

# BACHELOR OF ARTS, MAJOR IN POLICY STUDIES

## At a Glance

### Faculty

[www.kpu.ca/arts](http://www.kpu.ca/arts) (<http://www.kpu.ca/arts/>)

### Area of Study:

[www.kpu.ca/arts/policy-studies](http://www.kpu.ca/arts/policy-studies) (<http://www.kpu.ca/arts/policy-studies/>)

### Academic Level:

Undergraduate

### Credential Granted:

Baccalaureate Degree

### Start Date:

Fall (September)

Spring (January)

Summer (May)

### Intake Type:

- Open

### Minimum Credits Required:

120

### Curriculum Effective Date:

01-Sep-2021

## Description

The Bachelor of Arts, Major in Policy Studies ("POST") is an interdisciplinary applied degree that integrates concepts from economics, geography, environmental protection, philosophy, political science, law, Indigenous studies, and psychology. Students will learn how public policy can be used to achieve sustainability goals and apply their skills to projects with community partners within and beyond Surrey.

The Major includes core courses that present key elements of public policy and critical sustainability theory and issues. Additionally, students take applied seminars where they can use their research and analytical skills to develop solutions to contemporary challenges such as climate justice, inclusive and affordable housing, and biodiversity. Supplementary multidisciplinary courses strengthen the foundation and increase the depth of student knowledge by introducing diverse skills, methodologies, and practices.

Over the course of a Policy Studies degree, students will develop strong analytical, writing, and critical thinking skills, a deep understanding of the complex sustainability issues facing society today, and knowledge of how to advance societal change.

Students are encouraged to complete a complementary minor such as philosophy, economics, geography, Indigenous studies, or political science in addition to the major in Policy Studies. Please meet with

an Arts Degree Advisor to talk about what courses fit your interests to complete your Bachelor's degree.

## Requirements

### Admission Requirements

Students pursuing a major in Policy Studies must be admitted to the Faculty of Arts (<https://calendar.kpu.ca/programs-az/arts/admission-requirements/>).

### Declaration Requirements

Students intending to graduate with this Faculty of Arts Bachelor's degree must declare the credential by the time they complete 60 credits of undergraduate coursework. At the time of declaration, the student must satisfy all of the following requirements:

- In good academic standing with the University
- Completion of a minimum of 18 credits of undergraduate coursework, including the following with a minimum grade of "C":
  - 3 credits of ENGL at the 1100 level or higher
  - 6 credits at the 1100 level or higher in the Major area

## Curricular Requirements

Students pursuing a Bachelor of Arts degree must complete all requirements in the Bachelor of Arts Framework (<https://calendar.kpu.ca/programs-az/arts/ba-degree-framework/>) in addition to their major or minor program requirements.

### Policy Studies Major

The Policy Studies Major requires completion of fifty-one (51) area-specific credits, including twenty-seven (27) lower level credits and twenty-four (24) upper level credits:

Code	Title	Credits
<b>1100 and 2000 Level</b>		
ECON 1101	Foundations of Economics	3
or ECON 1110	Making Economic Sense of Life	
ENVI 1121	Environmental Issues	3
POST 1100	Sustainability and Ethics	3
or PHIL 1111	Sustainability and Ethics	
POST 2200	Collective Power: Taking Action on Public Issues	3
SOCI 2260	Research Methods in Sociology	3
Select 6 credits from courses in PHIL at the 1100- or 2000-level (except PHIL 1111)		6
Select 6 credits from courses in POLI at the 1100- or 2000-level		6
<b>3000 and 4000 Level <sup>1</sup></b>		
CMNS 3100	Technical Report Writing	3
or CMNS 3250	Digital Media Communication	
PHIL 3118	Ethics and Public Policy	3
or PHIL 4117	Topics in Social and Political Philosophy	
POST 3110	Applied Sustainability Seminar	3
POST 3300	Sustainability Challenges: Public Policy and the Common Good	3
POST 4110	Applied Public Policy Seminar	3
or POLI 4110	Applied Public Policy Seminar	
POST 4150	Psychology and Sustainability: Attitudes and Behaviour	3

or PSYC 4150	Psychology and Sustainability: Attitudes and Behaviour	
POLI 3500	Public Debates in Politics	3
or POLI 4420	Current Issues in Public Policy and Administration	
Select one of the following:		3
AGRI 4298	Agroecology as a Global Movement	
GEOG 3220	Urban Planning and Politics	
GEOG 3320	Environment and Resources	
GEOG 4350	Climate Change	
HIST 3140	Environment and Society in East Asia	
HIST 3145	Earth & Air / Fire & Water: An Introduction to Eco-Activist Movements	
HIST 3180	North American Environmental History	
HIST 3315	Radicalism, Resistance, and Revolution	
HIST 4492	Canadian Social History: Order & Disorder	
SOCI 3345	Social Policy in Context	
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>51</b>

<sup>1</sup> Note: As an interdisciplinary major, some choices of upper-level courses will require lower-level course prerequisites in the relevant subject(s). Please plan your degree accordingly and consult an Arts Degree Advisor as needed.

## Credential Awarded

Upon successful completion of the major program students are eligible to receive a **Bachelor of Arts**. Transcripts will indicate a **Major in Policy Studies**.