JOINT HONOURS BA 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.

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.

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 2015-2016 calendars (http://www.uottawa.ca/academic/info/regist/1516/calendars) for the previous requirements.

ENG 1100 Workshop in Essay Writing 3 Units
3 course units from: 3 Units
PHI 1101 Reasoning and Critical Thinking

3 course units from:
PHI 1301 Philosophy: Ideas and Arguments 3 Units

AHL 1100 Introduction to Interdisciplinary Study in the Arts 1
AHL 1900 Introduction to Interdisciplinary Study in the Arts 1
ENG 1120 Literature and Composition I: Prose Fiction
ENG 1121 Literature and Composition II: Drama and Poetry

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

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 3159 Indigenous Politics in Canada
- POL 3171 Immigration, Multiculturalism and Citizenship in Canada and Quebec
- POL 3172 Political Participation and Mobilization in Canada
- POL 3174 Federalism
- POL 4134 Law, Politics, and the Constitution in Canada
- POL 4150 Electoral Systems and Political Parties
- POL 4154 Parliamentary Government in Canada
- POL 4162 Health Politics and Policy in Canada
- POL 4165 Development of Social and Political Ideologies in Quebec
- POL 4166 Social and Political Thought in Canada

3 course units from the Comparative Politics group: 3 Units
- POL 3114 Comparative Politics: Asia
- POL 3115 Comparative Politics of Development
- 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 3180 Comparative Politics: Europe
- POL 4141 Comparative Politics: United States
- POL 4184 Democratization and Authoritarianism
- 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 3176 International Political Economy
- POL 3177 Politics, Social Movements and Globalization
- POL 3179 International Organizations and Global Governance
- POL 4126 Contemporary Geopolitics
- POL 4127 Critical and Historical Perspectives of United States Foreign Policy
- POL 4173 The Politics of Food
- POL 4188 International Relations as Political Theory

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

15 elective course units 15 Units
Total: 120 Units

The electives may be replaced by a combination of a Minor, Option(s) (http://catalogue.uottawa.ca/en/programs/#filter=filter_19&filter_170&filter_27), and/or elective units. Consult the Faculty of Arts website for more information.

Note(s)
1. This course has variable topics. Students may take this course twice.