

# 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.

## 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 2021-2022 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
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 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

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

This is a copy of the 2025-2026 catalog.

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
<b>Total:</b>		<b>96 Units</b>
<b>Elective Courses <sup>1</sup></b>		
18 elective course units		18 Units
<b>Total:</b>		<b>18 Units</b>

Note(s)

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