

# JOINT HONOURS BSOCSC 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
ENG 1120	Selected Topics in Literature and Composition	3 Units

**Total: 6 Units**

### History (48 units)

HIS 2100	The Historian's Craft	3 Units
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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 at the 2000, 3000, or 4000 level	12 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
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
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
<b>Total:</b>		<b>96 Units</b>
<b>Elective Courses</b> <sup>1</sup>		
18 elective course units		18 Units
<b>Total:</b>		<b>18 Units</b>

Note(s)

<sup>1</sup> The electives may be replaced by a combination of Option(s), and/or elective units.