

JOINT HONOURS BA IN COMMUNICATION AND POLITICAL SCIENCE

Communication

Ours is the communication and information age. Analyzing how information is gathered, produced and distributed today helps us understand the communication processes that drive a variety of settings: social, cultural, political, organizational, economic and legal. In this program, you will develop critical and analytical skills in order to evaluate the nature and impact of technology and media on society, organizations and interpersonal relations. You will have the opportunity to be exposed to the latest developments in the field of communication (communication strategies, digital media, evolution of the media industry, advertising, crisis communications, negotiations, etc.). The Department of Communication offers courses in two main areas: media studies and organizational communication (internal and external communication in public and private organizations, health communication, organizational change, etc.). Combining theory and practice, our programs develop your critical and analytical skills and prepare you either for a professional career or for advanced studies.

Learn more about the Communication program (<https://www.uottawa.ca/faculty-arts/communication/undergraduate/communication/>)

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 the Political Science 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
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3 course units from:	3 Units
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PHI 1101	Reasoning and Critical Thinking	
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PHI 1301	Philosophy: Ideas and Arguments	
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3 course units from:	3 Units
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AHL 1100	Introduction to Interdisciplinary Study in the Arts ¹	
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AHL 1900	Introduction to Interdisciplinary Study in the Arts ¹	
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ENG 1120	Selected Topics in Literature and Composition	
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3 course units from:	3 Units
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AHL 1100	Introduction to Interdisciplinary Study in the Arts ¹	
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AHL 1900	Introduction to Interdisciplinary Study in the Arts ¹	
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PHI 1102	Moral Reasoning	
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PHI 1103	Fundamental Philosophical Questions	
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PHI 1104	Great Philosophers	
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PHI 1302	Philosophy: Themes and Texts	
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Total:	12 Units
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Methodology (9 course units)

Compulsory Courses

3 course units from:	3 Units
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CMN 2101	Research Methods in Communication	
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POL 2156	Foundations of Research in Political Science	
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3 course units from:	3 Units
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CMN 3102	Quantitative Methods	
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POL 3371	Quantitative Analysis in Political Science	
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3 course units from:	3 Units
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CMN 3103	Qualitative Methods	
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POL 3370	Qualitative Analysis in Political Science	
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Communication (42 course units)

Compulsory Courses

CMN 1148	Introduction to Organizational Communication	3 Units
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CMN 1160	Introduction to Media Studies	3 Units
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CMN 2148	Organizational Communication	3 Units
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CMN 2160	Theories of the Media	3 Units
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CMN 3105	Media Ethics	3 Units
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CMN 3109	Advanced Theories of Communication	3 Units
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CMN 3130	Communication Planning	3 Units
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CMN 3133	Political Communication	3 Units
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3 course units from:	3 Units
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CMN 4105	Ethics and Information Society	
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CMN 4148	Communication in Governmental Organizations	
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CMN 4168	Communication and International Development	
CMN 4185	Political Economy of the Media	
Optional Courses		
6 optional course units in communication (CMN)		6 Units
9 optional course units in communication (CMN) at the 4000 level		9 Units
Political Science (42 course 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 3102	Modern Political Thought II	3 Units
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
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	

Optional Courses

3 optional course units in political science (POL)	3 Units
6 optional course units in political science (POL) at the 4000 level	6 Units

Total: 93 Units

Elective Courses ²

15 elective course units	15 Units
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Total: 15 Units

Note(s)

¹ This course has variable topics. Students may take this course twice.

² The electives may be replaced by a combination of Option(s) (http://catalogue.uottawa.ca/en/programs/#filter=filter_19&filter_170&filter_27), and/or elective units.