

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

(Currently Not Accepting Enrollments)

Description and Outcomes

Effective April 16, 2014, this program will no longer be accepting enrollments or reentries. An alternative program may be available/recommended. Check with an Admissions Advisor.

The Bachelor of Science in Political Science program is designed to help you develop an understanding of the interconnected issues and challenges that confront governing bodies and society locally, regionally, nationally, and globally. The study of politics and political science is broad and interdisciplinary; therefore, the program focuses on the historical, global, current, and future approaches to political theories and the application of those theories to the creation of political institutions and policy. In addition, the program emphasizes dimensions of politics, governance, the relationships between law and political institutions, economic and political power, and cultural and political identity.

The program's curriculum bridges to other disciplines including economics, law/legal studies, and social science. This melding of perspectives and the connection of disciplines creates a program rich in analysis of how various facets of political, legal, governmental, and economic structures interact. In addition, the program helps you develop skills and understand methods of applying these facets to the study of leadership in the political arena.

The Bachelor of Science in Political Science program is designed to prepare you to be an active and involved citizen in a democratic political system founded on principles of representative government as well as a multitiered system involving the federal, state, and local levels. This program provides you with the tools to participate and compete in the multifaceted political structure within a rapidly developing culture where global lines, institutions, cultures, and economies are blurred. The Bachelor of Science in Political Science program teaches you to think about politics and helps prepare you to be a critical and informed participant in an increasingly complex world.

Accelerated Master's Degree Options

If you are interested in earning both a bachelor's and master's degree in legal studies, consider an accelerated master's degree option. Refer to the Progression Requirements (<https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/undergraduate/social-behavioral-sciences>) section for details.

Program Length

The Bachelor of Science in Political Science program consists of a minimum of 180 quarter credit hours. Upon successful completion of the program, you will be awarded a bachelor of science degree.

Program Outcomes

Discipline-Specific Outcomes

1. The Structure and Organization of Government: Assess the organization and structure of governmental organizations in the context of legislative and administrative processes.

2. Leadership and Advocacy: Apply techniques to access the political system in order to effectively advocate for social and political change.
3. Societal Relationships and Influence: Analyze relationships between law and political institutions, economic and political power, and culture and political identity.
4. Political Theory and Process: Analyze political, administrative, and policy theories and assess their impact on political processes and policy development.
5. Ethics: Apply ethical principles to decision making, actions, and interactions within the political process.
6. Comparative Global Politics: Evaluate the political process, public decision making, and implementation globally.

General Education Literacies and Professional Competencies

In addition to the discipline-specific outcomes, general education literacies and professional competencies are integrated throughout your academic program. You can review the general education literacies and professional competencies associated with your academic program in the undergraduate School of General Education (<https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/undergraduate/general-education>) section of this Catalog.

Program Availability

For program availability, please refer to the U.S. State and Other Approvals (<https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/policy-information/university-information/accreditation-approvals-memberships>) section and Program Availability Information (<https://www.purdueglobal.edu/catalog-program-availability-info.pdf>).

Policies

Please refer to school-specific policies (<https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/undergraduate/social-behavioral-sciences>) and the Policy Information (<https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/undergraduate/policy-information>) section for general Purdue Global policies.

Certification, State Board, and National Board Exams

Certain state certification and licensure boards have specific educational requirements for programs to lead to a license or nongovernmental certification that is a precondition for employment in a recognized occupation.

Unless otherwise specified, Purdue Global's programs are not designed to meet any specific state's licensure or certification requirements. If certain licensed occupations, vocations, or professions are not explicitly listed, Purdue Global has not made a determination with respect to the licensure or certification requirements of those occupations, vocations, or professions. Licensure-track programs may limit enrollment to students in certain states; please see Purdue Global's Program Availability Information (<https://www.purdueglobal.edu/catalog-program-availability-info.pdf>) to determine enrollment eligibility.

You are responsible for understanding the requirements of optional certification exams. Such requirements may change during the course of your program. You are not automatically certified in any way upon program completion. Although certain programs are designed to prepare you to take various optional certification exams, Purdue Global cannot guarantee you will be eligible to take these exams or become certified. Your eligibility may depend on your work experience, completion of education and/or degree requirements, not having a criminal record,

meeting other certification requirements, or the program or the University itself having appropriate accreditation or licensure.

Degree Plan

Program Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
Core Requirements		
100/200 Level	Communication Course	5
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200 Level	Communication Course	5
300/400 Level	Arts and Humanities Course	6
300/400 Level	Physical Science Course	6
300/400 Level	Social Science Course	6
Total Core Requirements		33
Major Requirements		
LS100	Introduction to the Law and Legal Profession	5
BU204	Macroeconomics	5
LS102	Introduction to Law	5
MM207	Statistics	5
PO101	Introduction to Political Science	5
PP205	Introduction to Administrative Law	5
SS144	Sociology	5
SS230	Making History - The Founding Fathers	5
SS236	People, Power, and Politics - An Introduction to American Government	5
LS305	Constitutional Law	6
PO300	Political Theory	6
PO400	International Relations	6
300/400 Level	Major Electives	24
PO499	Bachelor's Capstone in Political Science	6
Total Major Requirements		93
Open Elective Requirements		
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TOTAL CREDITS		180