



Program Planning Guide

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Calendar Year: 2013/2014

Faculty: Arts & Science/Education

"This then—the knowledge of the natures and the habits of souls—is one of the things that is of the greatest use for the art whose business it is to care for souls. And we assert that that art is politics." (Plato)

"Politics is who gets what, when, and how." (Harold Lasswell)

Department of Political Science

What is Political Science?

Political science is the systematic study of government, politics, and political behaviour, both empirically and normatively. Empirically, it looks at how political conflict is organized and resolved, how rulers are chosen, how governmental decisions are taken, and what policies and laws are determined and implemented, in settings ranging from Canada as a whole to our provincial and local governments to other countries to the relations amongst countries. Normatively, it considers how political actors understand their obligations towards one another, and the degree to which decisions are made out of a sense of right or out of expediency.

Political Science Courses

All courses in the Department are organized under five areas: Canadian Politics, Comparative Politics, International Relations, Public Administration, Law and Policy, and Political Theory. However, because the subject matter knows no clear-cut boundaries, you may discover your pursuit of specific interests leading you through courses in all five areas.

Contact the Department of Political Science

If you have questions about the above or other matters or just want more information about Political Science, please feel free to get in touch with any member of the Department.

Co-operative Education in the Humanities and Social Sciences

A Co-op option, requiring three work terms, is available. Students interested in the Co-operative Education/Internship program should contact the Coordinator of Co-operative Education in the Career Resources Centre (AH154 | phone: 403-382-7154) for further information.

Faculty of Education

Choosing an Education Major

The Faculty of Education offers 11 different majors that correspond to teaching subjects in Alberta schools (see p. 161 in the 2013/2014 University of Lethbridge Calendar for a listing). In highly competitive teaching majors, the GPA for admission may be above the minimum requirements. If you are developing a *Political Science major in Arts and Science and Social Studies major in Education*, you are encouraged to use the Liberal Education and elective courses to include other social studies areas such as Anthropology, Economics, Geography, History, and/or Sociology. Courses with a focus on Canadian Studies are recommended.

Choosing Courses Outside the Major

Students sometimes find that their initial objective to teach only at the elementary level or only at the secondary school level is later modified—or even completely changed. Students are therefore encouraged to select courses that will prepare them for teaching in a variety of situations. Moreover, students should select courses that not only provide breadth and richness for the classroom but also provide the basis for the development of a teaching minor or specialization.

Choosing an Education Minor

The Faculty of Education offers 18 minors (see p. 166 in the 2013/2014 University of Lethbridge Calendar for a listing). A minor consists of five non-Education courses (excluding those used in the major) and one curriculum and instruction Education course (to be completed after admission to the Faculty of Education). Students may use the same courses to fulfill the minor and the General Liberal Education Requirement (GLER).

Choosing an Education Specialization

The Faculty of Education offers two specializations:

- Special/Inclusive Education
- Technology in Education

The specializations consist of four courses and corresponding Professional Semester III focus.

Advantages of Completing a Minor and/or Specialization

Completing a minor and/or a specialization allows students to develop expertise in a second area of teaching and be more versatile and marketable as a graduating teacher. For more information, see the 2013/2014 University of Lethbridge Calendar, Part 8 - Education, Sections 7. Education Minors (p. 166) and 8. Education Specializations (p. 170).

Where to Get Help

Students may contact an Academic Advisor in Student Program Services in the Faculty of Education (email: edu.sps@uleth.ca | phone: 403-329-2254) or in the Faculty of Arts and Science (email: artsci.advising@uleth.ca | phone: 403-329-5106).

Program Requirements

The B.A./B.Ed. combined degrees program with a major in Political Science/Social Studies Education requires a minimum of 30 courses in Arts and Science and 20 in Education. A minimum of 16 courses (10 courses in Political Science plus six cognates) is required in the Political Science major. A maximum of 17 courses in Political Science is allowed.

Transfer Credit

Remember that you may use both University of Lethbridge credit and credit transferred from another college or university to meet degree and major requirements. Transfer credit may be either specified or unspecified. Specified credit is indicated on your transcript by the subject name and the specific number of the course, e.g., Political Science 1000, 2210, etc. Unspecified credit (1XXX, 2XXX, etc.) is indicated by the subject name and level of the course in parentheses, e.g., Political Science (1000 level), Political Science (2000 level), etc.

Unspecified Course Credit

Unspecified course credit means that the University of Lethbridge does not offer the same course you transferred in, but we recognize it and treat it as a regular course. An unspecified course would count as one of your maximum of 17 from one discipline, but it could not meet a specific course requirement. For example, if Political Science 2310 is required in your program, you could not use Political Science (2000 level) to fulfill that requirement. Students with unspecified transfer credit need to consult an Academic Advisor to establish how the transfer credit fits in the degree program. This should be done as soon as possible after transfer credit is awarded.

Note: *As Political Science/Social Studies Education majors, students will be expected to teach Social Studies during practica. As a school subject, Social Studies encompasses Anthropology, Economics, Geography, History, and Sociology and focuses on Canadian content. Students are strongly advised to include courses in these areas as part of their program*

Program Worksheet

Name: _____ **ID:** _____

Required 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
- _____ 6-9. Four Political Science courses at the 3000/4000 level
 - 1. _____
 - 2. _____
 - 3. _____
 - 4. _____
- _____ 10. One Political Science course at the 4000 level
 - 1. _____

Required cognates:

- _____ 11. One of:
 - _____ Economics 1010 - Introduction to Microeconomics
 - _____ Economics 1012 - Introduction to Macroeconomics
- _____ 12. Geography 2600 - Canada
- _____ 13. History 1000 - Western Civilization
- _____ 14. History 2710 - Canada to 1867
- _____ 15. History 2720 - Canada Since 1867
- _____ 16. Native American Studies 1000 - Introduction to Native American Studies

Note: *Political Science 4980 - Applied Studies, Political Science 4990 - Independent Study, and Political Science 4995 - Undergraduate Thesis may not be included as part of the 16-course minimum for the major; they are strongly encouraged for students taking courses beyond this minimum, however.*

Recommended courses:

- Political Science 3130 - International Political Economy
- Political Science 3221 - The Politics of Canadian Federalism
- Political Science 3242 - Canadian Constitutional Law II: The Charter
- Political Science 3280 - Canadian Political Behaviour
- Political Science 3511 - Political Thought Since 1500 (Series)
- History 3703 - History of Western Canada

Sample Sequencing Plan

Shown below is a sample sequence of courses for your degree. If you follow this plan, you should be able to graduate in five years, provided you complete five courses per semester. This is just one example of how you could complete your major and degree requirements; you may find that a different sequence works as well as this one.

<p>Year 1, Fall History 1000 Political Science 1000 GLER course GLER course GLER course</p> <p>Year 2, Fall Economics 1010 or Economics 1012 Education 2500¹ History 2710 or History 2720 Political Science 2000 level Elective</p> <p>Year 3, Fall Professional Semester I</p> <p>Year 4, Fall Political Science 3000/4000 level Political Science 3000/4000 level Elective 3000/4000 level Elective 3000/4000 level Elective 3000/4000 level</p> <p>Year 5, Fall Professional Semester III</p>	<p>Year 1, Spring Geography 2600 Native American Studies 1000 Political Science 2000 level Elective GLER course</p> <p>Year 2, Spring History 2720 or History 2710 Political Science 2000 level Political Science 2000 level Elective Elective</p> <p>Year 3, Spring Political Science 3000/4000 level Political Science 3000/4000 level Elective 3000/4000 level Elective 3000/4000 level Elective</p> <p>Year 4, Spring Professional Semester II</p> <p>Year 5, Spring Education Foundation course Education elective Education elective Education elective Political Science 4000 level</p>
<p>Elementary Education and Special/Inclusive Education students will reverse the Fall and Spring semesters in Year 5 and complete PS III in the Spring.</p>	

¹ Education 2500 may also be taken in Spring or Summer semester.

Terms Used

GLER course: A course that could count toward the General Liberal Education Requirement. You may use courses in your major towards this 12-course requirement. See the 2013/2014 University of Lethbridge Calendar, Part 4 - Academic Regulations (p. 88) for complete information.

The Faculty of Arts and Science offers Liberal Education 1000 and 2000, specifically designed to introduce first-year students to the wide scope of human knowledge and teach essential university success skills, critical thinking, and integrative thinking (see the 2013/2014 University of Lethbridge Calendar, Part 14 - Courses, p. 307). LBED 1000 and 2000 may be used toward satisfying the GLER.

Elective: A course that you may choose freely from all those available and applicable to your program. Use courses inside or outside your major, bearing in mind any restrictions that may apply (e.g., a maximum of 17 courses from any one discipline).