

JOINT HONOURS BSOCSC IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND POLITICAL SCIENCE

Public Administration

The study of public administration seeks to advance our understanding of how governments work and of their role in contemporary societies. It examines public management principles from various perspectives (administration, financial management, human resources, ethics, administrative reforms, governance, etc.) and the processes involved in designing public policies (policy cycle, roles of various stakeholders, ideologies, contextual factors, etc.). The program offers a high-quality education to students seeking a career in the public or para-public sectors, as well as those who seek to work in the private or non-profit sectors, or in government relations.

Learn more about the Public Administration program (<https://www.uottawa.ca/faculty-social-sciences/political-studies/undergraduate/public-administration-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

Methodology (3 units)

3 course units from: 3 Units

PAP 3310 Research Methods in Public Administration

POL 3370 Qualitative Analysis in Political Science

POL 3371 Quantitative Analysis in Political Science

Public Administration (36 units)

PAP 1301 Introduction to Public Administration 3 Units

PAP 2300 Introduction to Public Policy Analysis 3 Units

PAP 2320 Introduction to Public Management 3 Units

PAP 3350 Sectoral Issues in Public Policy 3 Units

PAP 3355 Budgetary Policy and Public Finance 3 Units

PAP 3370 Theory of Public Organisations 3 Units

PAP 4315 Public Policy Analysis 3 Units

PAP 4365 Integration Seminar in Public Administration 3 Units

3 optional course units in public administration (PAP) 3 Units

3 optional course units in public administration (PAP) at the 3000 or 4000 level 3 Units

6 optional course units in public administration (PAP) at the 4000 level 6 Units

Political Science (45 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 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 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		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:	84 Units
POL 3164 Comparative Politics: Middle East and Arab World		Elective courses	
POL 3177 Politics, Social Movements and Globalization		30 elective course units	30 Units
POL 3180 Comparative Politics: Europe		Total:	30 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			
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			