

Policy Studies: Bachelor of Arts Major

Faculty of Arts	kpu.ca/arts
Policy Studies	kpu.ca/arts/policy-studies
Program Type	Undergraduate
Credential Granted	Baccalaureate Degree
Offered At	Langley Richmond Surrey
Start Date(s)	September January May
Intake Type	Open intake
Format	Full-time Part-time
Instructional Cycle	Semester-based
Curriculum Effective Date	01-Sep-2011
How to Apply	www.kpu.ca/admission

DESCRIPTION

The Bachelor of Arts, Major in Policy Studies ("POST") is an interdisciplinary applied degree that integrates concepts from economics, environmental protection, philosophy, political science and psychology. You will learn how policy can be used to achieve sustainability goals and apply your skills to community projects with partners such as the City of Surrey.

Students are encouraged to complete a complementary minor such as economics, geography or political science in addition to the major in Policy Studies. Please meet with an Arts Degree Advisor to talk about what courses fit your interests to complete your Bachelor's degree.

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.

Policy Studies Major

The degree is designed around several core courses and two applied seminars.

Each of the required core courses presents key elements of policy analysis from the perspective of one of the main disciplines. You will develop strong analytical, writing and critical thinking skills while gaining a deep understanding of the complex sustainability issues facing society today.

In the applied seminars, taught by professional practitioners, you will apply your research and analysis skills to develop solutions for real issues faced by a community partner.

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

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	Applied Policy Seminar II	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**.