

JOINT HONOURS BSOCSC 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

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

Total: 6 Units

Methodology (9 course units)

3 course units from: 3 Units

CMN 2101 Research Methods in Communication

POL 2156 Foundations of Research in Political Science

3 course units from: 3 Units

CMN 3102 Quantitative Methods

POL 3371 Quantitative Analysis in Political Science

3 course units from: 3 Units

CMN 3103 Qualitative Methods

POL 3370 Qualitative Analysis in Political Science

Communication (42 course units)

CMN 1148 Introduction to Organizational Communication 3 Units

CMN 1160 Introduction to Media Studies 3 Units

CMN 2148 Organizational Communication 3 Units

CMN 2160 Theories of the Media 3 Units

CMN 3105 Media Ethics 3 Units

CMN 3109 Advanced Theories of Communication 3 Units

CMN 3130 Communication Planning 3 Units

CMN 3133 Political Communication 3 Units

3 course units from: 3 Units

CMN 4105 Ethics and Information Society

CMN 4148 Communication in Governmental Organizations

CMN 4168 Communication and International Development

CMN 4185 Political Economy of the Media

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)

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

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| POL 3159 | Indigenous Politics in Canada | | POL 3124 | The Politics of Security | |
| POL 3170 | Comparative Provincial Politics | | POL 3175 | Ecopolitics | |
| POL 3171 | Immigration, Multiculturalism and Citizenship in Canada and Quebec | | POL 3177 | Politics, Social Movements and Globalization | |
| POL 3172 | Political Participation and Mobilization in Canada | | POL 3178 | Canadian Foreign Policy and North American Relations | |
| POL 3174 | Federalism | | POL 3179 | International Organizations and Global Governance | |
| 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 course units from: | | 3 Units |
| 3 course units from the Comparative Politics group: | | 3 Units | POL 4310 | Honours Seminar in Political Thought | |
| POL 3109 | Nationalism | 3 Units | POL 4320 | Honours Seminar in Canadian Politics | |
| POL 3114 | Comparative Politics: Asia | | POL 4330 | Honours Seminar in International Relations and Global Politics | |
| POL 3115 | Comparative Politics of Development | | POL 4350 | Honours Seminar in Comparative Politics | |
| POL 3126 | Gender and Politics | | POL 4930 | Honours Seminar in International Relations and Global Politics | |
| POL 3144 | Comparative Politics: Africa | | 3 optional course units in political science (POL) | | 3 Units |
| POL 3145 | Comparative Politics: Latin America | | 6 optional course units in political science (POL) at the 4000 level | | 6 Units |
| POL 3162 | Political Violence | | Total: | | 96 Units |
| POL 3164 | Comparative Politics: Middle East and Arab World | | Elective courses | | |
| POL 3177 | Politics, Social Movements and Globalization | | 21 elective course units | | 21 Units |
| POL 3180 | Comparative Politics: Europe | | Total: | | 21 Units |
| 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 | | | | |