

JOINT HONOURS BA IN HISTORY AND POLITICAL SCIENCE

History

History is the discipline that focuses on the diverse and complex ways that individuals and groups have created and adjusted to change over thousands of years around the world. In studying change over time, history students learn to interpret evidence of human thought and behavior, in order to understand the impact of individual and collective decision-making, the changing relationships among people and societies, and between humans and their environment.

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

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
3 course units from:		3 Units
PHI 1101	Reasoning and Critical Thinking	
PHI 1301	Philosophy: Ideas and Arguments	
3 course units from:		3 Units
AHL 1100	Introduction to Interdisciplinary Study in the Arts ¹	

AHL 1900	Introduction to Interdisciplinary Study in the Arts ¹	
ENG 1120	Selected Topics in Literature and Composition	
3 course units from:		3 Units
AHL 1100	Introduction to Interdisciplinary Study in the Arts ¹	
AHL 1900	Introduction to Interdisciplinary Study in the Arts ¹	
PHI 1102	Moral Reasoning	
PHI 1103	Fundamental Philosophical Questions	
PHI 1104	Great Philosophers	
PHI 1302	Philosophy: Themes and Texts	
Total:		12 Units

History (48 course units)

Compulsory courses at the 2000 level

HIS 2100	The Historian's Craft	3 Units
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Optional courses

9 optional course units in history (HIS)	9 Units
12 optional course units in history (HIS) at the 3000 level	12 Units
9 optional course units in history (HIS) at the 4000 level	9 Units
3 optional seminar course units in history (HIS) at the 4000 level	3 Units
12 optional course units in history (HIS) at the 2000, 3000, or 4000 level	12 Units

Political Science (48 course units)

Compulsory courses at the 1000 level

POL 1101	Introduction to Political Science	3 Units
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Compulsory courses at the 2000 level

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

Compulsory courses at the 3000 level

POL 3102	Modern Political Thought II	3 Units
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3 course units from:		3 Units
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POL 3370	Qualitative Analysis in Political Science	
POL 3371	Quantitative Analysis in Political Science	

3 course units from the Canadian Politics group:		3 Units
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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 3181 International and Comparative Politics of Indigenous Peoples	
POL 3182 Indigenous Political Theory		POL 4126 Contemporary Geopolitics	
POL 4134 Law, Politics, and the Constitution in Canada		POL 4127 United States Foreign Policy	
POL 4135 Francophonie, Diversity, Citizenship		POL 4138 Empire and Imperialism	
POL 4150 Electoral Systems and Political Parties		POL 4170 Politics of Foreign Aid	
POL 4154 Parliamentary Government in Canada		POL 4173 Agri-Food Politics	
POL 4162 Health Politics and Policy in Canada		POL 4176 International Political Economy	
POL 4163 Sexual and Gender Diversity Politics		POL 4178 Political Economy of Development	
POL 4165 Social and Political Thought in Quebec		POL 4188 International Relations as Political Theory	
POL 4166 Social and Political Thought in Canada		POL 4190 Global Environmental Politics	
POL 4194 Indigenous Governance in Canada		POL 4191 Selected Topics in Critical Security and War Studies	
POL 4301 The Politics of Populism		POL 4192 Selected Topics in International Political Economy and or Global Governance	
POL 4303 Politics and the Far Right		POL 4302 Technopolitics	
POL 4375 Social Citizenship and the Welfare State: Canada in a Comparative Perspective			
3 courses from the Comparative Politics group:	3 Units	3 course units from:	3 Units
POL 3109 Nationalism		POL 4310 Honours Seminar in Political Thought	
POL 3114 Comparative Politics: Asia		POL 4320 Honours Seminar in Canadian Politics	
POL 3115 Comparative Politics of Development		POL 4330 Honours Seminar in International Relations and Global Politics	
POL 3126 Gender and Politics		POL 4350 Honours Seminar in Comparative Politics	
POL 3144 Comparative Politics: Africa			
POL 3145 Comparative Politics: Latin America		Optional courses	
POL 3162 Political Violence		3 optional course units in politics (POL)	3 Units
POL 3164 Comparative Politics: Middle East and Arab World		6 optional course units in politics (POL) at the 4000 level	6 Units
POL 3177 Politics, Social Movements and Globalization		Total:	96 Units
POL 3180 Comparative Politics: Europe			
POL 3181 International and Comparative Politics of Indigenous Peoples		Elective Courses ²	
POL 4127 United States Foreign Policy		12 elective course units	12 Units
POL 4141 Comparative Politics: United States		Total:	12 Units
POL 4145 Comparative Politics: Identity Issues			
POL 4163 Sexual and Gender Diversity Politics		Note(s)	
POL 4178 Political Economy of Development		¹ This course has variable topics. Students may take this course twice.	
POL 4184 Democratization and Authoritarianism		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.	
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			