

# POLITICAL SCIENCE, MINOR TO M.A. ACCELERATED PROGRAM

Saint Louis University's accelerated minor to Master of Arts in Political Science and Public Affairs offers academically advanced students enrolled in the 18-credit political science minor the opportunity to reduce time to complete both the minor and the M.A. by counting six credits of the minor toward both the minor and the M.A.

SLU students may choose to pursue a minor in political science in addition to their chosen major.

For additional information, see the catalog entries for the following programs:

Political Science, Minor (<https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/political-science/political-science-minor/>)

Political Science and Public Affairs, M.A. (<https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/political-science/political-science-ma/>)

## Requirements Admission Requirements

Undergraduate political science minors at SLU with an undergraduate grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.40, overall and in political science courses, who also have completed a political science or other social science research methods course, and whose academic record demonstrates the capacity for graduate work may apply to this accelerated program.

There is an expedited admission process that requires no fee or national board test scores.

Students may apply as early as their sophomore year, and applications will be considered up to but not including the student's final semester of undergraduate work.

## Program Requirements

Students may count up to 6 credits of graduate courses toward both the minor and the M.A. Note that graduate courses should be taken at the 5000 level.

## Roadmap

This roadmap is just one example of a semester-by-semester plan of study for this program. There are other plans students can and do take. The plan of study for each particular student is established in consultation with each student's academic advisor; *this roadmap does not replace academic advising appointments.*

*Roadmap notes:*

- This Roadmap assumes full-time enrollment unless otherwise noted.
- Courses/Milestones marked with an "!" are critical and must be completed in the semester listed in the Roadmap to ensure a timely graduation.
- Course availability and sequencing are subject to change.

Course	Title	Credits
<b>Year One</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
Courses for major and core		15
<b>Credits</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
Courses for major and core		12
POLS 2xxx	Political Thought Course	3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Year Two</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
Courses for major and core		12
POLS 2xxx	Comparative Politics Course	3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
Courses for major and core		12
POLS 3xxx	American Politics Course	3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Year Three</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
Courses for major and core		12
POLS 3xxx	Comparative Politics Course	3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
Courses for major and core		12
POLS 5510	Democratization	3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Year Four</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
Courses for major and core		15
<b>Credits</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
Courses for major and core		12
POLS 5730	Contemporary Political Ideologies	3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Year Five</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
POLS 5020	Advanced Topics in Research Methods	3
POLS 5550	Politics of Economic Development	3
POLS 5690	Theories of World Politics	3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>9</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
POLS 5350	Issues in Public Policy	3
POLS 5530	Authoritarian Politics: Rigging Elections and Clinging to Power	3
POLS 5650	War, Peace, and Politics	3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>9</b>
<b>Summer</b>		
POLS 5910	Graduate Internship	6
<b>Credits</b>		<b>6</b>
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>144</b>

## **Program Notes**

To count towards the accelerated M.A., graduate courses should be taken at the 5000 level.

## **Contact Us**

For additional information about this program, please contact pols-admin@slu.edu or call 314-977-3035.