

# Policy Studies: Bachelor of Arts Major and Minor

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<b>Enrolment Type</b>	Open enrolment
<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

Sustainability has become the leading concept in defining the way we live. All aspects of society are changing to reflect the growing need for sustainability policy. New initiatives that have gained popularity and importance include:

- Urban Farms
- Bike Lanes
- Skytrains
- Affordable Housing
- Alternative Energy
- Zero-Waste Buildings
- Green Business

Policy makes these innovations a reality. You can be a part of these changes with a degree in Policy Studies.

This new degree is both applied and interdisciplinary. You will work with sustainability policy practitioners in developing real policy on current community projects. At the same time, you will learn about policy from the perspective of economics, philosophy, political science, environmental studies and psychology.

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

We expect the graduates from our program to work at all levels of government. Private companies are also actively developing sustainability departments, to say nothing of consultants and NGOs. Opportunities can include careers such as:

- Sustainability coordinator
- Sustainability consultant
- Sustainability design manager
- Sustainability communications director
- Sustainability policy director
- Sustainability training director
- Sustainability auditor
- Sustainable resource manager
- Sustainable development specialist
- Social responsibility manager

- Social impact assessor
- Green policy coordinator
- Green operations director
- Green communications
- Green purchasing and operations
- Environmental efficiency analyst
- Environmental educator
- Sustainability entrepreneur
- Sustainability activist

Examples of how you can continue your professional development after graduation include a Masters of Public Policy or law.

## PROGRAM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

In addition to KPU's General university admission requirements, including the undergraduate-level English Proficiency Requirement, the following program admission requirements apply:

### Year One Admission:

- English 12 with a 'B' (or equivalent)
- Mathematics:
  - Minimum grade of 'C' in Pre-Calculus 11, Principles of Mathematics 11, or Applications of Mathematics 12 (or equivalent); or
  - Minimum grade of 'C+' in Foundations of Mathematics 11 (or equivalent); or
  - Minimum grade of 'C-' in Pre-Calculus 12 or Foundations of Mathematics 12 (or equivalent)

### Year Three Admission:

- 60 credits with a cumulative GPA of 2.00 (including all 1100- and 2000-level major/minor program requirements).
- Grade of 'C' in all required 1000- and 2000-level courses, including the English writing requirement (ENGL 1100 and one of either ENGL 1202 or 1204, or equivalent).
- Two Quantitative courses (total of six or more credits).
- 12 credits of breadth courses
- Mathematics:
  - Minimum grade of 'C' in Pre-Calculus 11, Principles of Mathematics 11, or Applications of Mathematics 12 (or equivalent); or
  - Minimum grade of 'C+' in Foundations of Mathematics 11 (or equivalent); or
  - Minimum grade of 'C-' in Pre-Calculus 12 or Foundations of Mathematics 12 (or equivalent); or
  - Minimum grade of 'C+' in the above Two Quantitative courses (three credits of which must be from the Faculty of Science & Horticulture)
- Second language at the Grade 11 level or 6 credits of post-secondary language courses in the same language. Note: Students need only achieve a passing grade to fulfill this requirement. Beginner's or Introductory Language 11 courses are ineligible to meet this requirement. Students who can demonstrate competency in a second language may request an assessment to have this requirement waived.

## Qualifying Year

Students who do not qualify upon initial application to KPU may be eligible for entry to the Qualifying Year. Students who possess at least a 'C' in English 12 (or equivalent) and a passing grade in either Pre-Calculus 11, Principles of Math 11, Foundations of Mathematics 11, Applications of Math 12 (or equivalents) will be able to apply for entry to the BA Qualifying Year. Students will be admitted to the BA program in the second year provided they have successfully completed appropriate qualifying courses. Other applicants who do not qualify are encouraged to consult an Educational Advisor for the appropriate qualifying courses that satisfy the application criteria.

## CONTINUANCE REQUIREMENTS

Current BA students must meet the following requirements to continue into their 3rd year of study. Registration access to third or fourth year courses is first awarded to students who have completed the following:

- 60 credits with a cumulative GPA of 2.00 (including all 1100- and 2000-level major/minor program requirements).
- Grade of 'C' in all required 1000- and 2000-level courses, including the English writing requirement (ENGL 1100 and one of either ENGL 1202 or 1204, or equivalent).
- Two Quantitative courses (total of six or more credits).
- 12 credits of breadth courses
- Second language at the Grade 11 level or 6 credits of post-secondary language courses in the same language. Note: Students need only achieve a passing grade to fulfill this requirement. Beginner's or Introductory Language 11 courses are ineligible to meet this requirement. Students who can demonstrate competency in a second language may request an assessment to have this requirement waived.

## PROGRAM 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 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 or POST 4298	World Trends in Agriculture (under development)	3 credits

### Policy Studies Minor

The following area requirements are to be completed for the Bachelor of Arts, Minor in Policy Studies program. The POST Minor requires completion of twenty-one (21) area-specific

credits, including six (6) lower division credits and fifteen (15) upper division credits.

**The following is required:**

POST 1100 or PHIL 1111	Sustainability: Analysis and Ethics	3 credits
POST 2100 or POLI 2100	Sustainability and Government	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

**And one of:**

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

**And any two of:**

PHIL 3118	Ethics and Public Policy	3 credits
POLI 3500	Public Debates in Politics	3 credits
POST 3100 or ECON 3100	Economics of Sustainability Policy	3 credits
POST 4298 or AGRI 4298	World Trends in Agriculture (under development)	3 credits

## **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**.

Upon successful completion of the minor as part of a Bachelor of Arts program, transcripts will indicate a **Minor in Policy Studies**.