

PROGRAM PLANNING GUIDE

Name: _____

ID:

Bachelor of Arts

Political Science



Political Science is the systematic study of government, politics and political behaviour. It studies how a society governs itself at all levels and various ideas about how it should be governed in the future. As a political science student you will study how political conflict is organized and resolved in the "real world." You will look at how rulers are chosen, governmental decisions are taken and how decision-making processes are organized. You'll learn how governments design and implement their laws and policies in Canada and abroad.

What determines my program requirements?

Please refer to the Academic Calendar (www.ulethbridge.ca/ross/academic-calendar) for complete program information.

Calendar Year: 2026/2027 - 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)

Program(s): Bachelor of Arts

Major(s): Political Science

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

Co-op Education: www.ulethbridge.ca/career-bridge/co-operative-education

Honours Thesis: www.ulethbridge.ca/ross/undergraduate-thesis

Double Major: www.ulethbridge.ca/ross/double-major

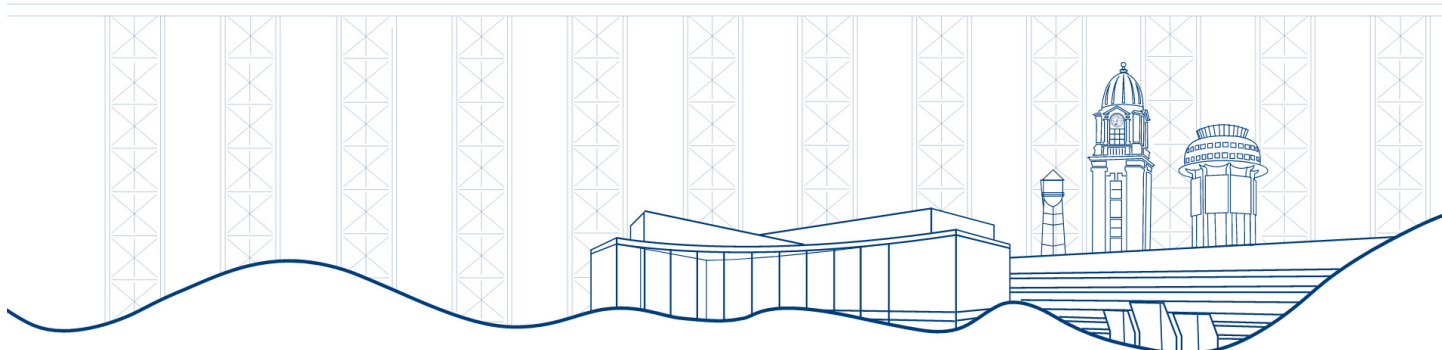
What supports are available to students?

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



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Contact an Academic Advisor (www.ulethbridge.ca/ross/academic-advising) for advising information

This is a planning guide and not a graduation check or guarantee of course offerings. You should have a program check done in your final year of studies. Students are responsible for ensuring they have met program requirements. This guide should be used in conjunction with the University of Lethbridge Academic Calendar, which is the final authority on program requirements and academic regulations.



Required courses and notes

Major Requirements (14 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. Political Science 2610 - Introductory Research Methods
- _____ 7.-12. Six courses (18.0 credit hours) in Political Science at the 3000/4000 level
 - _____ 7. _____
 - _____ 8. _____
 - _____ 9. _____
 - _____ 10. _____
 - _____ 11. _____
 - _____ 12. _____
- _____ 13.-14.¹ Two courses (6.0 credit hours) in Political Science at the 4000 level, excluding Political Science 4980 (Applied Study) and Political Science 4990 (Independent Study)
 - _____ 13. _____
 - _____ 14. _____

Notes

¹ Students completing Political Science 4995 (6.0 credit hours) as part of this requirement will still need at least one classroom-based 4000-level Political Science course (3.0 credit hours).

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Electives (26 Courses)

- _____ 15.-40. Twenty-six additional courses (78.0 credit hours) chosen to complete program requirements

- _____ 15. _____
- _____ 16. _____
- _____ 17. _____
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- _____ 39. _____
- _____ 40. _____



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. Geography 3225/Global Business 3225 counts toward the limit for Geography and Dhillon School of Business courses).

Only four courses (12.0 credit hours) in total from the Faculty of Education (EDUC), Faculty of Health Sciences (AMHC, HLSC, INHL, NURS, PUBH, and TREC), and the Dhillon School of Business (ACCT, AGEM, DGTR, FINC, GLBU, HRLR, IGBM, 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 2026/2027 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

- _____ A minimum of 40 courses (120.0 credit hours) with a GPA of at least 2.00.
- _____ A maximum of five Independent Study courses (15.0 credit hours) may be completed for credit towards the degree.
- _____ A maximum of five Disciplinary Credit Applied Studies courses (15.0 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 24 courses (72.0 credit hours) may be completed from any one discipline for credit towards the degree. 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).
- _____ A maximum of six courses (18.0 credit hours) from disciplines offered outside the Faculty of Arts and Science, Faculty of Fine Arts, or School of Liberal Education may be completed for credit towards the degree (i.e. labelled ACCT, AGEM, AMHC, CDEV, CRED, DGTR, EDUC, FINC, GLBU, HLSC, HRLR, IGBM, INHL, MGT, MKTG, NURS, PUBH, and TREC). Courses cross-listed between the Faculty of Arts and Science and another Faculty or School do not count towards this limit.
- _____ Residence requirement: a minimum of 20 courses (60.0 credit hours) must be completed at the University of Lethbridge, including at least 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. At least half of the courses required in the major must be completed at the University of Lethbridge.

A **maximum** of 12 courses (36.0 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.

1-12. Introductory Course Limit

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- _____ 2. _____
- _____ 3. _____
- _____ 4. _____
- _____ 5. _____
- _____ 6. _____
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A **minimum** of 15 courses (45.0 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 ACCT, AGEM, AMHC, CDEV, CRED, DGTR, EDUC, FINC, GLBU, HLSC, HRLR, IGBM, INHL, MGT, MKTG, NURS, PUBH, and TREC) will not meet this requirement.

1-15. Senior Course Requirement

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- _____ 3. _____
- _____ 4. _____
- _____ 5. _____
- _____ 6. _____
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- _____ 13. _____
- _____ 14. _____
- _____ 15. _____

Optional Minor:

For information about minors see **Minors** in the 2026/2027 University of Lethbridge Calendar, www.ulethbridge.ca/ross/academic-calendar. 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. _____



RECOMMENDED SEQUENCING PLAN (2026/2027)

Recommended Course Sequence

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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

Political Science 1000

Political Science 2000 level
Lib Ed Requirement course
Lib Ed Requirement course
Lib Ed Requirement course
Lib Ed Requirement course
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Lib Ed Requirement course
Lib Ed Requirement course
Lib Ed Requirement course

Second Year

Political Science 2000 level
Political Science 2000 level
Political Science 2000 level
Political Science 2000 level
Elective
Elective
Elective
Elective
Elective
Elective

Third Year

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

Fourth Year

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

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.