

POLITICAL SCIENCE/JD DEGREE, BA

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science/Juris Doctor Degree

More on the Political Science major (<https://www.uakron.edu/law/curriculum/three-plus-three/>)

For undergraduates in select programs, you can earn your bachelor's and law degrees in six years instead of seven. To complete law school, you typically need four years to complete a bachelor's degree and three years to complete a law degree (juris doctor degree).

Akron Law's new 3 + 3 Program allows eligible undergraduate students participating in partner programs to apply to Akron Law in their junior year of college.

Students admitted under the program fulfill their senior year of undergraduate credits through the successful completion of their first-year law school courses (<https://www.uakron.edu/law/curriculum/jd.dot>), allowing them to graduate with both a bachelor's and law degree in just six years, saving a year of tuition and related costs, and they begin their legal careers a year ahead of time.

Requirements for Admission

Pursuant to Akron Law's 3 + 3 policy, an applicant must be in his or her junior year and participating in a partner program. Applicants must also meet his or her undergraduate institution's criteria for eligibility.

Typically, you must have a 3.4 grade point average and 150 LSAT score to qualify for admission. However, this might vary depending on your program. Each undergraduate institution determines which majors and programs are eligible for participation.

Application requirements

In addition to being an eligible junior in a partner program, applicants must take the Law School Admissions Test (LSAT), complete the law school application, and submit a certification of eligibility from the partner program. Applicants can request the certification form from the contact person at their institution as listed above. 3 + 3 candidates are considered alongside Akron Law's regular pool of applicants.

Applicants to the 3 + 3 program are encouraged to take the LSAT in October or December of their junior year in college and apply in January after their fall grades are available. However, later applications, including those from June LSAT-takers, will also be considered.

The following information has official approval of **The Department of Political Science, The School of Law and The Buchtel College of Arts & Sciences**, but is intended only as a supplemental guide. Official degree requirements are established at the time of transfer and admission to the degree-granting college. Students should refer to the Degree Progress Report (Stellic) which is definitive for graduation requirements. *Completion of this degree within the identified time frame below is contingent upon many factors, including but not limited to: class availability, total number of required credits, work schedule, finances, family, course drops/withdrawals, successfully passing courses, prerequisites, among others.* The transfer process is completed through an appointment with your academic advisor.

Requirements Summary

Code	Title	Hours
	General Education Requirements (https://bulletin.uakron.edu/undergraduate/general-education/)	36
	College of Arts & Sciences Requirements	14
	Political Science Core	27-33
	Additional Credits for Graduation *	13-7
Total Hours		90

* Bachelor's degrees require a minimum of 120 credit hours for graduation. Students admitted to University of Akron School of Law will receive BA in Political Science after completing 30 credits during the first year of law school.

Note: A GPA of 3.4 overall is needed to complete the degree along with a minimum Political Science GPA of a 2.2

General Education Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
	Students pursuing a bachelor's degree must complete the following General Education coursework	
	Breadth of Perspectives courses may also fulfill major or Breadth of Knowledge requirements. Integrated and Applied Learning courses may also fulfill requirements in the major.	
	Academic Foundations	12
	Mathematics, Statistics and Logic: 3 credit hours	
	Speaking: 3 credit hours	
	Writing: 6 credit hours	
	Breadth of Knowledge	19
	Arts: 3 credit hours	
	Humanities: 3 credit hours	
	Natural Sciences: 7 credit hours	
	Social Sciences: 6 credit hours	
	Breadth of Perspectives	
	U.S. Perspectives	
	Global Perspectives	
	Civic Literacy	
	Integrated and Applied Learning	1-3
	Select one class from one of the following subcategories:	
	Complex Issues Facing Society	
	Capstone	
	General Education Elective ¹	4-2
	Review the General Education Requirements page for detailed course listings.	
Total Hours		36

¹ Credits may be selected from any approved General Education course not already accounted for.

College of Arts & Sciences Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Degree requirements in Arts & Sciences include the demonstration of ability to use another language by completion of the second year of a foreign language.		
<i>2 Year Language Proficiency</i>		<i>14</i>
101	Beginning I	
102	Beginning II	
201	Intermediate I	
202	Intermediate II	
SLPA 222	Survey of Deaf Culture in America (American Sign Language option only)	
Students must also complete a minimum of 40 credits (excluding workshops) consisting of either:		
Upper-level (300/400) courses both in and outside of the student's major;		
or other courses outside the major department approved by the student's major department chair (permission should be obtained prior to enrollment); these may not include workshops		

Political Science Core

Code	Title	Hours
POLIT 101	American Government & Civic Literacy	3
POLIT 150	World Politics & Government	3
POLIT 301	Introduction to Political Research	3
POLIT 300	Comparative Politics	3
POLIT 303	Introduction to Political Thought	3
POLIT 395	Internship in Government & Politics	3-9
POLIT 360	The Judicial Process	3
or POLIT 335	Law & Society	
POLIT 461	The Supreme Court & Constitutional Law	3
POLIT 462	The Supreme Court & Civil Liberties	3
Total Hours		27-33

Recommended Sequence

1st Year		
Fall Semester		Hours
ENGL 111	English Composition I	3
MODL 101	Beginning Modern Language I	4
MATH 135	Mathematics for Everyday Life	3
COMM 105	Introduction to Public Speaking	3
POLIT 101	American Government & Civic Literacy	3
Hours		16
Spring Semester		
POLIT 150	World Politics & Government	3
POLIT 301	Introduction to Political Research	3
MODL 102	Beginning Modern Language II	4
ENGL 112	English Composition II	3
	Arts Requirement	3
Hours		16

2nd Year

Fall Semester		
MODL 201	Intermediate Modern Language I	3
POLIT 300	Comparative Politics	3
POLIT 303	Introduction to Political Thought	3
	Natural Science Requirement with lab	4
	Humanities Requirement	3
Hours		16

Spring Semester

POLIT 360	The Judicial Process	3
or POLIT 335	or Law & Society	
MODL 202	Intermediate Modern Language II	3
	Natural Science Requirement	3
	Arts/Humanities Requirement	3
	Free Elective	3
Hours		15

3rd Year

Fall Semester		
POLIT 461	The Supreme Court & Constitutional Law	3
	US Perspectives Requirement	3
	Upper Level Elective	3
	Free Elective	6
Hours		15

Spring Semester

POLIT 462	The Supreme Court & Civil Liberties	3
POLIT 395	Internship in Government & Politics	3-9
	Complex Issues Requirement	3
	Free Elective	6
Hours		15-21

4th Year

Fall Semester		
	First Year Law courses	15
Hours		15
Spring Semester		
	First Year Law courses	15
Hours		15
Total Hours		123-129