

# BACHELOR OF ARTS, MAJOR IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

## 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/political-science](http://www.kpu.ca/arts/political-science) (<http://www.kpu.ca/arts/political-science/>)

### 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-Jan-2015

## Description

The B.A. Major in Political Science offers the chance to explore the political world through an innovative suite of offerings that combines a solid foundation in scholarship with 'hands-on' learning opportunities in debate, diplomacy, and policy. The Bachelor of Arts Major in Political Science is designed with a special focus on emerging power dynamics at the national, trans-national, and global levels, and is therefore an ideal choice for those with a serious interest in engaging with the many dimensions of power in the modern world.

As a Political Science B.A. Major, you will begin your studies with a broad range of introductory courses that expose you to the key sub-fields within the discipline (Canadian and comparative politics, international relations, and political thought), before gradually transitioning to more specialized courses in the second- and third-year levels, and advanced-level seminar work in the fourth year of study. You will also take at least one 'experiential' course instilling hands-on skills in debate, diplomacy, and policy, as well as one upper-level course on emerging transnational sites of power.

## Requirements

### Admission Requirements

Students pursuing a major in Political Science 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.

Students must complete a total of 48 specified credits for the BA Major in Political Science. These include a minimum of 30 credits in POLI courses at the 3000 or 4000 levels, of which at least 9 credits must be at the 4000 level.

Code	Title	Credits
<b>1100 Level</b>		
Select 9 credits of any 1100-level POLI courses. <sup>1</sup>		9
<b>2000 Level</b>		
SOCI 2260	Research Methods in Sociology	3
Select 6 credits of any 2000-level POLI courses. <sup>2</sup>		6
<b>3000 and 4000 Level</b>		
Select at least 3 credits of the following:		3
POLI 3131	The Politics of Continental Integration	
POLI 3160	International Organization	
POLI 4225	(under development)	
Select at least 3 credits of the following:		3
POLI 3500	Public Debates in Politics	
POLI 4110	Applied Public Policy Seminar	
POLI 4500	Model United Nations	
POLI 4510	(under development)	
Select 24 further credits of any 3000- or 4000-level POLI courses. Students must complete at least 9 credits of POLI courses at the 4000 level; these may include courses from the above groups.		24
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>48</b>

### Credential Awarded

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