Applied Politics (BA)

This program was approved for students entering the university in the Summer 2016 - Spring 2017 catalog year. For more information about catalog year, go to [Catalog Year Information](#).

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science with Track in Applied Politics (POLSBA APO)

Major: POLS

Track: APO

Degree: BA

Unit: [College of Arts and Sciences \(AS\)](#)

Department: [Political Science](#)

Flight Plan coming soon

Departmental Admission Requirements: There are no specific admission requirements for this degree plan. The Application for Major form can be found on the A&S Advising Center web site: <http://louisville.edu/artsandsciences/advising/apply>.

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

General Education

	Hours
General Education Requirements	34

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.

Arts & Sciences Programmatic Requirements

	Hours
General 101: A&S Orientation	1
Foreign Language (completion of the intermediate level of a single foreign language)	12
Electives in Humanities or Natural Sciences (in addition to courses counted toward General Education; 6 hours must be at 300 level or above)	9

WR—two approved courses at the 300 level or above (may be incorporated into other degree requirements)	
Total	22

Department of Political Science

	Hours
POLS 201 ¹	3
POLS 202 ¹	3
POLS 330	3
POLS 390 ³	3
POLS 495 ²	3
Total	15

Track in Applied Politics

	Hours
Political Institutions: POLS 302, 305, 306, 311, 314, 317, 325, 326, 331 (select two courses)	6
Political Identity and Behavior: POLS 316, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 327, 328, 335, 563 (select two courses)	6
Experiential Learning: POLS 310, 430, 460, 461, 465, 510, 511, 512, 520, 530 (select one course)	3
POLS Elective	3
Total	18

Supporting Courses

	Hours
ECON 202 ¹	3
Minimum Electives	29
Total	32

	Hours
Minimum Total	121

Culminating Undergraduate Experience (For students admitted Summer 2014 or later)

Requirement fulfilled by completing POLS 495	(3)
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NOTE: No more than 6 hours of Political Science 430, 510, 511 and/or 512 may count toward the major.

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² Fulfills WR requirement.

Political Science with Track in Global Politics and International Affairs (BA)

This program was approved for students entering the university in the Summer 2016 - Spring 2017 catalog year. For more information about catalog year, go to [Catalog Year Information](#).

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science with Track in Global Politics and International Affairs (POLSBA GIA)

Major: POLS

Track: GIA

Degree: BA

Unit: [College of Arts and Sciences \(AS\)](#)

Department: [Political Science](#)

Flight Plan coming soon

Departmental Admission Requirements: There are no specific admission requirements for this degree plan. The Application for Major form can be found on the A&S Advising Center web site: <http://louisville.edu/artsandsciences/advising/apply>.

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

General Education

	Hours
General Education Requirements	34

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.

Arts & Sciences Programmatic Requirements

	Hours
General 101: A&S Orientation	1
Foreign Language (completion of the intermediate level of a single foreign language)	12
Electives in Humanities or Natural Sciences (in addition to courses counted toward General Education; 6 hours must be at 300 level or above)	9

WR—two approved courses at the 300 level or above (may be incorporated into other degree requirements)	
Total	22

Department of Political Science

	Hours
POLS 201 ¹	3
POLS 202 ¹	3
POLS 330	3
POLS 390 ³	3
POLS 495 ²	3
Total	15

Track in Global Politics and International Affairs

	Hours
International Relations Area: POLS 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 363, 364, 406, 450, 506, 520, 530 (select two courses)	6
Comparative Politics Area: POLS 304, 345, 347, 349, 350, 355, 362, 365, 366, 367, 370, 371, 402, 437, 456, 503, 563 (select two courses)	6
Experiential Learning: POLS 430, 460, 461, 465, 510, 511, 520, 530	0 - 3
POLS Electives ³	3 - 6
Total	18

Supporting Courses

	Hours
ECON 202 ¹	3
Minimum Electives	29
Total	32

	Hours
Minimum Total	121

Culminating Undergraduate Experience (For students admitted Summer 2014 or later)

Requirement fulfilled by completing POLS 495	(3)
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NOTE: No more than 6 hours of Political Science 430, 510, 511 and/or 512 may count toward the major.

Only 40 hours in the major department may be applied toward the Bachelor of Arts Degree.

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

¹ Fulfills General Education requirement.

² Fulfills WR requirement.

³ The department encourages students to satisfy the three-hour elective requirement through completion of experiential learning courses such as POLS 430, 460, 461, 465, 510, 511, 520 or 530.

Political Science with Track in Law and Public Policy (BS)

This program was approved for students entering the university in the Summer 2016 - Spring 2017 catalog year. For more information about catalog year, go to [Catalog Year Information](#).

Bachelor of Science in Political Science with Track in Law and Public Policy (POLSBS LP)

Major: POLS

Track: LP

Degree: BS

Unit: [College of Arts and Sciences \(AS\)](#)

Department: [Political Science](#)

Flight Plan coming soon

Departmental Admission Requirements: There are no specific admission requirements for this degree plan. The Application for Major form can be found on the A&S Advising Center web site: <http://louisville.edu/artsandsciences/advising/apply>.

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

General Education

	Hours
General Education Requirements	34

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.

Arts & Sciences Programmatic Requirements

	Hours
General 101: A&S Orientation	1
Foreign Language (completion of the second semester of a single foreign language; hours will vary depending on the language taken)	6-8
Electives in Humanities or Natural Sciences at 300 level or above, in addition to courses counted toward General Education	6

WR—two approved courses at the 300 level or above (may be incorporated into other degree requirements)	
Total	13-15

Department of Political Science

	Hours
POLS 201 ¹	3
POLS 202 ¹	3
POLS 325 ³ or 326 ³	3
POLS 330	3
POLS 390	3
POLS 495 ²	3
Law and Jurisprudence Area: POLS 312, 313, 314, 315, 320, 332 ² , 337 (select 3 courses)	9
Public Policy Area: POLS 305, 310, 325 ³ , 326 ³ , 333, 336, 338, 405, 426, 505, 512 (select 2 courses)	6
POLS Electives	9
Total	42

Supporting Courses

	Hours
ECON 201 ¹ and 202 ¹	6
Electives in Social Sciences other than Political Science, with 6 hours at the 300-level or above	12
Minimum Electives	12-14

Total	30-32
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	Hours
Minimum Total	121

Culminating Undergraduate Experience (For students admitted Summer 2014 or later)

Requirement fulfilled by completing POLS 495	(3)
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¹ Fulfills general education requirement.

² Fulfills WR requirement.

³ May not be double-counted for public policy area requirement if used for core requirement or for both a programmatic and supporting course.

Note: No more than 6 hours of Political Science 430, 510, 511 and/or 512 may count toward the major.

Political Science with Track in Paralegal Studies (BS)

This program was approved for students entering the university in the Summer 2016 - Spring 2017 catalog year. For more information about catalog year, go to [Catalog Year Information](#).

Bachelor of Science in Political Science with Track in Paralegal Studies (POLSBS PAR)

Major: POLS

Track: PARA

Degree: BS

Unit: [College of Arts and Sciences \(AS\)](#)

Department: [Political Science](#)

Flight Plan coming soon

Departmental Admission Requirements: There are no specific admission requirements for this degree plan. The Application for Major form can be found on the A&S Advising Center web site: <http://louisville.edu/artsandsciences/advising/apply>.

Note: Completion of the B.S. in Political Science with Paralegal Track is not, without dual completion of the Associate of Arts in Paralegal Studies, designed to prepare students for a career as a paralegal, nor does it constitute a Paralegal degree from an ABA accredited program.

Completion of the Associate of Arts in Paralegal Studies requires at least 10 semester hours of legal specialty coursework to be completed through traditional classroom instruction.

General Education

	Hours
General Education Requirements	34

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.

Arts & Sciences Programmatic Requirements

	Hours
General 101: A&S Orientation	1
Foreign Language (completion of the second semester of a single foreign language; hours will vary depending on the language taken)	6-8

Humanities or Natural Sciences at 300+ level, in addition to courses counted toward General Education	6
WR—two approved courses at 300+ level (may be incorporated into other degree requirements)	
Total	13-15

Department of Political Science

	Hours
POLS 201 ¹ or 202 ¹	3
POLS 390	3
POLS 325 ³ or 326 ³	3
POLS 495 ²	3
Law and Jurisprudence Area: POLS 312, 313, 314, 315, 320, 332 ² , 337 (select 3)	9
Policy Area: POLS 325 ³ , 326 ³ , 333, 336, 338, 405, 426, 505, 512 (select two)	6
POLS Electives	3
Total	30

Paralegal Track

	Hours
PRLS 101, 102, 203, 399, and 390	13
PRLS Electives	15
Total	28

Supporting Courses

	Hours

ECON 201 ¹ and 202 ¹	6
PHIL 211 ¹ or 311 ³	3
MATH 107 ¹ or 180 ¹	3
Minimum Electives	2-4
Total	14-16

	Hours
Minimum Total	121

Culminating Undergraduate Experience (For students admitted Summer 2014 or later)

Requirement fulfilled by completing POLS 495	(3)
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¹ Fulfills General Education requirement.

² Fulfills WR requirement.

³ May not be double counted for policy area requirement if used for core requirement or for both a programmatic and supporting course.

Note: No more than 6 hours of Political Science 430, 510, 511 and/or 512 may count toward the major.

Political Science (Minor)

This program was approved for students entering the university in the Summer 2016 - Spring 2017 catalog year. For more information about catalog year, go to [Catalog Year Information](#).

Minor in Political Science

Minor: POLS

Unit: [College of Arts and Sciences \(AS\)](#)

Department: [Political Science](#)

	Hours
POLS 201 ¹ or 202 ¹	3
POLS Electives (15 hours must be at the 300-level or above.)	18
Minimum Total	21

¹ Fulfills general education requirement.

At least three (3) semester hours of the requirements for a minor must be successfully completed while enrolled in the University of Louisville.

Note: No more than 3 hours of Political Science 430, 510, 511 and/or 512 may count toward the minor.