

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.

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 2024-2025 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 |

Economics (48 units)

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| ECO 1102 | Introduction to Macroeconomics | 3 Units |
| ECO 1104 | Introduction to Microeconomics | 3 Units |

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| 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 I ¹ | | |
| 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 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 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 4165 Social and Political Thought in Quebec | | |
| POL 4166 Social and Political Thought in Canada | | |
| POL 4193 Selected Topics in Canadian Public Policy | | |
| 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 | | |

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| 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 4145 | Comparative Politics: Identity Issues | |
| 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 3177 | Politics, Social Movements and Globalization | |
| POL 3179 | International Organizations and Global Governance | |
| POL 4126 | Contemporary Geopolitics | |
| POL 4127 | United States Foreign Policy | |
| POL 4170 | Politics of Foreign Aid | |
| POL 4173 | Agri-Food Politics | |
| POL 4176 | International Political Economy | |
| 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 | |
| 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)

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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.

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Students who intend to participate in the CO-OP program should take ECO 2150 and ECO 2151 in their second year.