



## *After Graduation*

Many of our students are accepted into very competitive graduate schools in the United States, Europe and elsewhere, some of them being awarded prestigious grants such as the Erasmus Mundus Scholarship.

Our bachelor degrees lead to exciting careers in the public and nonprofit sectors: international organizations, government agencies, social and political research organizations, think tanks, and the media. Numerous PSPA graduates also join the private sector in fields as diverse as: consulting, human resources, policy analysis, marketing, strategy or program management.

*To learn more about the PSPA Department and programs, follow us on:*

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## **POLITICAL STUDIES & PUBLIC ADMIN- ISTRATION**

### *Undergraduate Program*

#### *Social Sciences*

The PSPA department engages students in the critical analysis of the political world. It offers students an interdisciplinary training that will equip them well for graduate school and for a wide range of international and national positions, in the public and private sector.

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## Sample Courses

### PSPA 225

#### *Public International Law I*

A course introducing the basics of public international law, including its origins, purpose, sources, subjects, and response to international wrongful acts.

### PSPA 233

#### *International and Regional Organizations*

This course explores the theories, institutional structures, political processes, role and impact of international and regional organizations.

### PSPA 250

#### *Politics of Emerging Countries*

A course examining the role of emerging economies in world politics and their policy-making structures. The BRIC states (Brazil, Russia, India and China) and others will be studied.

*The Department of Political Studies and Public Administration (PSPA) provides students with the knowledge and competencies they need to become responsible leaders, managers, scholars, policy analysts, and citizens.*



### Curriculum

The PSPA department is an inter-disciplinary unit offering Bachelor of Arts degrees in Political Studies and Public Administration. It also offers diverse minors to students: Political Studies, Public Administration, Public Policy, Social and Political Thought, Human Rights and Transitional Justice, and soon International Law.

#### *Some key objectives:*

- Provide students with an understanding of political ideas, institutions and processes that inform, shape, and regulate domestic and international politics.
- Train students in research design and conduct
- Equip students with outstanding communications skills, both orally and in writing.
- Teach students to become innovative leaders by developing their managerial, decision-making, problem-solving and analytic skills and thereby preparing them for professional success.

### Study Abroad

During their bachelor years, student will have a unique opportunity to apply for the study abroad program and spend one semester in some of the most prominent universities in North America and Europe.



### Outside the Classroom

The PSPA department offers a learning experience that goes beyond the classroom. In the department's Brown Bag series and lectures, policy makers and scholars discuss contemporary political issues with students. Events such as "How to get to graduate school" and "How to get a job" give students instructive career advice. Social activities and the department's frequent use of social media bring students and faculty together. The department is known for its cordial atmosphere and the close relationships between students and their professors.

### Student Activities

The PSPA Society is a student run organization that contributes to the liveliness of the Department, organizes events, helps students form important connections, and explore education and career prospects.

PSPA students founded in 2011 the Beirut Journal for Policy and Society (BJPS), a student-run journal that publishes student research related to the fields of sociology, political science, economics, public administration and public policy.

### PSPA 272

#### *The Non-Profit Sector: Formation, Leadership and Governance*

This course focuses on the diversity and scope of the nonprofit sector and economic, social, and legal foundations of the nonprofit sector.

### PSPA 273

#### *Human Resources and Personnel Administration*

This course focuses on key aspects of human resources, planning, and their implications on public policy.

### PSPA 275

#### *Organization and Management*

In this course students will develop attitudes and acquire skills that should enable them to administer organizations effectively and efficiently.