



# POLITICAL SCIENCE

Examine how power shapes societies, governments, and global change. The Political Science major equips students with the tools to analyze political systems, policies, and behavior, developing the critical insight needed to lead, influence, and make a difference in an interconnected world.



**LUGANO, SWITZERLAND**



**FRANKLIN  
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U.S. UNIVERSITY & SWISS UNIVERSITY INSTITUTE

# BACHELOR'S STRUCTURE

## THE BACHELOR OF ARTS AND BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREES REQUIRE A MINIMUM OF 120 CREDIT HOURS

The Political Science (POL) major at Franklin examines how power, governance, and public policy shape societies. You will explore political theory, comparative politics, international relations, and political economy through an interdisciplinary lens.

The program develops strong analytical and research skills, preparing students for careers in law, journalism, consulting, development, and education.

### CORE REQUIREMENTS

**66**  
CREDITS

Academic Travel  
(12 credits)  
Academic Writing  
(12 credits)  
First Year Seminar  
(3 credits)  
Global Responsibility  
(18 credits)  
Modern Language  
(15 credits)  
Quantitative Literacy  
(6 credits)

### MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

**48**  
CREDITS

Foundation Courses  
(12 credits)  
Required Courses  
(12 credits)  
Major Electives  
(12 credits)  
Interdisciplinary Electives  
(6 credits)  
Capstone Requirement  
(6 credits)

### ELECTIVES

**6**  
CREDITS

In order to meet the minimum requirements of 120 credits, you will need to add elective courses

## GET TO KNOW OUR FACULTY



### BERND BUCHER

Associate Professor and  
Program Director, Political  
Science



### GORAN PATRICK FILIC

Adjunct Professor,  
Political Science



### OLIVER STRIJBIS

Associate Professor,  
Political Science



### ARMANDO ZANECCHIA

Professor Emeritus, Political  
Science and International  
Management



### GAIA CLARA BARCILON BRENNA

Adjunct Professor,  
Legal Studies



### MORRIS MOTTALE

Professor Emeritus,  
International Relations  
and Political Science



### ELISA VOLPI

Assistant Professor,  
Comparative Politics

**LEARN MORE**

**AND DISCOVER  
THE COURSE LIST**



# ACADEMIC TRAVEL

## EXPERIENCE THE PLACES YOU STUDY

Academic Travel courses allow students to learn beyond the classroom by exploring real-world environments alongside knowledgeable and passionate professors, turning travel destinations into immersive, living classrooms.

### EXPLORE SOME MAJOR-RELATED ACADEMIC TRAVELS

#### **POL 231T THE POLITICS OF ORGANIZED CRIME**

Go beyond the myths to uncover the true workings of Italian criminal organizations. Explore their influence across politics, society, and global organized crime.

#### **POL 228T NATIONS AND NATIONALISM: THE CASE OF BASQUE SECESSIONISM**

Explore the roots and evolution of Basque nationalism and its impact on identity, politics, and secessionist movements. Travel through Bilbao and San Sebastian to study how the Basque nation is lived, celebrated, and contested today.



**LEARN MORE**

ABOUT ACADEMIC TRAVEL AND EXPLORE OUR COURSES

## TUITION AND FEES

The cost of attendance at Franklin University for a first-year undergraduate student or transfer student has two main factors.

**DIRECT COSTS\***: Tuition, housing, meals and health insurance.

**INDIRECT COSTS**: Books, materials, travel, and personal expenses.

\*Some special conditions apply to students from partner institutions.

Please contact [admissions@fus.edu](mailto:admissions@fus.edu) for details.

### SWISS/EU/EEA TOTAL AVERAGE COST OF ATTENDANCE

The Tuition and Fees shown below are in Swiss Francs (CHF) for

**Swiss citizens or nationals of an EU/EEA member state.**

TOTAL AVERAGE COST OF ATTENDANCE	AVERAGE DIRECT COSTS*	AVERAGE INDIRECT COSTS**	TOTAL
First Semester	CHF 22,650	+ CHF 2,150	= CHF 24,800
Second Semester	CHF 22,150	+ CHF 2,150	= CHF 24,300

### US/CANADA TOTAL AVERAGE COST OF ATTENDANCE

The Tuition and Fees shown below are in US dollars (USD) for

**US citizens or permanent residents and to Canadian citizens**

TOTAL AVERAGE COST OF ATTENDANCE	AVERAGE DIRECT COSTS*	AVERAGE INDIRECT COSTS**	TOTAL
First Semester	\$35,105	+ \$2,700	= \$37,805
Second Semester	\$34,555	+ \$2,700	= \$37,255

### INTERNATIONAL TOTAL AVERAGE COST OF ATTENDANCE

The Tuition and Fees shown below are in Swiss Francs (CHF) for students who are **not citizens of Switzerland, the US, or an EU country.**

TOTAL AVERAGE COST OF ATTENDANCE	AVERAGE DIRECT COSTS*	AVERAGE INDIRECT COSTS**	TOTAL
First Semester	CHF 36,435	+ CHF 2,650	= CHF 39,085
Second Semester	CHF 35,935	+ CHF 2,650	= CHF 38,585

## FOR FURTHER DETAILS

Visit [www.fus.edu/admissions-and-aid/tuition](http://www.fus.edu/admissions-and-aid/tuition)



## WHY CHOOSE FRANKLIN?



**Dual Accreditation**  
US (MSCHE)  
& Swiss (AAQ)



**Residential Campus**  
8 Residence Halls



**350+** Students  
**55+** Countries  
**8K+** Alumni Community



**Academic Travel**  
Once a Semester for  
Experiential Learning



**19** Majors  
**1** Master  
(Master of Arts in Sustainability  
and Transformation)



**WURI Ranking 2025**  
24<sup>th</sup> for Innovation  
19<sup>th</sup> for Ethics and Integrity  
17<sup>th</sup> for ESG Trend



**10:1**  
Student to  
Faculty Ratio



**75%** of Franklin graduates  
obtain full-time employment  
within 6 months after graduation.

## 3-YEAR OPTION

This major is also offered as a 3-year accelerated bachelor's degree, designed for students with specific high school academic credentials who are admitted to Franklin with advanced standing credit, equivalent to 30 US credits. This option grants students a jump start on their introductory level University courses.

## HOW TO APPLY

- 1 Online Application**  
Apply online through our [website](#) or [Common App](#).
- 2 Academic Transcripts**  
Submit your official high school transcripts.
- 3 Personal Statement**  
Share what motivates you, the experiences that have shaped you, and the goals you hope to achieve.
- 4 Recommendation Letter**  
Provide one letter from individuals who can speak to your academic strengths and/or extracurricular involvement.
- 5 English Proficiency (if required)**  
If your studies were not in English, submit a TOEFL, IELTS, or equivalent scores.
- 6 Interview**  
A conversation for us to learn more about your ambitions, interest, and what drives you—so we can help design a path for your success at Franklin.
- 7 WELCOME TO FRANKLIN**

## HAVE QUESTIONS?

Write to our counselors at [admissions@fus.edu](mailto:admissions@fus.edu) or visit [www.fus.edu](http://www.fus.edu)