



Calendar Year: 2026/2027

PROGRAM PLANNING GUIDE

Name: _____

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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: 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) 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



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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

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Students begin in the Faculty of Arts and Science where they progress toward completion of Faculty of Arts and Science degree requirements, and prepare to meet the admission requirements for the Faculty of Education. Please note that completion of admission requirements does not guarantee admission to the Faculty of Education.

B.A. Major Requirements (16 Courses)

- _____ 1. Geography 2600 - Canada
- _____ 2. History 2710 - Canada to 1867
- _____ 3. History 2720 - Canada Since 1867
- _____ 4. Indigenous Studies 1000 - Introduction to Indigenous Studies
- _____ 5. Political Science 1000 - Introduction to Political Science
- _____ 6. Political Science 2110 - International Relations
- _____ 7. Political Science 2210 - Canadian Politics and Government
- _____ 8. Political Science 2310 - Comparative Politics and Government
- _____ 9. Political Science 2511 - Introduction to Political Theory
- _____ 10. **One of:**
 - _____ Economics 1010 - Introduction to Microeconomics
 - _____ Economics 1012 - Introduction to Macroeconomics
- _____ 11. **One of:**
 - _____ History 1000 - The Western World
 - _____ History 1200 - World History
- _____ 12.-15. Four courses (12.0 credit hours) in Political Science at the 3000/4000 level
 - _____ 12. _____
 - _____ 13. _____
 - _____ 14. _____
 - _____ 15. _____
- _____ 16. One course (3.0 credit hours) in Political Science at the 4000 level
 - _____

Other Courses (minimum 14 courses)

Courses offered by the Faculty of Arts and Science, Faculty of Fine Arts, or School of Liberal Education only (no courses labelled ACCT, AGEM, AMHC, CDEV, CRED, DGTR, EDUC, FINC, GLBU, HLSC, HRLR, IGBM, INHL, MGT, MKTG, NURS, PUBH, or TREC unless cross-listed with a course from one of the above faculties).

- _____ 17.-30. Fourteen additional courses (42.0 credit hours) chosen to complete program requirements
 - _____ 17. _____
 - _____ 18. _____
 - _____ 19. _____
 - _____ 20. _____
 - _____ 21. _____
 - _____ 22. _____
 - _____ 23. _____
 - _____ 24. _____
 - _____ 25. _____
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 - _____ 29. _____
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Notes

Political Science 4980 (Applied Studies) and Political Science 4990 (Independent Study) 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.



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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. _____

B.A. or B.Sc. General Requirements

_____ 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. For Art majors, Museum Studies Internship courses (Museum Studies 4000, 4001, and 4002) are included in this limit.

_____ A maximum of 17 courses (51.0 credit hours) may be completed from any one discipline (see **Faculty of Arts and Science** in the 2026/2027 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 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.-10. Senior Course Requirement**

- _____ 1. _____
- _____ 2. _____
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- _____ 4. _____
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Faculty of Education Admission

To be considered for admission to the Faculty of Education, successful completion of the following is required:

- 14 graded term courses (42.0 credit hours).
- **Education Admission GPA:** Minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.50 on all U of L and transferable courses taken within the terms containing the last 14 courses (42.0 credit hours). All courses must be graded.
- Minimum of five courses (15.0 credit hours) in the major.
- **Major GPA:** Minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.50 on all graded courses comprising the major, including all transferable courses.
- Credit in Education 2500 - Orientation to Teaching (or equivalent) prior to the fall program intake, including a favourable recommendation from the instructor.

Students are advised to contact Student Program Services in the Faculty of Education (edu.sps@uleth.ca; TH421; tel. 403-329-2254) for guidelines regarding the requirements stated above. For specific information on admission requirements, please refer to the Combined Degrees section of the Academic Calendar: www.ulethbridge.ca/ross/academic-calendar.

Students of Indigenous descent, and students with a significant shift in academic performance, are advised to refer to the current Calendar for the Faculty of Education’s Special Case Admission policies.

B.Ed. Requirements (20-course equivalent)

- _____ 1. Education 2500 - Orientation to Teaching (3.0 credit hours)
 - _____ 2.-36. Professional Semester I (15.0 credit hours)
 - _____ 7.-11. Professional Semester II (15.0 credit hours)
 - _____ 12.-16. Professional Semester III (15.0 credit hours)
 - _____ 17. Education Foundation (3.0 credit hours) at the 43xx level
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- _____ 18.-20. Three Education Electives (9.0 credit hours) at the 3000 or 4000 level
 - _____ 18. _____
 - _____ 19. _____
 - _____ 20. _____

B.Ed. General Requirements

Bachelor of Education

- _____ Completion of the equivalent of 20 courses (60.0 credit hours) in Education
- _____ Completion of the Education teaching major with a cumulative GPA of 2.50 (on the University of Lethbridge 4.0 scale).
- _____ A cumulative GPA of 2.50 or higher (on the University of Lethbridge 4.0 scale) in all courses taken after admission to the Faculty of Education.
- _____ 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.

Note: In order to have a teaching minor endorsed on the official academic transcript, a GPA of 2.50 or higher on all non-Education courses comprising the minor and, additionally, a minimum B- in the appropriate Education methods course is required.

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.)*



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
- 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.