Bachelor of Arts – Political Science Major

Four Year (120 credits)

**PLEASE READ AND REVIEW: 2025/2026** [**Program Requirements**](https://www.athabascau.ca/calendar/2025/undergraduate/program-regulations/degrees/bachelor-of-arts-political-science-major.html) **-** Effective September 1, 2025

This program plan will assist you in planning your program. You must follow the official program requirements for the calendar year in which you are enrolled. Please contact Advising Services ([advising@athabascau.ca](mailto:advising@athabascau.ca)) for program planning assistance. Students can use the [course availability](https://tux.athabascau.ca/oros/servlet/DispatcherServlet?action=courseAvailability) list to assist with planning courses. Review prerequisites on the online course syllabus before registering for a course.

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| **Course Level Legend** JUNIOR / JR - 200 numbered course SENIOR / SR - 300 or 400 numbered course PREPARATORY - 100 numbered course | **Course Progress Legend** TR - Transfer Credit Awarded C - Completed AU Course IP - In Progress AU Course |

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| **LEVEL** | **TOTAL CREDITS** | **COURSE** | **REQUIREMENT** | **COURSE  PROGRESS** | **COMMENTS** |
| Jr/Sr | 3 | [ENGL255](https://www.athabascau.ca/syllabi/engl/engl255.html) | [English Writing Requirement](https://www.athabascau.ca/calendar/undergraduate/program-regulations/degrees/bachelor-of-arts-political-science-major.html#englishwritingskillsrequirement) |  | [Humanities](https://www.athabascau.ca/course/index.html?/undergraduate/humanities/all/) |
| Junior | 6 | [POLI277](https://www.athabascau.ca/syllabi/poli/poli277.html) | [Major Core](https://www.athabascau.ca/calendar/2025/undergraduate/program-regulations/degrees/bachelor-of-arts-political-science-major.html) |  | [Social Science](https://www.athabascau.ca/course/index.html?/undergraduate/social-science/all/) |
| Junior | 9 | [POLI278](https://www.athabascau.ca/syllabi/poli/poli278.html) | [Major Core](https://www.athabascau.ca/calendar/2025/undergraduate/program-regulations/degrees/bachelor-of-arts-political-science-major.html) |  | [Social Science](https://www.athabascau.ca/course/index.html?/undergraduate/social-science/all/) |
| Jr/Sr | 12 |  |  |  | [Science](https://www.athabascau.ca/course/index.html?/undergraduate/science/all/) |
| Jr/Sr | 15 |  |  |  | [Science](https://www.athabascau.ca/course/index.html?/undergraduate/science/all/) |
| Jr/Sr | 18 |  |  |  | [Humanities](https://www.athabascau.ca/course/index.html?/undergraduate/humanities/all/) |
| Jr/Sr | 21 |  |  |  | [Humanities](https://www.athabascau.ca/course/index.html?/undergraduate/humanities/all/) |
| Jr/Sr | 24 |  |  |  | [Humanities](https://www.athabascau.ca/course/index.html?/undergraduate/humanities/all/), [Social Science](https://www.athabascau.ca/course/index.html?/undergraduate/social-science/all/) |
| Jr/Sr | 27 |  |  |  | [Humanities](https://www.athabascau.ca/course/index.html?/undergraduate/humanities/all/), [Social Science](https://www.athabascau.ca/course/index.html?/undergraduate/social-science/all/) |
| Jr/Sr | 30 |  |  |  | [Humanities](https://www.athabascau.ca/course/index.html?/undergraduate/humanities/all/), [Social Science](https://www.athabascau.ca/course/index.html?/undergraduate/social-science/all/) |
| Jr/Sr | 33 |  |  |  | [Any area of study](https://www.athabascau.ca/course/index.html?/undergraduate/all/all) |
| Jr/Sr | 36 |  |  |  | [Any area of study](https://www.athabascau.ca/course/index.html?/undergraduate/all/all) |
| Jr/Sr | 39 |  |  |  | [Any area of study](https://www.athabascau.ca/course/index.html?/undergraduate/all/all) |
| Jr/Sr | 42 |  | [Major Elective](https://www.athabascau.ca/calendar/2025/undergraduate/program-regulations/degrees/bachelor-of-arts-political-science-major.html) |  |  |
| Jr/Sr | 45 |  | [Major Elective](https://www.athabascau.ca/calendar/2025/undergraduate/program-regulations/degrees/bachelor-of-arts-political-science-major.html) |  |  |
| Senior | 48 |  | [Major Elective](https://www.athabascau.ca/calendar/2025/undergraduate/program-regulations/degrees/bachelor-of-arts-political-science-major.html) |  |  |
| Senior | 51 |  | [Major Elective](https://www.athabascau.ca/calendar/2025/undergraduate/program-regulations/degrees/bachelor-of-arts-political-science-major.html) |  |  |
| Senior | 54 |  | [Major Elective](https://www.athabascau.ca/calendar/2025/undergraduate/program-regulations/degrees/bachelor-of-arts-political-science-major.html) |  |  |
| Senior | 57 |  | [Major Elective](https://www.athabascau.ca/calendar/2025/undergraduate/program-regulations/degrees/bachelor-of-arts-political-science-major.html) |  |  |
| Senior | 60 |  | [Major Elective](https://www.athabascau.ca/calendar/2025/undergraduate/program-regulations/degrees/bachelor-of-arts-political-science-major.html) |  |  |
| Senior | 63 |  | [Major Elective](https://www.athabascau.ca/calendar/2025/undergraduate/program-regulations/degrees/bachelor-of-arts-political-science-major.html) |  |  |
| Senior | 66 |  | [Major Elective](https://www.athabascau.ca/calendar/2025/undergraduate/program-regulations/degrees/bachelor-of-arts-political-science-major.html) |  |  |
| Senior | 69 | [POLI355](https://www.athabascau.ca/syllabi/poli/poli355.html) | [Major Core](https://www.athabascau.ca/calendar/2025/undergraduate/program-regulations/degrees/bachelor-of-arts-political-science-major.html) |  | [Social Science](https://www.athabascau.ca/course/index.html?/undergraduate/social-science/all/) |
| Senior | 72 | [POLI357](https://www.athabascau.ca/syllabi/poli/poli357.html) | [Major Core](https://www.athabascau.ca/calendar/2025/undergraduate/program-regulations/degrees/bachelor-of-arts-political-science-major.html) |  | [Social Science](https://www.athabascau.ca/course/index.html?/undergraduate/social-science/all/) |
| Senior | 75 | [POLI309](https://www.athabascau.ca/syllabi/poli/poli309.html) | [Major Core](https://www.athabascau.ca/calendar/2025/undergraduate/program-regulations/degrees/bachelor-of-arts-political-science-major.html) |  | [Social Science](https://www.athabascau.ca/course/index.html?/undergraduate/social-science/all/) |
| Senior | 78 | [POLI330/](https://www.athabascau.ca/syllabi/poli/poli330.html) [INTR330](https://www.athabascau.ca/syllabi/poli/poli330.html) or [POLI342](https://www.athabascau.ca/syllabi/poli/poli342.html) | [Major Core](https://www.athabascau.ca/calendar/2025/undergraduate/program-regulations/degrees/bachelor-of-arts-political-science-major.html) |  | [Social Science](https://www.athabascau.ca/course/index.html?/undergraduate/social-science/all/) |
| Senior | 81 |  |  |  | [Humanities](https://www.athabascau.ca/course/index.html?/undergraduate/humanities/all/) |
| Senior | 84 |  |  |  | [Humanities](https://www.athabascau.ca/course/index.html?/undergraduate/humanities/all/) |
| Senior | 87 |  |  |  | [Humanities](https://www.athabascau.ca/course/index.html?/undergraduate/humanities/all/) |
| Senior | 90 |  |  |  | [Humanities](https://www.athabascau.ca/course/index.html?/undergraduate/humanities/all/), [Social Science](https://www.athabascau.ca/course/index.html?/undergraduate/social-science/all/) |
| Senior | 93 |  |  |  | [Humanities](https://www.athabascau.ca/course/index.html?/undergraduate/humanities/all/), [Social Science](https://www.athabascau.ca/course/index.html?/undergraduate/social-science/all/) |
| Senior | 96 |  |  |  | [Humanities](https://www.athabascau.ca/course/index.html?/undergraduate/humanities/all/), [Social Science](https://www.athabascau.ca/course/index.html?/undergraduate/social-science/all/) |
| Senior | 99 |  |  |  | [Humanities](https://www.athabascau.ca/course/index.html?/undergraduate/humanities/all/), [Social Science](https://www.athabascau.ca/course/index.html?/undergraduate/social-science/all/) |
| Senior | 102 |  |  |  | [Humanities](https://www.athabascau.ca/course/index.html?/undergraduate/humanities/all/), [Social Science](https://www.athabascau.ca/course/index.html?/undergraduate/social-science/all/) |
| Senior | 105 |  |  |  | [Humanities](https://www.athabascau.ca/course/index.html?/undergraduate/humanities/all/), [Social Science](https://www.athabascau.ca/course/index.html?/undergraduate/social-science/all/) |
| Senior | 108 |  |  |  | [Humanities](https://www.athabascau.ca/course/index.html?/undergraduate/humanities/all/), [Social Science](https://www.athabascau.ca/course/index.html?/undergraduate/social-science/all/) |
| Senior | 111 |  |  |  | [Humanities](https://www.athabascau.ca/course/index.html?/undergraduate/humanities/all/), [Social Science](https://www.athabascau.ca/course/index.html?/undergraduate/social-science/all/) |
| Senior | 114 |  |  |  | [Any area of study](https://www.athabascau.ca/course/index.html?/undergraduate/all/all) |
| Senior | 117 |  |  |  | [Any area of study](https://www.athabascau.ca/course/index.html?/undergraduate/all/all) |
| Senior | 120 |  |  |  | [Any area of study](https://www.athabascau.ca/course/index.html?/undergraduate/all/all) |

**Notes:**

* Program requires 18 credits at the 400 level which must include a minimum of 12 credits within the major.
* A maximum of 6 credits at the preparatory (100) level.
* A maximum of 15 credits at the junior (200) level in one discipline.
* A maximum of 60 credits in any one discipline.
* A maximum of 24 credits in [Applied Studies](https://www.athabascau.ca/course/index.html?/undergraduate/applied-studies/all/) and/or [Science](https://www.athabascau.ca/course/index.html?/undergraduate/science/all/). A maximum of 18 credits of Applied Studies courses.
* Residency requirement: A minimum of 30 credits must be obtained through Athabasca University.