

# Policy Studies: Bachelor of Arts Major

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<b>Start Date(s)</b>	September
<b>Intake Type</b>	Open intake
<b>Instructional Cycle</b>	Semester-based
<b>Program Type</b>	Undergraduate
<b>Credential Granted</b>	Baccalaureate Degree
<b>Offered At</b>	Langley Richmond Surrey
<b>Format</b>	Full-time Part-time
<b>How to Apply</b>	www.kpu.ca/admission

## DESCRIPTION

The Bachelor of Arts, Major in Policy Studies is an interdisciplinary, applied degree which integrates Political Science, Philosophy, Economics, and environmental technology in order to understand how policy can be used to bring about social goals. In particular, students will examine the goals of sustainability from the perspectives of the various disciplines and apply what they have learned to community projects with partners such as the Surrey Municipal Government. Students are encouraged to complete a complimentary minor in addition to their major in Policy Studies.

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Students pursuing a major in Policy Studies must be admitted to the Faculty of Arts.

## DECLARATION REQUIREMENTS

Students intending to graduate with this Faculty of Arts Bachelor's degree must declare the credential by the time they complete 60 credits of undergraduate coursework. At the time of declaration, the student must satisfy all of the following requirements:

- In good academic standing with the University
- Completion of a minimum of 18 credits of undergraduate coursework, including the following with a minimum grade of "C":
  - 3 credits of ENGL at the 1100 level or higher
  - 6 credits at the 1100 level or higher in the Major area

## CURRICULAR REQUIREMENTS

Students pursuing a Bachelor of Arts degree must complete all requirements in the Bachelor of Arts Framework in addition to their major or minor program requirements.

Note: A first-year English course, ENGL 1100, is a requirement of this program. This course has prerequisites that may require a student to complete additional preparatory courses.

## Policy Studies Major

The degree is designed around several integrative or "umbrella" courses and applied seminars. Each of the required "umbrella" courses will present the elements of policy analysis from the perspective of one of the main disciplines. The applied seminars provide real life situations to which students can apply what they have learned in the umbrella courses. The applied seminars are also designed to foster mentorship of students by professional practitioners who will be responsible for teaching those courses. Students will be given the opportunity to work with local governments and community groups to effect positive change.

The following area requirements are to be completed for the Bachelor of Arts, Major in Policy Studies program. The POST Major requires completion of fifty-five (55) area-specific credits, including thirty-one (31) lower division credits and twenty-four (24) upper division credits.

### 1100 AND 2000 LEVEL

#### All of the following are required:

ECON 1150	Principles of Microeconomics	3 credits
ECON 1250	Principles of Macroeconomics	3 credits
ENVI 1121	Environmental Issues	3 credits
Any 6 credits of PHIL at the 1100- or 2000-level		6 credits
Any 6 credits of POLI at the 1100- or 2000-level		6 credits
POST 1100 or PHIL 1111	Sustainability: Analysis and Ethics	3 credits
POST 2100 or POLI 2100	Sustainability and Government	3 credits
COOP 1101	Job Search Techniques	1 credit

#### And one of:

AGRI 2230	Sustainable Human Economy	3 credits
ECON 2260	Environmental Economics	3 credits

### 3000 AND 4000 LEVEL

#### All of:

POST 3100 or ECON 3100	Economics of Sustainability Policy	3 credits
POST 4110 or POLI 4110	Advanced Applied Policy Seminar	3 credits
POST 4150 or PSYC 4150	Psychology and Sustainability: Attitudes and Behaviour	3 credits
CMNS 3100	Technical Report Writing	3 credits

#### And one of:

POST 3110	Applied Policy Seminar I	3 credits
GEOG 3220	Urban Politics and Planning	3 credits

**And one of:**

PHIL 3118	Ethics and Public Policy	3 credits
PHIL 4117	Topics in Social and Political Philosophy	3 credits

**And one of:**

POLI 3500	Public Debates in Politics	3 credits
POLI 4420	Issues in Public Policy and Administration	3 credits

**And one of:**

ENVI 3112	Environment and Society	3 credits
ENVI 3212	The Urban Environment	3 credits
AGRI 4298	World Trends in Agriculture	3 credits
or		
POST 4298		

## **CREDENTIAL AWARDED**

Upon successful completion of the major program students are eligible to receive a **Bachelor of Arts**. Transcripts will indicate a **Major in Policy Studies**.