



PROGRAM PLANNING GUIDE

ID:

Name: _____

Bachelor of Arts / Bachelor of Education

Political Science / Social Studies Education



As an Education major, a student develops a strong knowledge base in the subject area they intend to teach. They also receive in-depth preparation in how to teach, including both general and subject area instructional methods.

Political Science is the study of how society governs itself municipally, provincially, nationally, and internationally. It closely examines individual political parties and their underlying frameworks.

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) and Faculty of Education (www.ulethbridge.ca/education)

Program(s): Bachelor of Arts / Bachelor of Education

Major(s): Political Science / Social Studies Education

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

Education Specializations:

www.ulethbridge.ca/education/programs-degrees/undergraduate-studies/specializations

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

Liberal Education List Requirement

Only four courses (12.0 credit hours) in total may be counted from any one discipline toward the Lib Ed Requirement. Disciplines are identified by separate course subject codes. Cross-listed courses count toward the limit for both disciplines (e.g. IGBM 3250/INDG 3250 counts toward the limit for Dhillon School of Business courses and Indigenous Studies).

Only four courses (12.0 credit hours) in total from the Faculty of Education (EDUC), Faculty of Health Sciences (ABHL, ADCS, HLSC, NURS, PUBH, and TREC), and the Dhillon School of Business (ACCT, AGEM, FINC, HRLR, IGBM, IMGT, MGT, and MKTG) may be counted towards the Lib Ed Requirement.

To determine if a course has a Liberal Education designation, see School of Liberal Education in the 2024/2025 University of Lethbridge Undergraduate Calendar, www.ulethbridge.ca/ross/academic-calendar.

1.-4. List I: Fine Arts and Humanities

- _____ 1. _____
- _____ 2. _____
- _____ 3. _____
- _____ 4. _____

5.-8. List II: Social Science

- _____ 5. _____
- _____ 6. _____
- _____ 7. _____
- _____ 8. _____

9.-12. List III: Science

- _____ 9. _____
- _____ 10. _____
- _____ 11. _____
- _____ 12. _____

General Requirements

Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science

- _____ A minimum of 30 courses (90.0 credit hours) from disciplines offered by the Faculty of Arts and Science, Faculty of Fine Arts, or School of Liberal Education with a GPA of at least 2.00 (on the University of Lethbridge 4.0 scale).
- _____ A maximum of three Independent Study courses (9.0 credit hours) may be completed for credit toward the degree.
- _____ A maximum of three Disciplinary Credit Applied Studies courses (9.0 credit hours) may be completed for credit towards the degree. Students may, in addition, complete Applied Studies 2000, 2001, 2010, and 2011.
- _____ A maximum of 17 courses (51.0 credit hours) may be completed from any one discipline (see **Faculty of Arts and Science** in the 2024/2025 University of Lethbridge Calendar, www.ulethbridge.ca/ross/academic-calendar). Disciplines are identified by a specific course label (e.g. KNES, ASTR, and HIST are separate disciplines).
- _____ A maximum of 6.0 credit hours in Activity courses (i.e. courses labelled PHAC and MUSE) may be completed for credit towards the degree, except for Kinesiology majors (not more than 15.0 credit hours) and Music majors (not more than 12.0 credit hours).
- _____ Residence requirement: a minimum of 15 courses (45.0 credit hours) offered by the Faculty of Arts and Science, Faculty of Fine Arts, or School of Liberal Education must be completed at the University of Lethbridge. At least half of the courses required in the major must be completed at the University of Lethbridge.

A **maximum** of 10 courses (30.0 credit hours) may be completed at the 1000 level (or lower) for credit towards the degree, excluding Activity courses (labelled PHAC and MUSE) and courses numbered in the range of 0520 to 0530.

1.-10. Introductory Course Limit

- _____ 1. _____
- _____ 2. _____
- _____ 3. _____
- _____ 4. _____
- _____ 5. _____
- _____ 6. _____
- _____ 7. _____
- _____ 8. _____
- _____ 9. _____
- _____ 10. _____

A **minimum** of 10 courses (30.0 credit hours) from disciplines offered by the Faculty of Arts and Science, Faculty of Fine Arts, or School of Liberal Education at the 3000/4000 level, excluding Activity courses (labelled PHAC and MUSE). Out-of-faculty courses (i.e. labelled ABHL, ACCT, ADCS, AGEM, CDEV, CRED, EDUC, FINC, HLSC, HRLR, IGBM, IMGT, MGT, MKTG, NURS, PUBH, and TREC) will not meet this requirement.

1.-10. Senior Course Requirement

- _____ 1. _____
- _____ 2. _____
- _____ 3. _____
- _____ 4. _____
- _____ 5. _____
- _____ 6. _____
- _____ 7. _____
- _____ 8. _____
- _____ 9. _____
- _____ 10. _____

Bachelor of Education

- _____ Completion of the equivalent of 20 courses (60.0 credit hours) in Education
- _____ Maintenance of a program grade point average of at least 2.50 in Education courses and the appropriate major.
- _____ Residence requirement: a minimum of 15 courses (45.0 credit hours) offered by the Faculty of Education must be completed at the University of Lethbridge.

Optional Education Minor: _____

For information about Education Minors, see **Minors for Education Programs**, www.ulethbridge.ca/ross/minors. Consult with an Academic Advisor if you wish to add a minor to your program.

1.-6. Required Courses

- _____ 1. _____
- _____ 2. _____
- _____ 3. _____
- _____ 4. _____
- _____ 5. _____
- _____ 6. _____ (Education methods req.)

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

Geography 2600
 One of: **History 1000** or **History 1200**
 Indigenous Studies 1000
Political Science 1000
 Political Science 2000 level
 Lib Ed Requirement course
 Lib Ed Requirement course
 Lib Ed Requirement course
 Lib Ed Requirement course
 Elective

Second Year

One of: Economics 1010 or Economics 1012
 History 2710
 History 2720
 Political Science 2000 level
 Political Science 2000 level
 Political Science 2000 level
 Elective
 Elective
 Elective
 Education 2500

Admission to the Faculty of Education

Education 2500 must be completed (with a Pass Recommend) before admission. It may be taken in the winter or summer term immediately prior to the fall intake

Third Year (Fall)

Professional Semester I (15.0 credit hours)
Curriculum and Instruction, Educational Psychology, Language in Education, Assessment and Learning, Teaching Seminar, Indigenous Education Practicum - Equivalent to 125 hours in a school

Third Year (Winter)

Political Science 3000/4000 level
 Political Science 3000/4000 level
 Elective 3000/4000 level
 Elective 3000/4000 level
 Elective

Fourth Year (Fall)

Political Science 4000 level
 Political Science 3000/4000 level
 Political Science 3000/4000 level
 Elective 3000/4000 level
 Elective 3000/4000 level

Fourth Year (Winter)

Professional Semester II (15.0 credit hours)
Principles of Curriculum and Instruction for Majors, The Educational Psychology of Exceptional Learners, Social Context of Schooling, Evaluation and Reporting Practicum - Equivalent to 150 hours in a school

Elementary Education students will reverse the Fifth Year fall and winter terms and complete PS III in the winter.

Fifth Year (Fall)

Professional Semester III (15.0 credit hours)
Internship - Students are assigned to schools for approximately 200 hours in a practicum and assume full responsibility for a classroom for approximately one-half of that time

Fifth Year (Winter)

Education Foundation course (43xx)
 Education elective 3000/4000 level
 Education elective 3000/4000 level
 Education elective 3000/4000 level
 Elective 3000/4000 level

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.