

Political Science

Undergraduate Degree Programs

General B.A., 3- or 4-Year, Political Science

Honours B.A., Political Science, Regular and Co-op

Honours B.A., Political Science, Arts and Business, Regular and Co-op

Honours B.A., Political Science, Administrative Studies Option, Regular and Co-op

Honours B.A., Political Science, Administrative Studies Option, Arts and Business, Regular and Co-op

Joint Honours Political Science and History, Specialization in International Relations and Global Governance

Joint Honours with Political Science

Political Science Minor

Political science is the study of power. It is both empirical (studying and understanding relationships of power) and normative (involving debates about how, when and to what ends the exercise of power is legitimate). Political science examines how power relationships are structured and how power is exercised within individual countries, between countries, and at the global level.

Our Department of Political Science offers courses in three broad areas:

Global Politics and Governance

This sub-field examines relationships among states, international organizations, and non-state actors in the international system. It considers, among other things, the development of the state system over time, the intersection of the global economic system with both domestic and international systems of governance, as well as the challenges posed by cross-national and global problems and the means by which they may be addressed.

Citizens and Governments

This sub-field examines politics within specific countries as well as from a comparative perspective. Individual country courses focus on Canada, the United States and China. Courses focusing on broader regions include those examining the Middle East, Asia, and the Soviet successor states. Courses are also offered in specific areas of interest including political competition (voting, political parties and elections), conflict resolution (such as ethnic conflict and its resolution), development studies, and public policy (including Canadian and comparative public policy).

Political Theory

This sub-field undertakes inquiry into the nature of political ideals such as “justice,” “freedom,” and “equality” as well as their relationship to human nature and the primary means and problems of their attainment. Study of these enduring themes is combined with consideration of contemporary political issues.

Courses in the Major

Introduction to Politics

Introduction to Politics in the Contemporary World

Quantitative Analysis

Classics in Political Thought

Government and Business in Canada

Business and Politics of Japan

Government and Politics of Asia

The Comparative Politics of State and Nation

Global South: Introduction to International Development

Post-Communist Politics

The Politics of Advanced Industrial Nations

Introduction to Middle East Politics

Canadian Government and Politics

American Government and Politics

World Politics

Foreign Policy

International Political Economy

The Canadian Legal Process

Issues in Canadian Criminal Law

Research Design in Political Science

Marxist Theory

Marxism after Marx

Contemporary Political Philosophy

Public Administration

Administrative Law

Public Policy

Political Economy of Development

The Politics of Developing Areas

Power Sharing in Divided Societies

Politics among the Soviet Successor States

Government and Politics of Asia

Topics in Canadian Government and Politics

Canadian Constitutional Law

Topics in American Government and Politics

Russian Politics Through Literature

Women and Politics

Political Parties, Voting and Elections

Government and Politics of Indigenous Peoples

Politics of Canadian Foreign Policy

Globalization

Global Governance

Justice and Gender

Democratic Theory and Practice

The State and Economic Life

Canadian Public Policy

Global Environmental Governance

Topics in Canadian Public Administration

Comparative Public Administration

Global Social Policy

Democracy and Development

Advanced Topics in Third World Politics & Development

Cultural Explanations of Politics

Joint Honours Political Science and History, Specialization in International Relations and Global Governance

This unique program provides students with a challenging opportunity to undertake an intensive program of study in international relations and global governance while also developing strong interdisciplinary skills. Not only does the program allow students to combine history and political science, they are also encouraged to undertake a balanced mix of courses in the sub-fields of 'global politics and governance' and 'citizens and governments' (as described above).

Co-operative Programs in Arts

Honours Political Science students may pursue co-operative education in one of two ways:

- 1. Arts and Business Co-op** is a direct entry program through which student's complete their honours major and core Arts and Business courses in areas such as accounting, computing, economics, languages, Canadian history, political science, and critical thinking. Five paid work terms alternate with academic terms on a four-month rotation. All students spend eight months on campus during their first year.

There are four optional specializations available for Arts and Business Co-op students:

- Digital Arts Communication
- Global Engagement
- Human Resources Management
- International Trade

- 2. Departmental Co-op** is only available to **Honours Arts** students. Selection of candidates occurs in the fall of second year with four paid work terms alternating with academic terms on a four-month rotation. The first work term occurs during the spring term of the second year.

For more information about Political Science, please visit:

www.politicalscience.uwaterloo.ca

For admission information, questions about your application, or to arrange a campus visit please call:

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Courses (cont'd)

Organized Crime and Politics
Canadian National Politics
Women and Public Policy
Voting Behaviour
Interstate War
Power Politics and World Order Studies
Selected Topics in International Political Economy
Special Topics in International Diplomacy

Careers

Sample listing of positions held by graduates who majored in Political Science.

Administrative Assistant, *Speaker of the Ontario Legislative Assembly*
Analyst, *Department of National Defence*
Assistant Deputy Minister, *Department of External Affairs*
Assistant Deputy Minister, *Department of Health (Ontario)*
Assistant Deputy Minister, *Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs*
Assistant Crown Attorney, *Government of Ontario*
Assistant Archivist, *Simcoe County Archives*
Claims Specialist, *Canada Life Assurance Company*
Clerk/Treasurer, *Village of Drayton*
Co-ordinator of Special Events, *Easter Seal Society*
Consul Public Affairs, *Department of Justice*
Director, Information Systems, *City of Mississauga*
Director of Communications, *Canadian Bar Association - Ontario*
Executive Director, *Ontario Folk Arts Multicultural Council*
External Affairs Officer, *Canadian Consulate - San Francisco*
Faculty Member, *University of Alberta*
Foreign Service Officer, *Human Resource Development Canada*
Investment Manager, *C.I.B.C.*
Legal Counsel, *Bell Northern Research*
Marketing Representative, *I.B.M. Canada*
Mayor, *City of Brantford*
Member of Parliament, *House of Commons*
Urban Planner, *City of Ottawa*
Policy Researcher, *Peel District Health Council*
Political Development Analyst, *Indian & Northern Affairs Canada*
Political Affairs Co-ordinator, *Ontario Real Estate Association*
Professor, *Dept. of Economics, University of Macedonia*
Professor, *Faculty of Business, Ryerson University*
Programmer Analyst, *Budd Canada Ltd.*
Project Manager, *Gallup Canada*
Public Affairs Officer, *Consulate General of Canada*
Research Associate, *York University*
Sales Representative, *Hewlett Packard Ltd.*
Senior Policy Advisor, *Ministry of Environment & Energy*
Senior Issue Analyst, *Cabinet Office, Queen's Park*
Senior Program Officer, *Revenue Canada, Customs & Excise*
Senior Negotiator, *Ontario Native Affairs Secretariat*
Teacher, *Waterloo Roman Catholic School Board*
Welfare Case Worker, *Waterloo Region Social Services*