

JOINT HONOURS BSOCSC IN ECONOMICS AND POLITICAL SCIENCE

Economics

Ever wonder why some countries are richer than others? Ever question why income inequality has been growing? Ever wonder why Canadian politicians worry when other countries may be going bankrupt? Economics can answer all these questions.

Economics examines how individuals and society make choices in a world where resources are limited. It focuses on the production, distribution and consumption of goods and services. Two important themes are efficiency (the absence of waste in the use of resources) and fairness. Since making choices is central to all human activities, studying economics often helps explain why people and governments behave in certain ways.

Learn more about the Economics program (<https://www.uottawa.ca/faculty-social-sciences/economics/graduate/programs/>)

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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ENG 1120	Selected Topics in Literature and Composition	3 Units
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Total: 6 Units

Economics (48 units)

ECO 1102	Introduction to Macroeconomics	3 Units
ECO 1104	Introduction to Microeconomics	3 Units
MAT 1302	Mathematical Methods II	3 Units
ECO 2142	Macroeconomic Theory I	3 Units
ECO 2143	Macroeconomic Theory II	3 Units
ECO 2144	Microeconomic Theory I	3 Units
ECO 2145	Microeconomic Theory II	3 Units
ECO 2150	Probability and Statistics for Economists ²	3 Units
ECO 2151	Introduction to Econometrics ²	3 Units
ECO 3145	Mathematical Economics I	3 Units
ECO 3152	Macroeconomic Theory III	3 Units
ECO 3153	Microeconomic Theory III	3 Units
3 course units from:		3 Units

MAT 1300 Mathematical Methods I¹

MAT 1308 Introduction to Calculus

3 optional course units in economics (ECO) at the 3000 or 4000 level 3 Units

6 optional course units in economics (ECO) at the 4000 level 6 Units

Political Science (48 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 2156	Foundations of Research in Political Science	3 Units
POL 3102	Modern Political Thought II	3 Units
POL 3370	Qualitative Analysis in Political Science	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	
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:		96 Units
Elective courses		
18 elective course units		18 Units
Total:		18 Units

Note(s)

- ¹ Students who intend to pursue graduate studies in economics should select MAT 1300 or the sequence MAT 1320 and MAT 1322. A strong background in mathematics helps students succeed in advanced courses and graduate studies in economics.
- ² Students who intend to participate in the CO-OP program should take ECO 2150 and ECO 2151 in their second year.