



BACHELOR OF ARTS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

Law and Policy Studies (LPS) Track

The Bachelor of Arts in Political Science – Law and Policy Studies Program intends to lead the policy discourse at the local, national and international spheres attuned to essential theoretical and methodological frames. In particular, learners will analyze current socio-economic and politico-administrative structures towards the review and formulation of sustainable policy responses.

Corollary to this is the development of the students’ discerning capacity towards pursuing what is right and ethical. These will be achieved by engaging the learners in critical inquiries using the tools of debate, argumentation and case analysis, among others. The program will develop lifelong learners with highly transferable skills especially in pursuing further studies in law and public policy.

This Track in Law and Policy Studies builds competencies for these jobs:

Local Government Service

- Planning and social service officers
• Policy researchers
• LGU administrators
• Local legislative staff and assistants

National Government Service

- Program implementation officers
• Monitoring and Evaluation Officers
• Policy researchers

Academe

- Academics/Professors
• Political analysts
• Policy researchers
• Parliamentarians
• Governance experts/consultants
• Legal professionals

Civil Society

- Legal aides
• Media practitioners
• Lobbyists

CORE COURSES

- Introduction to Political Science
• Fundamentals of Political Theory
• Political Behavior
• Philippine Politics and Governance
• Readings in Philippine Public Administration
• Politics and Governance in South East Asia
• Comparative Politics
• Quantitative Methods
• Qualitative Methods
• International Relations and Politics
• Public Policy
• Conflict Dynamics and Management

PROFESSIONAL COURSES

- Restorative Justice and Conflict Transformation
• Introduction to Law
• Legal Philosophy and Ethical Practice
• Powers and Structures of Government
• Philippine Constitutional Rights
• Civil Relations
• Criminal Justice
• Public International Law
• General Taxation
• Labor and Social Legislation
• Political Analysis
• Sustainable Development
• Research Proposal
• Data Gathering and Analysis
• Research Writing and Publication
• Practicum
• Policy Advocacy

ELECTIVE COURSES

- Cebuano Politics
• Current Events
• Democracy and Development
• Gender and Development
• Parliamentary Rules and Procedure
• Restorative Justice and Conflict Transformation
• Diplomatic Protocol and Foreign Service for LPS
• International Organizations and Institutions for LPS
• International Political Economy for LPS
• Peace and Security Studies for LPS
• Philippine Foreign Service and Analysis for LPS
• Development: Concepts and Perspectives for LPS
• Development: Methods and Tools for LPS
• Ethics in Governance for LPS
• Poverty: Concepts and Interventions for LPS
• Project Development, Monitoring, and Evaluation for LPS
• Public Fiscal Management for LPS
• Regional and Local Governance in the Philippines for LPS
• The Philippine Bureaucracy and Civil Service for LPS

