POLITICAL SCIENCE, B.A.
TO LAW, J.D. ACCELERATED
PROGRAM

Saint Louis University’s accelerated 3+3 political science B.A.-to-J.D.
program allows students to apply a maximum of 30 first-year law
school credits to their undergraduate degree programs and receive their
bachelor’s degree after the successful completion of the first year at
the School of Law (https://www.slu.edu/law/).

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

Political Science, B.A. (http://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/arts-
sciences/political-science/political-science-ba/)

Juris Doctor (http://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/law/juris-doctor/)

Accreditation

Saint Louis University School of Law has been continuously accredited
by the American Bar Association (ABA) since December 1924. The
accrediting body is the Council of the Section of Legal Education and
Admissions to the Bar of the American Bar Association, 321 North Clark
Street, Chicago, IL 60654, 312-988-6738.

Requirements

Students are eligible to apply to the political science/J.D. program
any time in their undergraduate career. Students must maintain a 3.50
cumulative GPA to continue in the accelerated program.

After having completed 75 credits, students will submit an application
to SLU’s School of Law. If admitted to SLU Law, these students will
begin their J.D. program in their fourth year. The first year of law school
coursework will count as elective credit toward the undergraduate
bachelor’s degree. Thus, the College of Arts and Sciences will award
students their degrees after the successful completion of their first year
of law school.

Students will be required to complete at least 75% of credits necessary
to earn their undergraduate degree (i.e., minimum 90 credits) before
matriculating into the first year of law school. These hours must include
the College of Arts and Sciences core curriculum requirements (48 to 51
credits) and English major requirements (36 credits). All core curriculum
and major requirements will be met before students matriculate as first-
year law students.

Continuation Standards

Students must maintain a 3.50 cumulative GPA to continue in the
accelerated program. Any student whose cumulative GPA falls below
the accelerated continuation standard of 3.50 will go on probation. If
the student does not raise their GPA to the minimum level of 3.50 over
the course of 30 subsequent credits, they will be suspended from the
program.

If the student has achieved more than 45 credits, they must raise
their GPA to at least 3.50 by the time of their application to SLU
Law; otherwise, the student will be suspended from the accelerated
program. Students suspended from the program will be allowed to
continue on as political science majors or minors in accordance with the
department’s undergraduate standards.