



MOUNT ROYAL
UNIVERSITY

Faculty of Arts

Bachelor of Arts in Policy Studies

120 credits

2025-2026 Year of Entry

Policy Studies (20 3-credit courses, one 15-credit internship)

Courses listed in recommended order of completion (see p. 2):

1. PLSC 1101—Introduction to Government and Politics
2. ECON 1101—Principles of Microeconomics
3. ECON 1103—Principles of Macroeconomics
4. PLSC 2231—The Canadian State
5. POST 2201—Introduction to Public Policy
6. ECON 2244—Managerial Economics **OR**
ECON 2211—Intermediate Economic Theory
Microeconomics I _____
7. POST 2208—Qualitative Research Methods
8. POST 2209—Methodology and Statistics
9. POST 3303—Federalism
10. POST 3305—Interest Groups and Group Behaviour
11. PLSC 2259—Comparative Government and Politics
12. PLSC 2287—Introduction to International Relations
13. ECON 2213—Intermediate Economic Theory
Macroeconomics I _____
14. POST 3030—Policy Studies Internship
15. POST 4421—International Economic Policy
16. POST 4431—Managing and Implementing Public Policy
17. POST 5010—Selected Topics in Public Policy
18. POST 4443—Survey of Public and Private Law Principles
19. POST 5020—Integrative Professional Practice
20. ECON 2255—Economics of the Public Sector
21. Indigenous context course: One of INST 1101, HIST 2221,
HIST 2234, HIST 3343, HIST 3345 (can be completed in
any semester)

Students must obtain a minimum grade of 2.00 (C) in all core courses.

Students must complete the **Professional Development seminar** for eligibility to register for the POST 3030—Policy Studies Internship. Consult the Policy Studies advisor in about registration.

For Honours, students must complete POST 5120—Honours Thesis in addition to the requirements outlined above. As a result, the Honours stream reduces the number of electives in the program to four.

Contact the Policy Studies advisor about entry to Honours.

General Education (10 courses)

The list of approved General Education courses can be found in the academic calendar.

Tier 1 Foundation (4 courses)

One (1) approved course from each cluster

Cluster 1 _____

Cluster 2 _____

Cluster 3 _____

Cluster 4 _____

Tier 2 (3 courses)

Three (3) approved Tier 2 courses, one must be from Cluster 1

Cluster 1 _____

Two Tier 2 courses chosen from two of
Cluster 2, 3 or 4 (no duplicate clusters)

_____ Cluster ____

_____ Cluster ____

Tier 3 (3 courses)

Three (3) approved Tier 3 courses from at least two different clusters

_____ Cluster ____

_____ Cluster ____

_____ Cluster ____

Electives (4-5 courses)

Any three credit post-secondary level course. The number of electives depends on the number of courses taken in the major. Honours stream has 4 electives.

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2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____



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Policy Studies 4-year plan

It is recommended to target core courses based on the pattern below. POST prefix courses are only offered in the semester indicated below and previous core courses act as necessary prerequisites.

Minimum passing grade for all core courses = C (65%) grade		GPA minimum = 2.0 [Honours = 3.0]	
FALL		WINTER	
FIRST YEAR			
	PLSC 1101 Introduction to Government and Politics		PLSC 2231 The Canadian State
	ECON 1101 Introduction to Microeconomics		ECON 1103 Introduction to Macroeconomics
	GNED 11__Foundation in Numeracy and Scientific Literacy	Cluster 1 [Fall or Winter (F or W)]	
	GNED 12__Foundation in Values, Beliefs, and Identity	Cluster 2 [F or W]	
	GNED 13__Foundation in Community and Society	Cluster 3 [F or W]	
	GNED 14__Foundation in Communication	Cluster 4 [F or W]	
	Elective		Indigenous context course* or Elective
SECOND YEAR			
	Professional Development Seminar [Must be completed before Internship = 5% of POST 3030 grade]		POST 3303 Federalism
	POST 2201 Introduction to Public Policy		POST 3305 Interest Groups
	ECON 2211 Intermediate Economic Theory: Microeconomics I or ECON 2244 Managerial Economics		POST 2209 Statistics and Methodology
	Indigenous context course* or Elective		POST 2208 Qualitative Research Methods
	General Education Tier 2 in Numeracy and Scientific Literacy Cluster 1 [F or W]		
	General Education Tier 2 Cluster 2, 3 or 4 [F or W] (recommended INST 1101 for Cluster 3 Tier 2)		
	General Education Tier 2 Cluster 2, 3 or 4 [F or W] (recommended INST 1101 for Cluster 3 Tier 2)		
THIRD YEAR			
	Professional Development Seminar [Must be completed before Internship = 5% of POST 3030 grade]		
	PLSC 2259 Comparative Government		POST 3030 Internship Note: Students must complete PD [Professional Development Seminar] before POST 3030 Prerequisites for POST 3030 are: PLSC 1101, 2231, 2259, 2287, ECON 1101, 1103, 2211, 2213, POST 2201, 2208, 2209, 3303, 3305
	PLSC 2287 International Relations		
	ECON 2213 Intermediate Economic Theory: Macroeconomics		
	Indigenous context course* or Elective		
	General Education Tier 3		
FOURTH YEAR			
	POST 4421 International Economic Policy		POST 4443 Survey of Public and Private Law Principles
	POST 4431 Managing and Implementing Public Policy		POST 5020 Integrative Professional Practice
	POST 5010 Selected Topics in Public Policy		ECON 2255 Economics of the Public Sector
	General Education Tier 3 [F or W]		
	General Education Tier 3 [F or W]		
	Indigenous context course* or Elective [F or W]		
	Elective [F or W] or POST 5120 [Honours Thesis]		

*One Indigenous context course is required for this program. INST 1101 can be completed in fall or winter of first year. Either HIST 2000 level course can be completed in the winter semester of the first year. HIST 3000 level courses should only be attempted second year onward.

- Only 16 courses can be at the junior/first year level (1000).
- Thirty-two (32) courses must be from the Faculties of Arts or Science or be designated General Education courses.
- Use this planning guide in coordination with mruGradU8. Save a copy of the audit every term prior to registering for classes. If you are interested in a minor, Honours, or a double major seek academic advising from the Policy Studies advisor.

This information is available in the Academic Calendar 2025-2026. If there are discrepancies between information on this program planning page and the academic calendar, the academic calendar is deemed correct. Updated April 2025