

POLITICAL SCIENCE/LAW 3+3 COMBINED PATHWAY (B.A. AND J.D.)

Bachelor of Arts Program

Program Code: BA-AS
 Major Code: PSC
 Program Code: JD-UB
 Major Code: LAW

Political Science, Public Administration and Planning

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Enrollment in this combined pathway allows highly qualified SUNY Buffalo State students to work on a Juris Doctor (J.D.) at the University of Buffalo (UB) while completing their Political Science (Public Legal Studies concentration) bachelors of art (B.A.) degree at Buffalo State. Up to 30 credits of designated UB law school courses are incorporated into the bachelor's degree program and will count toward both the bachelor's degree and the J.D. The combined pathway allows students to complete their undergraduate education and their law degree training in six years of full-time study rather than the normally required seven years of study.

Program Requirements

The combined pathway requires students to earn a total of 120 credits to be applied to their B.A. degree, of which 30 credits are taken at UB School of Law during the student's senior year and transferred to Buffalo State. Students must receive a grade of 2.0 ("C") or better in the law school courses in order to have them accepted as transfer credit. Students must earn their remaining law school credits (approximately 60 credits) at UB to obtain the Juris Doctor degree. Students must meet all college, department, and relevant concentration guidelines.

The program requires careful planning that should begin no later than the end of the second semester of the student's undergraduate career at Buffalo State. The student and the 3+3 program coordinator should consult in planning the undergraduate degree program so that these requirements are met during undergraduate study and that the 30 credits of law school courses from the UB School of Law are included in the degree plan. These law school credits will fulfill general education all-college electives in the student's final year of undergraduate studies.

Admission Requirements

Admission into the combined pathway is highly selective. Matriculated undergraduate students may apply to the B.A./J.D. pathway no later than the end of their first year (freshman

year) and will complete all of the application requirements for the program. The combined pathway admission application process includes a minimum GPA of 3.5, a statement of intent, and a letter of recommendation (preferably from a Buffalo State instructor; incoming students may use a recommendation from a high school guidance counselor or course instructor). Students must maintain a 3.5 grade point average in their undergraduate level courses to remain in the 3+3 combined pathway.

Students will have completed 90 credits (all Buffalo State required Intellectual Foundations courses, upper division courses, and Political Science Public Legal Studies Concentration major requirements) at Buffalo State before enrolling in the UB law program.

Students in the combined pathway must apply to the UB School of Law during their junior year at Buffalo State. All UB School of Law admission requirements will apply. The Political Science combined pathway program coordinator will provide guidance to students throughout their four years of undergraduate study.

B.A. in Political Science (Public Legal Studies Concentration) 3+3 Combined Pathway

Code	Title	Credit Hours
General Education 23 Requirements (http://ecatalog.buffalostate.edu/undergraduate/collegewide-degree-requirements-baccalaureate-degrees/#IF_Courses)		
54 credit hours		54
Required (24 credit hours)		
PSC 101	INTRODUCTION TO GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS	3
PSC 102	INTRODUCTION TO AMERICAN GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS	3
PSC 203	POLITICAL ANALYSIS	3
PSC 204	POLITICAL STATISTICS	3
PSC 250	INTRODUCTION TO LAW	3
PSC 317	U.S. CONSTITUTIONAL LAW	3
or PSC 320	U.S. CIVIL LIBERTIES	
PSC 398	LEGAL RESEARCH AND WRITING	3
PSC 485	MOCK TRIAL	3
Political Science Distribution Requirements (12 credit hours)		

American Government and Politics

Choose two from the following (6 credit hours): 6

PSC 210 THE AMERICAN PRESIDENCY

PSC 312 LEGISLATIVE PROCESS

PSC 321 CIVIL PROCEDURE

PSC 420 CONTEMPORARY
CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUESPSC 421 DISCRIMINATION AND THE
U.S. CONSTITUTION**International Relations/Comparative
Government**

Choose one from the following (3 credit hours) 3

PSC 308 INTERNATIONAL
ORGANIZATIONS AND
INTERNATIONAL LAWPSC 309 INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL
ECONOMY

PSC 344 COMPARATIVE DEMOCRACY

Political Theory and Philosophy

Choose one from the following (3 credit hours) 3

PSC 351 HISTORY OF POLITICAL
THOUGHT IPSC 355 AMERICAN POLITICAL
THOUGHTPSC 450 CONTEMPORARY POLITICAL
THOUGHT**30 credit hours of law courses transferred from
UB Law School 30****Total Credit Hours 120**