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 SLU 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

Roadmaps are recommended semester-by-semester plans of study for programs and assume full-time enrollment unless otherwise noted.

Courses and milestones designated as critical (marked with !) must be completed in the semester listed to ensure a timely graduation. Transfer credit may change the roadmap.

This roadmap should not be used in the place of regular academic advising appointments. All students are encouraged to meet with their advisor/mentor each semester. Requirements, course availability and sequencing are subject to change.

#### Year One

**Fall**

Courses for major and core  
Credits  
15

**Spring**

Courses for major and core  
POLS 2xxx  
Political Thought Course  
Credits  
15

#### Year Two

**Fall**

Courses for major and core  
POLS 2xxx  
Comparative Politics Course  
Credits  
15

**Spring**

Courses for major and core  
POLS 3xxx  
American Politics Course  
Credits  
15

#### Year Three

**Fall**

Courses for major and core  
POLS 3xxx  
Comparative Politics Course  
Credits  
15

**Spring**

Courses for major and core  
POLS 5510  
Democratization  
Credits  
15

#### Year Four

**Fall**

Courses for major and core  
Credits  
15

**Spring**

Courses for major and core  
POLS 5730  
Contemporary Political Ideologies  
Credits  
15

#### Year Five

**Fall**

POLS 5020  
Advanced Topics in Research Methods  
POLS 5550  
Politics of Economic Development  
POLS 5690  
Theories of World Politics  
Credits  
9

**Spring**

POLS 5350  
Issues in Public Policy  
POLS 5530  
Authoritarian Politics: Rigging Elections and Clinging to Power  
POLS 5650  
War, Peace, and Politics  
Credits  
9

**Summer**

POLS 5910  
Graduate Internship  
Credits  
6

**Total Credits**  
144
Program Notes:
To count towards the accelerated MA, graduate courses should be taken at the 5000 level.