POLITICAL SCIENCE WITH A 3+3 TRACK TO LAW (BA)

This program was approved for students entering the university in the Summer 2025-Spring 2026 catalog year. For more information about catalog year, go to Catalog Year Information (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/university-wide-unit-specific-policies/catalog-year/).

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science with a 3+3 Track to Law

Unit: College of Arts and Sciences (AS) (http://www.louisville.edu/a-s/)
Department: Political Science (http://louisville.edu/politicalscience/)
Academic Plan Code(s): POLS BA 3+3

Program Information

The College of Arts & Sciences and the Louis D. Brandeis School of Law have joined forces to create 3+3 Accelerated Law programs that allow eligible students in the College of Arts & Sciences to begin law school in their senior year of undergraduate study. Students substitute undergraduate major and elective requirements with the first 30 hours of law school, earning an undergraduate degree after their first year of law school and a Juris Doctor (JD) degree two years later. Students must have completed three years (6 semesters, fall & spring) of undergraduate course work post high school graduation, including transfer credit, prior to enrollment at Brandeis.

Completion of this degree requires work to be submitted for the department's Learning Outcomes Measurement. For details, contact the department.

Degree Summary

Code	Title	Hours
	ucation Requirements (https://catalog.louisville.edu/ uate/general-education-requirements/) ¹	31
College/Sc	hool Requirements	22
Program/N	lajor Requirements ¹	59
Law School	l Courses	30
Minimum 1	Total Hours	142

Departmental Admission Requirements

There are no specific admission requirements for this degree plan.

The Change Major Request form can be found under the Academic Progress tile on ULink.

Admission to Law School

Admission to the 3+3 track does not guarantee admission to the law school. Students seeking admission to law school must complete a law school application and satisfy all of Brandeis' admissions requirements, including its median GPA and LSAT expectations.

The law school requires that students seeking admission through the 3+3 program have completed three years of undergraduate course work, including transfer credit and credit earned in summer. It is recommended that students planning to pursue this track have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.5.

For more information on Brandeis and its admissions requirements, please contact the Brandeis School of Law Office of Admissions (http://louisville.edu/law/admissions/). The office can also arrange for you to visit the law school and to sit in on a class.

General Education Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
General Education	n Requirements (https://catalog.louisville.edu/	31
undergraduate/ge	eneral-education-requirements/) *	

The following courses are required by the program and satisfy the respective General Education Requirement(s)

POLS 201 Introduction to American Government and Politics - SB (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/

general-education-requirements/)

or POLS 202 Introduction to Comparative Politics - D2
(https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/
general-education-requirements/), SB (https://
catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/generaleducation-requirements/)

*All degrees require the completion of the University-wide General Education Program (link provided above). Some General Education requirements may be met by the requirements for the major or supporting coursework, in which case additional electives may be required to complete the minimum hours for the degree.

College/School Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Arts & Sciences	Requirements	
GEN 100	Student Success Center First Year Experience	1
or GEN 101	Arts & Sciences First Year Experience	
Foreign Languag	ge ¹	12
Elective in Huma	nities or Natural Sciences ²	9
WR two approv	ved courses at the 300 level or above ³	
Minimum Total I	lours	22

Program/Major Requirements				
Code	Title	Hours		
Department of Po	olitical Science			
POLS 201	Introduction to American Government and Politi - SB (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergradua general-education-requirements/) 4			
POLS 202	Introduction to Comparative Politics - D2 (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/), SB (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/) 4	3		
POLS 204	Introduction to International Relations	3		
POLS 390	Political Science Research Methods ⁵	3		
POLS 495	Senior Seminar - CUE (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/generaleducation-requirements/), WR (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/generaleducation-requirements/) 6	3		

Minimum Total Hours 15

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Code	Title	Hours	POLS 505	Topics in Urban and Public Policy
Additional Politic	al Science Courses or Electives		POLS 510	Louisville Metro Council Internship
Take at least one	course from each of the five Political Science		POLS 511	Internship II
subfields:			POLS 512	Frankfort Legislative Internship
American Politics	/	3	International Rela	ations ^{7,8,9,10}
POLS 306	State Government		POLS 331	The United Nations and International
POLS 311	American Presidency			Organization - WR (https://catalog.louisville.edu/
POLS 312	Constitutional Law			undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)
POLS 313	Constitutional Law		POLS 332	International Law - WR (https://
POLS 314	Judicial Politics			catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general- education-requirements/)
POLS 315	Race, Law and Politics - D1 (https://		POLS 333	American Foreign Policy
	catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-		POLS 334	The Politics of Global Economic Relations
	education-requirements/), SB (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-		POLS 335	Global Environmental Politics
	education-requirements/)		POLS 335	Politics of European Integration and Foreign Policy
POLS 316	Gender, Sexuality & Law		POLS 338	National and International Security: Issues and
POLS 317	American Congress		PULS 330	Policies
POLS 318	Religion and United States Politics - D1		POLS 339	Terrorism
1 020 010	(https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/		POLS 341	Political Violence
	general-education-requirements/), SB (https://		POLS 357	Religion and International Politics - D2 (https://
	catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-		1 023 337	catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-
	education-requirements/)			education-requirements/), SB (https://
POLS 319	Media and Politics			catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-
POLS 320	Civil Rights and the Law II			education-requirements/)
POLS 321	Political Psychology and Public Opinion - SB		POLS 363	Politics of Oil
	(https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/		POLS 364	Improving World Order
DOI 6 222	general-education-requirements/) American Political Parties and Elections - SB		POLS 371	Latin America in the World
POLS 322	(https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/		POLS 406	Topics in International Relations
	general-education-requirements/)		POLS 444	Law, Diplomacy and Power. The Foreign Relations
POLS 323	Queer Politics		POLS 506	of the U.S.
POLS 324	Women in American Politics		POLS 500 POLS 520	Topics in International Relations
POLS 327	Black Politics & Democracy - D1 (https://		POLS 520 POLS 530	Coping with Conflict
	catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-		Comparative Polit	International Negotiation tics ^{7,9,10} 3
	education-requirements/), SB (https://			
	catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general- education-requirements/)		POLS 304 POLS 328	Comparative Urban Politics
POLS 342	American Law and Lawyering		POLS 328 POLS 340	Information Technology and Politics
POLS 401	Topics in American Politics - WR (https://			Politics and Government of Western Europe
FOL3 401	catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-		POLS 341	Political Violence
	education-requirements/)		POLS 345	Russia and Eurasia - WR (https:// catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-
POLS 501	Topics in American Politics			education-requirements/)
POLS 507	Topics in Digital Politics		POLS 347	Democratization
Public Policy 7,8		3	POLS 349	Comparative Political Culture - WR (https://
POLS 302	Urban Political Economy			catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-
POLS 304	Comparative Urban Politics			education-requirements/)
POLS 305	Urban Politics		POLS 350	African Government and Politics
POLS 310	Policy, Community & Service		POLS 355	Introduction to Middle East Politics
POLS 325	Public Administration		POLS 356	Political Islam
POLS 326	Public Policy - SB (https://catalog.louisville.edu/		POLS 362	Comparative Political Economy
	undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)		POLS 363	Politics of Oil
POLS 333	American Foreign Policy			
POLS 335	Global Environmental Politics			
POLS 348	Environmental Policy			
POLS 405	Topics in Public Policy			



Minimum Total Ho	purs	39
at the 300-level or	above	
Electives in Social	education-requirements/) I Sciences other than Political Science, with 9 hours	15
ECON 202	Principles of Macroeconomics - SB (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-	3
Supporting Course		_
Political Science E		6
	catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general- education-requirements/)	
POLS 568	catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general- education-requirements/) Feminist Theory - WR (https://	
POLS 504	Topics in Political Theory - WR (https://	
POLS 404	Topics in Political Theory	
POLS 388	Contemporary Political Theory	
POLS 387	American Utopian Communities	
POLS 386	Political Theory and Utopia - WR (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	
POLS 384	Democracy and Its Critics - WR (https:// catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general- education-requirements/)	
POLS 383	American Political Thought	
POLS 382	Modern Political Thought	
POLS 381	Early Political Thought	
Political Theory ⁷		3
POLS 563	Women in Developing Countries - WR (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	
POLS 502	Topics in Comparative Politics	
POLS 437	The United States and East Asia - WR (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	
POLS 371	Topics in Comparative Politics	
POLS 371	education-requirements/) Latin America in the World	
POLS 370	Latin American Politics - D2 (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/), SB (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-	
POLS 367	education-requirements/), SB (https:// catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general- education-requirements/) Politics and Government of Southeast Asia	
POLS 366	education-requirements/) Politics of East Asia - D2 (https:// catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-	
POLS 365	The People's Republic of China - D2 (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/generaleducation-requirements/), SB (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/generaleducation-requirements/), WR (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/generaleducation.requirements/)	

At least 50 of the total minimum hours required must be at the 300 level or above.

Code	Title	Hours
Culminating Under	graduate Experience (Graduation requirement)	
Requirement fulfil	led by completing:	
POLS 495	Senior Seminar - CUE (https:// catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general- education-requirements/), WR (https:// catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general- education-requirements/)	3

Law School Courses

Code	Title	Hours
LAW 802	Torts I	3
LAW 803	Torts II	3
LAW 804	Contracts I	3
LAW 805	Contracts II	3
LAW 806	Property I	3
LAW 807	Property II	3
LAW 808	Civil Procedure I	3
LAW 810	Criminal Law	3
LAW 811	Lawyering Skills I	3
LAW 812	Lawyering Skills II	3
Minimum Tota	30	

¹ Completion of the intermediate level of a single foreign language

² In addition to courses counted toward General Education; 6 hours must be at 300 level or above

- 3 May be incorporated into other degree requirements
- ⁴ Fulfills General Education requirement.
- $^{\rm 5}\,$ Substitutions may be approved by the departmental advisor.
- ⁶ Fulfills WR requirement.
- POLS 399 may be an appropriate elective under any category depending on its topic in a given semester.
- POLS 333 may be used as an elective option under Public Policy or International Relations. It may only satisfy one requirement. It may not be used to satisfy both requirements.
- POLS 341 may be used as an elective option under International Relations and Comparative Politics. It may only satisfy one requirement. It may not be used to satisfy both requirements.
- POLS 363 may be used as an elective option under International Relations and Comparative Politics. It may only satisfy one requirement. It may not be used to satisfy both requirements.

Flight Plan

Year 1		
Fall		Hours
GEN 101	Arts & Sciences First Year Experience	1
ENGL 101	Introduction to College Writing - WC (https:// catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education- requirements/)	3
POLS 201	Introduction to American Government and Politics - SB (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	3
POLS 111	Political Discourse - OC (https://catalog.louisville.edu/ undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	3
ECON 202	Principles of Macroeconomics - SB (https:// catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education- requirements/)	3



Spring ENGL 102 Intermediate College Writing - WC (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/) POLS 202 Introduction to Comparative Politics - D2 (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/). SB (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/) General Education: Cardinal Core Natural Sciences - S Foreign Language2 General Education: Cardinal Core Natural Sciences Historical Perspective - SBH Hours Hours 10 Hours 11 Hours 12 Hours Hours 16-1 Spring General Education: Cardinal Core Quantitative Reasoning - QR 3 Political Science American Politics Elective General Education: Cardinal Core Arts & Humanities US Perspectives - AHP1 Natural Science Elective Hours 16-1 Spring General Education: Cardinal Core Natural Sciences - S General Education: Cardinal Core Natural Sciences - S General Education: Cardinal Core Natural Sciences Lab - SL General Education: Cardinal Core Natural Sciences Lab - SL General Education: Cardinal Core Natural Sciences Lab - SL General Education: Cardinal Core Natural Sciences Lab - SL General Education: Cardinal Core Natural Sciences Lab - SL General Education: Cardinal Core Natural Sciences Lab - SL General Education: Cardinal Core Natural Sciences Lab - SL General Education: Cardinal Core Natural Sciences Lab - SL General Education: Cardinal Core Natural Sciences Lab - SL General Education: Cardinal Core Natural Sciences Lab - SL General Education: Cardinal Core Natural Sciences Lab - SL General Education: Cardinal Core Natural Sciences Lab - SL General Education: Cardinal Core Natural Sciences Lab - SL General Education: Cardinal Core Natural Sciences Lab - SL General Education: Cardinal Core Natural Sciences Lab - SL General Education: Cardinal Core Natural Sciences Lab - SL General Education: Cardinal Core Natural Sciences Lab - SL General Education: Cardinal Core Natural Sciences Lab - SL General Education: Cardinal Core Natural Sciences Lab -		Hours	17
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LAW 808	Civil Procedure I	3

The Flight Plan outlined above is intended to demonstrate one possible path to completing the degree within four years. Course selection and placement within the program may vary depending on course offerings and schedule, elective preferences, and other factors (study abroad, internship availability, etc.). Please consult your advisor for additional information about building a flight plan that works for you.

Degree Audit Report

Degree Audit reports illustrate how your completed courses fulfill the requirements of your academic plan, and which requirements are still outstanding. Degree audits also take transfer credits and test credits into account. "What-if" reports allow you to compare the courses you have completed in your current academic plan to the courses required in another academic plan. Should you have questions about either report, please consult with your academic advisor.

Flight Planner

The Flight Planner tool is available for you to create a personalized Flight Plan to graduation. Advisors have access to review your Flight Planner and can help you adjust it to ensure you remain on track to graduate in a timely manner.

To create these reports:

- 1. Log into your ULink account.
- 2. Click on the Academic Progress tile.
- 3. Select the appropriate report.
 - a. To run a Degree Audit report, click on "View my Degree Audit."
 - b. To create a What-if report, click on "What-if Advisement Report."
 - c. To run a Flight Planner report, click on "Use My Flight Planner."

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