

HONOURS BSOCSC POLITICAL SCIENCE

Politics is omnipresent in our lives. Political science seeks to describe, analyze, understand and assess the principles and power relations that govern social life. It revolves as much around the structures and institutions that define these relations and principles as around the ideas and practices that drive them. It studies everything that influences political life and institutions (ideologies, groups, social movements, etc.) on a local, regional, national and international scale.

Our programs offer in-depth training in political science and encourage critical reflection on pivotal issues like citizenship, identity, political participation, globalization and development, governance and the state, and ethics and democracy. A discipline open to many theoretical and methodological approaches, political science constantly exchanges and shares with other fields. At the University of Ottawa's School of Political Studies, you build your knowledge in four subfields of political science: political thought, Canadian and Quebec politics, comparative politics, and international relations and global politics.

This program is offered in English and in French.

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

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

POL 1101	Introduction to Political Science	3 Units
POL 2101	Introduction to Canadian Politics	3 Units
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
POL 3102	Modern Political Thought II	3 Units

Optional Courses

3 course units from:	3 Units
POL 3370	Qualitative Analysis in Political Science
POL 3371	Quantitative Analysis in Political Science
3 course units from the Canadian Politics group:	3 Units
POL 3125	Urban Politics in Canada

POL 3126	Gender and Politics
POL 3128	Quebec Politics
POL 3135	Politics and Francophonie in Ontario
POL 3159	Indigenous Politics in Canada
POL 3170	Comparative Provincial Politics
POL 3171	Immigration, Multiculturalism and Citizenship in Canada and Quebec
POL 3172	Political Participation and Mobilization in Canada
POL 3174	Federalism
POL 3178	Canadian Foreign Policy and North American Relations
POL 3182	Indigenous Political Theory
POL 4134	Law, Politics, and the Constitution in Canada
POL 4135	Francophonie, Diversity, Citizenship
POL 4150	Electoral Systems and Political Parties
POL 4154	Parliamentary Government in Canada
POL 4162	Health Politics and Policy in Canada
POL 4163	Sexual and Gender Diversity Politics
POL 4165	Social and Political Thought in Quebec
POL 4166	Social and Political Thought in Canada
POL 4194	Indigenous Governance in Canada
POL 4301	The Politics of Populism
POL 4303	Politics and the Far Right
POL 4375	Social Citizenship and the Welfare State: Canada in a Comparative Perspective
3 course units from the Comparative Politics group:	3 Units
POL 3109	Nationalism
POL 3114	Comparative Politics: Asia
POL 3115	Comparative Politics of Development
POL 3126	Gender and Politics
POL 3144	Comparative Politics: Africa
POL 3145	Comparative Politics: Latin America
POL 3162	Political Violence
POL 3164	Comparative Politics: Middle East and Arab World
POL 3177	Politics, Social Movements and Globalization
POL 3180	Comparative Politics: Europe
POL 3181	International and Comparative Politics of Indigenous Peoples
POL 4127	United States Foreign Policy
POL 4141	Comparative Politics: United States
POL 4145	Comparative Politics: Identity Issues
POL 4163	Sexual and Gender Diversity Politics
POL 4178	Political Economy of Development
POL 4184	Democratization and Authoritarianism
POL 4189	Politics of Human Rights
POL 4301	The Politics of Populism
POL 4303	Politics and the Far Right
POL 4375	Social Citizenship and the Welfare State: Canada in a Comparative Perspective
POL 4378	Comparative Politics: China
3 course units from the International Relations group:	3 Units

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POL 3113	Migration, Mobility, Borders and Citizenship	
POL 3123	Gender Studies and Feminist Theories in International Relations	
POL 3124	The Politics of Security	
POL 3175	Ecopolitics	
POL 3177	Politics, Social Movements and Globalization	
POL 3178	Canadian Foreign Policy and North American Relations	
POL 3179	International Organizations and Global Governance	
POL 3181	International and Comparative Politics of Indigenous Peoples	
POL 4126	Contemporary Geopolitics	
POL 4127	United States Foreign Policy	
POL 4138	Empire and Imperialism	
POL 4170	Politics of Foreign Aid	
POL 4173	Agri-Food Politics	
POL 4176	International Political Economy	
POL 4178	Political Economy of Development	
POL 4188	International Relations as Political Theory	
POL 4190	Global Environmental Politics	
POL 4191	Selected Topics in Critical Security and War Studies	
POL 4192	Selected Topics in International Political Economy and or Global Governance	
POL 4302	Technopolitics	
3 course units from:		3 Units
POL 4310	Honours Seminar in Political Thought	
POL 4320	Honours Seminar in Canadian Politics	
POL 4330	Honours Seminar in International Relations and Global Politics	
POL 4350	Honours Seminar in Comparative Politics	
POL 4930	Honours Seminar in International Relations and Global Politics	
15 optional course units in political science (POL)		15 Units
6 optional course units in political science (POL) at the 4000 level		6 Units
Total:		60 Units
Elective courses		
54 elective course units		54 Units
or 24 elective course units plus a minor		
Total:		54 Units