

HONOURS BSOCSC INTERNATIONAL STUDIES AND MODERN LANGUAGES

This multi-disciplinary program introduces students to the study of international issues, trans-border phenomena and intercultural relations of all kinds. It leads to an in-depth understanding of the complex connections and interactions among local, national, regional and global processes. It exposes students to a wide range of disciplinary viewpoints – including economics, geography, history and world religions – while simultaneously providing a solid and rigorous foundation in political science.

As a complement to its focus on international studies, the program offers advanced foreign-language training. Students acquire proficiency in Canada's two official languages and in at least one additional modern language, thus preparing them for the demands of an internationally-oriented career. The program also develops fundamental skills in critical-thinking, analysis and synthesis, and teaches students a variety of research methods. Students benefit from extensive international opportunities, including study abroad, international field-research courses, a Model UN course, and international internships.

In addition to their second official language, students can choose to study one of the following modern languages: Arabic, Chinese, German, Italian, Japanese, Portuguese, Russian or Spanish.

This program is offered in English and in French.

Learn more about this program (<https://www.uottawa.ca/faculty-social-sciences/political-studies/undergraduate/international-studies-modern-languages-program/>)

Program Requirements

Co-operative education is available with this program.

The French immersion stream is available with this program.

Requirements for this program have been modified. Please consult the 2025-2026 calendars (<http://catalogue.uottawa.ca/en/archives/>) for the previous requirements.

Basic skills

ENG 1100	Workshop in Essay Writing	3 Units
ENG 1120	Selected Topics in Literature and Composition	3 Units

Total: 6 Units

Compulsory courses at the 1000 level

ECO 1102	Introduction to Macroeconomics	3 Units
HIS 1110	Introduction to Global History	3 Units
HIS 1111	The Twentieth-Century World from 1945	3 Units

Compulsory courses at the 2000 level

POL 2103	Introduction to International Relations and Global Politics	3 Units
POL 2104	Introduction to Comparative Politics	3 Units
POL 2107	Introduction to Political Thought	3 Units
POL 2108	Modern Political Thought I	3 Units

POL 2156	Foundations of Research in Political Science	3 Units
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Compulsory course at the 3000 level

POL 3102	Modern Political Thought II	3 Units
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Compulsory course at the 4000 level

POL 4930	Honours Seminar in International Relations and Global Politics	3 Units
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Optional courses

3 course units from:	3 Units
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POL 1101 Introduction to Political Science

POL 1102 Politics and Globalization

3 course units from:	3 Units
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DVM 2105 Introduction to International Development: Historical Perspectives

DVM 2106 Introduction to International Development Practices: Challenges and Innovations

GEG 2108 Contested Places

3 course units from:	3 Units
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POL 3110 Non-Western Political Thought

POL 3182 Indigenous Political Theory

9 optional course units in political science (POL) at the 4000 level from the list of optional courses	9 Units
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6 optional course units in political science (POL) from the list of optional courses	6 Units
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3 optional course units from the list of optional courses	3 Units
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Second Language courses

24 course units in French second language (FLS) from: ¹	24 Units
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FLS 2500 Apprendre à apprendre

FLS 2511 Communication orale et écrite en français – Intermédiaire I

FLS 2512 Communication orale et écrite en français – Intermédiaire II

FLS 2513 Grammaire française – Intermédiaire

FLS 2521 Lire pour écrire en français

FLS 2522 Écouter pour parler en français

FLS 2581 Immersion 1 : Compréhension orale et écrite

FLS 2731 Compréhension de l'oral en français - Avancé

FLS 2741 Mieux lire en français

FLS 2751 Discutons en français

FLS 2761 Mieux écrire en français

FLS 2771 Grammaire française - Avancé

FLS 2772 Mieux prononcer pour mieux communiquer en français

FLS 2791 Enrichissement du français par l'engagement communautaire

FLS 3581 Immersion 2 : Production orale et écrite

FLS 3751 Communication orale en contexte universitaire

FLS 3761 Communication écrite en contexte universitaire

FLS 3771 Grammaire des textes universitaires

FLS 3773 Le mot juste en français

FLS 3791 Le français sur la toile et dans les médias sociaux

FLS 4581	Immersion autonome : Communication et argumentation à l'oral en contexte universitaire	
FLS 4775	Cultures francophones au Canada	
FLS 4776	Le français et le monde du travail	
FLS 4781	Immersion autonome : Perfectionnement de l'écrit en contexte universitaire	
FLS 4791	Interagir en français avec le monde qui nous entoure : actualité, loisirs et culture	
Third language courses		
21 course units in modern languages ²		21 Units
Elective courses		
12 elective course units		12 Units
Total:		114 Units

¹ In order to obtain a degree in International Studies and Modern Languages, students must successfully complete 24 course units in their second language (FLS). A student may be exempted from this requirement if he or she successfully completes the Second Language Certification test (FLS 3500) with a minimum of two scores of at least 3 and no score below 2.

² In order to obtain a degree in International Studies and Modern Languages, students must have reached advanced level II in one of the following languages and completed 3 course units in literature, culture or cinema in the 3rd language chosen : Arabic, Chinese, German, Italian, Japanese, Portuguese, Russian or Spanish.

List of Optional Courses

AHL 2300	Introduction to Community Engagement	3 Units
DVM 3117	Public International Law	3 Units
DVM 4117	Protection of Civilians in International Law	3 Units
ECH 3310	Current Problems in International Human Rights	3 Units
ECH 4320	Conflict Resolution and Peace Building	3 Units
FEM 2109	Gender and Globalization in a Transnational World	3 Units
FSS 4010	Stage international / International Internship	6 Units
LCM 1101	How to Learn Foreign Languages	3 Units
LCM 1102	Tools for Cultural Analysis	3 Units
LCM 3101	World Cultures in Contact	3 Units
LCM 3102	World Languages in Contact	3 Units
LCM 3103	World and Transcultural Literatures	3 Units
LCM 3104	World Languages and Cultures in Canada	3 Units
LCM 3105	Identities, Ideas, and Ideologies Across World Cultures	3 Units
LCM 3107	Spaces, Places, and Travel across World Cultures	3 Units
POL 3103	Introduction to Political Economy	3 Units
POL 3109	Nationalism	3 Units
POL 3110	Non-Western Political Thought	3 Units
POL 3113	Migration, Mobility, Borders and Citizenship	3 Units
POL 3114	Comparative Politics: Asia	3 Units
POL 3115	Comparative Politics of Development	3 Units
POL 3116	Politics and Culture	3 Units

POL 3123	Gender Studies and Feminist Theories in International Relations	3 Units
POL 3124	The Politics of Security	3 Units
POL 3144	Comparative Politics: Africa	3 Units
POL 3145	Comparative Politics: Latin America	3 Units
POL 3162	Political Violence	3 Units
POL 3164	Comparative Politics: Middle East and Arab World	3 Units
POL 3175	Ecopolitics	3 Units
POL 3177	Politics, Social Movements and Globalization	3 Units
POL 3178	Canadian Foreign Policy and North American Relations	3 Units
POL 3179	International Organizations and Global Governance	3 Units
POL 3180	Comparative Politics: Europe	3 Units
POL 3181	International and Comparative Politics of Indigenous Peoples	3 Units
POL 3182	Indigenous Political Theory	3 Units
POL 3370	Qualitative Analysis in Political Science	3 Units
POL 3371	Quantitative Analysis in Political Science	3 Units
POL 4126	Contemporary Geopolitics	3 Units
POL 4127	United States Foreign Policy	3 Units
POL 4138	Empire and Imperialism	3 Units
POL 4141	Comparative Politics: United States	3 Units
POL 4142	Politics and Ethics	3 Units
POL 4145	Comparative Politics: Identity Issues	3 Units
POL 4163	Sexual and Gender Diversity Politics	3 Units
POL 4170	Politics of Foreign Aid	3 Units
POL 4173	Agri-Food Politics	3 Units
POL 4176	International Political Economy	3 Units
POL 4178	Political Economy of Development	3 Units
POL 4184	Democratization and Authoritarianism	3 Units
POL 4188	International Relations as Political Theory	3 Units
POL 4189	Politics of Human Rights	3 Units
POL 4190	Global Environmental Politics	3 Units
POL 4191	Selected Topics in Critical Security and War Studies	3 Units
POL 4192	Selected Topics in International Political Economy and or Global Governance	3 Units
POL 4378	Comparative Politics: China	3 Units
SRS 2195	Religion and Politics in Global Society	3 Units
SRS 3191	Religion and Globalization	3 Units
SRS 3194	Anthropological Theories in Inter-Cultural and Inter-Religious Issues	3 Units

List of courses in literature, culture and cinema

ALG 1100	Road Map to the Culture of the German-Speaking Countries	3 Units
ALG 2100	Special Topics in German Culture	3 Units
ALG 2101	Contemporary German Culture	3 Units
ALG 2300	Masterpieces of German Literature in Translation	3 Units
ALG 3330	Cinema in the German Speaking Countries	3 Units
ALG 3900	Special Topics in German Literature	3 Units
ALG 3980	German Literature and Culture	3 Units

ALG 4903	Special Topics in German Culture II	3 Units	JPN 2101	Introduction to Japanese Culture	3 Units
ARB 2101	Arabic Culture I	3 Units	POR 2101	The Culture of Portuguese-Speaking Countries I	3 Units
ARB 2102	Arabic Culture II	3 Units	POR 2102	The Culture of Portuguese-Speaking Countries II	3 Units
ARB 2103	Pop Culture in the Arab World	3 Units	POR 3101	Literature and Cinema of the Portuguese Speaking Countries	3 Units
ARB 3101	Arabic Cinema and Visual Media	3 Units	RUS 2101	Introduction to Russian Culture	3 Units
ARB 3102	Special Topics in Arab Canadian Studies	3 Units	RUS 2102	The Age of Dostoevsky and Tolstoy	3 Units
ARB 3901	Introduction to Arabic Literature	3 Units	RUS 2103	Contemporary Russian Culture	3 Units
ARB 3902	Special Topics in Arabic Literature	3 Units	RUS 2104	Russian Cinema	3 Units
ARB 4903	Special Topics in Arabic Culture	3 Units	RUS 2116	History of Russia Until 1917	3 Units
CHN 2101	Introduction to Chinese Culture	3 Units	RUS 2117	History of the USSR	3 Units
ESP 1101	Introduction to Spanish Culture	3 Units	RUS 3101	Special Topic in Russian Culture	3 Units
ESP 1102	Introduction to Spanish American Culture	3 Units			
ESP 2100	Special Topics in Spanish and Latin American Culture	3 Units			
ESP 2101	Spanish and Latin American Cinema	3 Units			
ESP 2102	Great Hispanic Authors	3 Units			
ESP 2301	Hispanic Literature in translation	3 Units			
ESP 2302	Spanish in the World	3 Units			
ESP 2303	Spanish Across Time and Cultures	3 Units			
ESP 2304	Women in Hispanic Culture and Literature	3 Units			
ESP 2911	Contemporary Spanish Culture	3 Units			
ESP 2912	Spanish American Culture	3 Units			
ESP 3901	Hispanic Cinema and Literature	3 Units			
ESP 3913	Special Topics in Hispanic Culture	3 Units			
ESP 3917	Masterpieces of Spanish American Literature	3 Units			
ESP 3934	Spain in its literature, (20th-21st centuries)	3 Units			
ESP 3935	Latin America in its literature, 20th-21st centuries	3 Units			
ESP 3948	History and Politics in Hispanic Literature	3 Units			
ESP 3949	Marginalized Voices in the Hispanic World	3 Units			
ESP 3950	Intercultural Contacts and Hybrid Identities in Spanish America	3 Units			
ESP 3951	Gender and Identity in Hispanic Literature	3 Units			
ESP 4901	Advanced Study of Latin American Literature	3 Units			
ESP 4902	Advanced Study of Spanish Literature	3 Units			
ESP 4907	Romancing the Nation: Spanish America's Foundational Fictions	3 Units			
ESP 4917	The Intellectuals, Nations and Culture in Spanish America	3 Units			
ESP 4918	Great Hispanic Authors	3 Units			
ESP 4919	The Novel	3 Units			
ESP 4928	Contemporary Hispanic Fiction	3 Units			
ITA 1113	Italian Cinema	3 Units			
ITA 1114	Italian Heritage in North America	3 Units			
ITA 2113	Italian Culture	3 Units			
ITA 2114	Italian Literature	3 Units			
ITA 2910	Immersion in Italian Language and Culture in Italy	3 Units			
ITA 3106	The Italian Renaissance	3 Units			
ITA 3901	Special Topics in Italian Literature	3 Units			
ITA 3902	Italian Culture: Special Topics	3 Units			
ITA 4903	Italian Culture: Interdisciplinary Perspectives	3 Units			
ITA 4905	Italian Literature: Special Topics	3 Units			