The School of Political Studies offers graduate programs leading to the degrees of Master of Arts (MA) and PhD in Political Science. The MA program is offered both full- and part-time whereas the PhD program is offered full-time only. The programs are offered in French and English.

Two options are available for the MA: the MA with thesis and the MA with research paper.

It is possible to follow the Master’s or the PhD program exclusively in French.

Students who enroll in their program in French (MA or PhD) must take the majority of their courses in French:

- Master’s with Thesis: students must take at least three of their required courses in French.
- Master’s with Major Research Paper: students must take at least four of their required courses in French.
- PhD: students must take at least three courses in French.

Students who enroll in their program in English (MA or PhD) must take and pass at least one of their required courses in French.

All students are permitted to hand in their assignments in French or in English. At the time of admission, students must have an active knowledge of French and a passive understanding of English. French is the working language of the School’s meetings, including those of the graduate students’ association, and in the School’s internal communications.

The department participates in the collaborative programs in Feminist and Gender Studies (at the MA level) and in Canadian Studies (at the PhD level). For more information on this program, see “Admission Requirements.”

The collaborative program in Feminist and Gender Studies at the master’s level is designed for students from selected disciplines in arts, education, health sciences, law, social sciences, and counselling and spirituality (Saint Paul University), who have an interest in Feminist and Gender Studies. These students have the opportunity to combine advanced studies in their primary program with analyses from a Feminist and Gender Studies perspective. The degree awarded is a master’s degree in the primary program with a "specialization in Feminist and Gender Studies”.

The programs are governed by the academic regulations in effect for graduate studies.

**Admission Requirements**

For the most accurate and up to date information on application deadlines, language tests and other admission requirements, please visit the specific requirements webpage.

The following are minimum requirements for admission to the master’s program. Meeting these minimal requirements alone does not guarantee acceptance. The School of Political Studies also takes into account the number of places available and the student’s aptitude for higher level research.

Students who have a BA with honours in Political Science or its equivalent with a minimum average of 70 % (B), calculated in accordance with graduate studies guidelines, may be admitted directly to the MA program.

Students who do not have a BA with honours in Political Science, but who have a BA with a minor in Political Science or a BA in a related discipline, and a minimum average of 75% (B +), may be accepted for a qualifying year, the content of which will be decided in consultation with the director of graduate studies in the political science.

An active knowledge of French or English is essential. All students admitted will have to take at least one of their courses in French, and all students must be capable of reading texts in English and French. Candidates must indicate in their application the language in which they plan to take the majority of their courses. Those students who plan to study mainly in English will have to demonstrate in their application an active knowledge of English. All students whose first language is other than English or French must provide proof in their application of their level of competence in both languages. The School of Political Studies reserves the right to require a language test for either language.

**Collaborative Programs**

The School of Political Studies is one of the participating units in the collaborative programs in Feminist and Gender Studies (master’s level only).

The collaborative program in Feminist and Gender Studies was created to enable students to enrich their education in political science by adding the interdisciplinary dimension of Feminist and Gender Studies. The program consists of two compulsory Feminist and Gender Studies (FEM) courses as well as a thesis or a research paper on a subject linked to Feminist and Gender Studies. One of the FEM courses will count towards the requirements of the master’s program with thesis, replacing one of the elective courses. Both FEM courses will count towards the requirements of the master’s program with research paper, replacing two of the electives.

Students should indicate in their initial application for admission to the master’s program in Political Science that they wish to be accepted into the collaborative program.

To be accepted in the collaborative program in Feminist and Gender Studies at the master’s level, applicants must first be accepted to the master’s program in a participating program. Successful applicants will normally hold an honours degree or the equivalent and have a minimum average of 70 per cent (B). They must also have a background in Feminist and Gender Studies, that is, a minimum of two undergraduate level courses or one graduate level course on women, gender, feminism or sexualities. Students who do not have an adequate background may be eligible to our Special Policy for Admissions.
The letter of intention submitted with the application should include a clear account of the “Feminist and Gender Studies” dimension in the proposed topic of research.

**Language Requirements**

Each student enrolled in the MA in Political Science must take at least one of their courses in French. Therefore, an active knowledge of French is required.

**Program Requirements**

Requirements for this program have been modified. Please consult the 2022-2023 calendars (https://catalogue.uottawa.ca/en/archives/) for the previous requirements.

Two options are available: the MA with thesis and the MA with research paper. The MA with major research paper, which emphasizes course work and the writing of a research paper, is offered in the areas of Canadian and Quebec politics and international and comparative politics. The MA with thesis is offered in all three fields of study and places greater emphasis on individual research. The individual program of study is decided in consultation with the director of graduate studies and a professor in the student’s field of study, both of whom must approve it.

**Fields**

The master’s program offers the following fields of study:

- International relations;
- Canadian and Quebec politics;
- Political thought and the analysis of ideologies;
- Comparative politics;
- Women and politics;
- Environmental politics;
- Political economy;
- Citizenship, diversity and migration.

**Master’s with Thesis**

The MA with thesis requires the completion of 12 units of courses, a presentation and defence of the thesis proposal and a master’s thesis. Enrollment is limited to a maximum of three courses/seminars per term, not including the thesis proposal.

**Compulsory Courses:** 

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1. All students must successfully complete at least one course given in French.
2. Enrollment in the thesis proposal should take place preferably in the first term and at the latest in the third term.

**Thesis Proposal**

Students should begin the process of selecting a thesis topic and potential supervisor immediately upon commencing the program. The topic and supervisor are selected in consultation with an adviser and must be registered no later than the end of the second term in the program. Once the topic and supervisor have been chosen, the thesis proposal is prepared with the help of the supervisor.

The defence of the topic, which is the only requirement of POL 6999, must be completed before the end of the third term of enrollment (and preferably earlier). Once the topic has been defended, students are allowed to enroll for the thesis (THM 7999).

The thesis proposal could be organized in the following way:

- Statement of the research question;
- Hypotheses;
- Research methods (techniques and data to be used);
- Theoretical or practical relevance of the thesis;
- Provisional bibliography.

The thesis proposal is assessed by a committee, composed of the thesis supervisor and another professor chosen by the School of Political Studies in consultation with the student and the thesis supervisor.

**Thesis**

The thesis (THM 7999) can be in any one of the four fields. It is prepared in regular consultation with the supervisor and evaluated by a committee of professors proposed by the director of the School of Political Studies.

The master’s thesis should be evaluated according to the following criteria.

- Rigour of the methodology;
- Knowledge of the key scholarly literature relevant to the thesis;
- The quality of the research question;
- Analytical capacity;
- The coherence, clarity and quality of the argument, and of the writing.

These criteria will be applied according to what can reasonably be expected of a master’s student who has been enrolled in the thesis option for four terms.

Concretely, the thesis can focus on the study of one or more political phenomena narrowly defined, on the discussion of a concept, a hypothesis, or a critical analysis of an author’s work. The master’s thesis should be 80-120 pages (double spaced – 20,000 to 30,000 words), including any notes and bibliography. A thesis longer than 125 double-spaced pages (31,250 words) will not be accepted.

Master’s with Research Paper

The MA with major research paper requires the completion of 24 course units and a research paper.

The maximum number of courses or seminars per term for which students are allowed to enroll is three.

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Research Paper

Upon completion of 12 units, which must include two core courses as well as the methodology course, students are permitted to enroll for the major research paper. The first enrollment normally takes place in the third term. The goal of the major research paper is to evaluate a student’s capacity to complete a coherent literature review of a well-defined topic relating to a precise research question. Students are not required to do original research; rather, they are expected to analyze the relevant literature on a topic, relating to the question underlying their research. The topic and the literature to be consulted must be approved by two professors in the School of Political Studies.

The major research paper should demonstrate:

- The ability to conduct research;
- A knowledge of the relevant literature in the chosen topic;
- The capacity to address a research question in a coherent, structured, and well-written manner.

These criteria will be applied according to what can be reasonably expected of a full-time master’s student who has been enrolled in the major research paper option for two terms (including the summer).

The major research paper, which is written under a professor’s supervision, should be about 12,000 words or 50 pages. It is evaluated by the professor as well as by another professor recommended by the director of the master’s program. Each of the two professors will assign a letter grade, the average of which will constitute the student’s final mark.

Collaborative Program in Feminist and Gender Studies

Students admitted to the collaborative program in Feminist and Gender Studies at the master’s level must meet the requirements for a master’s degree in their primary program as well as the requirements of the Feminist and Gender Studies program. Normally, the Feminist and Gender Studies courses are recognized as partial fulfillment of the requirements of the student’s primary program, in which case the passing grade in the relevant FEM course or courses is the same as that specified for the primary program.

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Thesis or Major Research Paper

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- Students must complete the two compulsory courses before their first enrollment for the major research paper or thesis.
- The thesis or major research paper must be on a topic related to women, gender, feminism or sexualities. The proposed topic must be approved by the Feminist and Gender Studies Graduate Committee as well as by the student’s primary program. The thesis or major research paper must demonstrate knowledge of feminist scholarship in the field or fields appropriate to the topic, and of feminist methodologies where applicable.
- The thesis supervisor must possess Feminist and Gender Studies expertise. In the case of a major research paper, the supervisor should, ideally, possess Feminist and Gender Studies expertise. If not, one of the readers must possess such expertise. Joint supervision by a professor from the participating unit and a professor chosen by the Feminist and Gender Studies Graduate Committee may be appropriate in some cases.
- The thesis or Major Research Paper Proposal: The thesis or major research paper proposal must be approved by the Feminist and Gender Studies Graduate Committee as well as by the primary program. Usually the thesis or major research paper proposal is submitted to Feminist and Gender Studies by the end of the third term of the first year of studies. For the primary programs that do not require a proposal, students must still submit a proposal to the Feminist and Gender Studies Graduate Committee.
- Examiner or Reader: One of the examiners (for the thesis) or reader (for the major research paper) must be a person approved by the Feminist and Gender Studies Graduate Committee.

Transfer from Master’s to PhD

Students in the MA program at the University of Ottawa who have performed exceptionally well academically, who have demonstrated solid research skills and who are deemed sufficiently mature, may proceed to the doctoral program without completing their master’s degree. The conditions for transfer are as follows:

The request for transfer must be made during the third term of full-time enrollment (or equivalent), and the transfer must take place before the end of the fourth term. The Graduate Studies committee will take into account the student’s grades, thesis plan (or draft plan) and the reports from professors who taught the courses taken at the master’s.

Following the transfer, the student must successfully complete all the requirements of the PhD program. Students who transfer but do not complete the PhD program can however obtain the MA degree provided they meet all of its requirements.

Duration of Program
Students are expected to complete all requirements within two years. The thesis must be submitted within four years of the date of initial enrollment in the program.

Minimum Standards
Students must maintain a minimum average of B during their master's program. Those who receive a grade lower than B in two courses or more will be required to withdraw.

Research
Research Fields & Facilities
Located in the heart of Canada's capital, a few steps away from Parliament Hill, the University of Ottawa is among Canada's top 10 research universities.

uOttawa focuses research strengths and efforts in four Strategic Areas of Development in Research (SADRs):
- Canada and the World
- Health
- e-Society
- Molecular and Environmental Sciences

With cutting-edge research, our graduate students, researchers and educators strongly influence national and international priorities.

Research at the Faculty of Social Sciences
The Faculty of Social Sciences represents a place of excellence in knowledge creation, research and training. Driven by both disciplinary and interdisciplinary perspectives, research at the Faculty is rich, innovative and varied, contributing to the depth of understanding and breadth of discussions on a variety of issues nationally and internationally. This research, whether it be fundamental, theoretical, applied or action-oriented, is generated by our renowned expertise, ultimately culminating in applications designed to influence individual communities and the betterment of society.

We have identified five research themes which collectively represent a large proportion of the research undertaken at the Faculty of Social Sciences:
- International Studies
- Francophonie
- Public Policy
- Health, Well-Being
- Justice, Society

Facilities, Research Centres and Institutes at the Faculty of Social Sciences

For more information, refer to the list of faculty members and their research fields on Uniweb.

IMPORTANT: Candidates and students looking for professors to supervise their thesis or research project can also consult the website of the faculty or department (https://www.uottawa.ca/graduate-studies/students/academic-unit-contact-information/) of their program of choice. Uniweb does not list all professors authorized to supervise research projects at the University of Ottawa.

Courses
POL 5106 Selected Topics in Political Science (3 units)
Course Component: Seminar

POL 5121 Survey Research and Methods (3 units)
Course Component: Seminar

POL 5122 Survey Data Analysis (3 units)
Course description: Introduction to the main steps for analyzing quantitative survey data. Data preparation and visualization. Descriptive and inferential statistics. Univariate, bivariate and multivariate statistics. Applied data analysis with a statistical software. Course component: Laboratory, Seminar
Course Component: Seminar

POL 5123 Canadian Politics (3 units)
Presentation and analysis of a contemporary issue in Canadian politics.
Course Component: Seminar

POL 5505 Analyse du changement politique (3 crédits)
Volet : Séminaire

POL 5506 Thèmes choisis en science politique (3 crédits)
Volet : Séminaire (IC)

POL 5521 Sondage et opinion publique (3 crédits)
Volet : Séminaire

POL 5522 Analyse de données de sondage (3 crédits)
Volet : Séminaire
POL 5523 Politique canadienne (3 crédits)
Présentation et analyse d'un enjeu contemporain dans la politique canadienne. (CAN)
Volet : Séminaire (CAN)

POL 6100 Seminar in International Relations (3 units)
Course Component: Seminar

POL 6101 Research Methods in Political Science (3 units)
Examination of the methodological approaches used in political analysis, including the epistemological issues surrounding these approaches. A portion of the seminar deals with the challenges of designing a thesis proposal and writing the thesis itself.
Course Component: Seminar

POL 6118 Seminar in Comparative Politics (3 units)
Critical study of the principal theoretical approaches in comparative politics, the debates about them and the different methodological frameworks in comparative politics.
Course Component: Seminar

POL 6119 Seminar in Canadian, Quebec and Indigenous Politics (3 units)
Examination of the theories and concepts in the study of Canadian Politics. Institutions, public policies, citizenship, identities and diversity, indigeneity, participation, and representation.
Course Component: Seminar

POL 6120 Seminar in Political Thought (3 units)
Examination of certain themes related to the birth and development of modern political thought, with reference to the history of political ideas. For example, the course explores the origins and development of the modern state, including how the relationship between politics and religion, and between politics and the economy, has changed.
Course Component: Seminar

POL 6500 Séminaire en relations internationales (3 crédits)
L'objectif de ce cours est de présenter les principaux schémas d'analyse en politique internationale et comparée, et de les relier de façon critique. Il s'agira d'une analyse des apports méthodologiques et théoriques dans les deux champs d'étude.
Volet : Séminaire

POL 6501 La méthode en science politique (3 crédits)
Étude de différentes approches méthodologiques utilisées dans l'analyse du politique. Examen des questions épistémologiques associées à ces diverses approches. Une partie du séminaire portera sur les problèmes rencontrés dans l'élaboration du projet de thèse et de la thèse.
Volet : Séminaire

POL 6518 Séminaire en politique comparée (3 crédits)
Séminaire nouvai visant à étudier de manière critique les principales approches théoriques de la politique comparée, les débats qui sont engagés entre elles et les différents cadres méthodologiques de la politique comparée.
Volet : Séminaire

POL 6519 Séminaire en politique canadienne, québécoise et autochtone (3 crédits)
Examen des théories et concepts servant à l'étude de la politique canadienne. Les institutions, les politiques publiques, la citoyenneté, les identités et la diversité, l'autochtonie, la participation et la représentation.
Volet : Séminaire

POL 6520 Séminaire en pensée politique (3 crédits)
L'objectif de ce cours est de présenter certaines thématiques liées à la naissance et au développement de la pensée politique moderne. Référence à l'histoire des idées politiques. Il sera question, par exemple, de thématiques telles les origines et le développement de l'État moderne, l'évolution des rapports entre le religieux et le politique, et entre l'économique et le politique.
Volet: Séminaire

POL 6999 Projet de thèse / Thesis Proposal
Volet / Course Component: Recherche / Research

POL 7102 Selected Topics in International Relations (3 units)
Course Component: Seminar

POL 7103 Selected Topics in Political Thought (3 units)
Course Component: Seminar

POL 7104 Selected Topics in Canadian, Quebec and Indigenous Politics (3 units)
Course Component: Lecture

POL 7105 Power, Politics, and Society (3 units)
Study of the diverse ways that political thought has conceptualized power, the forms it takes, the ways it functions and its impact on/in politics and society. The approach may be historical or thematic. The exact topic is announced at the beginning of the session.
Course Component: Seminar

POL 7106 Subjectivity and Intersubjectivity (3 units)
Study of the foundations of subjectivity and intersubjectivity. The approach may be historical or thematic. The exact topic is announced at the beginning of the session.
Course Component: Seminar

POL 7107 Foundations of Modern Political Thought (3 units)
Study of the authors, schools of thought and ideologies that constitute modernity. The exact topic is announced at the beginning of the session.
Course Component: Seminar

POL 7108 Ideology and Social Transformation (3 units)
Study of various ways of understanding nature and of the importance of ideas, values/principles, and ideology in the context of social and political change. The approach may be historical or thematic. The exact topic is announced at the beginning of the session.
Course Component: Seminar

POL 7109 Governance and Globalization (3 units)
Analysis of institutions and practices of regulation at the international level in the context of globalisation. Study of major trends in national and international governance, including forces of resistance. Case studies.
Course Component: Seminar

POL 7110 International Political Economy (3 units)
Analysis of the political aspects of the international economy and how economic issues affect societies and international politics. Case studies. Examination of historical and contemporary theoretical approaches.
Course Component: Seminar

POL 7111 Space and Territoriality (3 units)
Analysis of issues relating to the production, control and use of space in world order. Study of diverse contemporary theories concerning space and territoriality.
Course Component: Seminar
POL 7112 Security and Conflict: Contemporary Issues (3 units)
Analysis of the causes, mechanisms and consequences of inter-state conflicts (wars, crises) and/or intra-state conflicts (civil war, secession). Examination of relevant theoretical literature.
Course Component: Seminar

POL 7113 Citizenship and Identity (3 units)
Analysis of contemporary citizenship and identity issues in Canada. The approach may be historical or thematic, and the exact topic is announced at the beginning of the session.
Course Component: Seminar

POL 7114 Constitution and Institutions (3 units)
Analysis of constitutional and institutional issues in contemporary Canadian politics. The exact topic is announced at the beginning of the session.
Course Component: Seminar

POL 7115 Political Parties and Movements (3 units)
Analysis of current issues affecting political forces in Canada: parties, groups and movements. The exact topic is announced at the beginning of the session.
Course Component: Seminar

POL 7116 Public Policy (3 units)
Analysis of current public-policy issues in Canada. The exact topic is announced at the beginning of the session.
Course Component: Seminar

POL 7117 Inter-Field Seminar (3 units)
In this seminar, taught by at least two professors, students examine a topic that draws on knowledge from at least two of the program's fields of study (political thought, Canadian politics, international politics). The exact topic is announced at the beginning of the session.
Course Component: Seminar

POL 7119 Creation and Transformation of States and Political Regimes (3 units)
Study of theories of state-building and transformation (including strategies of adaptation within a context of globalisation; issues of state collapse), as well as the study of democratic and authoritarian regimes and their transformations (transition, consolidation, collapse), in a comparative perspective.
Course Component: Seminar

POL 7120 Comparative Political Economy (3 units)
Study of theoretical approaches concerning the evolution of power relations between states and markets in different regions of the world; of the political economy of social movements; of political struggles regarding socio-economic inequalities. The emphasis will be on the political economy of both developing states and of highly industrialised countries.
Course Component: Seminar

POL 7121 Comparative Politics of Identity (3 units)
Study of theories concerning identity (primordialism, instrumentalism, constructivism) and of the role of ethnic, national, religious, linguistic and gender identities in political processes (violence, accommodation among different identity groups, management of diverse identities by the state).
Course Component: Seminar

POL 7122 Selected Topics in Comparative Politics (3 units)
Topics to be covered in rotation: Africa, Latin America, Asia, Middle East and former Soviet bloc (and possibly Western Europe/United States).
Course Component: Seminar

POL 7135 Advanced Quantitative Methods (3 units)
Advanced quantitative methods and their application in political science. Topics include multivariate regression analysis, maximum likelihood estimation and panel analysis. Review of advanced software packages for data organisation and development of tools for data collection.
Course Component: Seminar

POL 7136 Advanced Qualitative Methods (3 units)
Qualitative research methods and their application in political science. The methods covered include fieldwork, interviews, participant observations, archival research and discourse analysis.
Course Component: Seminar

POL 7137 Interpretive or Critical Methodologies (3 units)
Interpretative or critical methodologies and their application in political science: genealogy, deconstructivism, fieldwork approach, feminist analysis, new materialism, and decolonising methodologies.
Course Component: Seminar

POL 7365 Advanced Theory and Methodology (3 units)
Advanced reflection on the methodological and theoretical aspects of research, including the interpretation of data, results, and conclusions. Students acquire the knowledge needed to design and formulate the thesis proposal. This seminar is reserved for PhD students in Political Science. It is offered once every two weeks over two consecutive sessions.
Course Component: Seminar

POL 73661 Thesis Proposal Design (Part 1 of 2)
Advanced reflection on the methodological aspects and issues of thesis research (methods of inquiry, practical considerations, data analysis, interpretation of results, etc.). Students acquire the knowledge needed to design and formulate the thesis proposal. This seminar is reserved for PhD students in Political Science. It is offered once every two weeks over two consecutive sessions. (Part 1 of 2)
Course Component: Seminar

POL 73662 Thesis Proposal Design (Part 2 of 2) (3 units)
Advanced reflection on the methodological aspects and issues of thesis research (methods of inquiry, practical considerations, data analysis, interpretation of results, etc.). Students acquire the knowledge needed to design and formulate the thesis proposal. This seminar is reserved for PhD students in Political Science. It is offered once every two weeks over two consecutive sessions. (Part 2 of 2)
Course Component: Seminar

POL 7502 Thèmes choisis en relations internationales (3 crédits)
Volet : Séminaire

POL 7503 Thèmes choisis en pensée politique (3 crédits)
Volet : Séminaire

POL 7504 Thèmes choisis en politique canadienne, québécoise et autochtone (3 crédits)
Volet : Cours magistral

POL 7505 Pouvoir, politique et société (3 crédits)
Étude de diverses conceptualisations du pouvoir, de ses formes, de ses modes de fonctionnement et de son impact sur la politique et la société. L'approche adoptée peut être historique ou thématique. L'objet d'étude spécifique sera présenté en début de session.
Volet : Séminaire
POL 7506 Subjectivité et intersubjectivité (3 crédits)
Étude des fondements de la subjectivité et de l'intersubjectivité. L'approche adoptée peut être historique ou thématique. L'objet d'étude spécifique sera présenté en début de session.
Volet : Séminaire

POL 7507 Fondements de la pensée politique moderne (3 crédits)
Étude d'auteurs, de courants de pensée ou d'idéologies qui son constitutifs de la modernité. L'objet d'étude spécifique sera présenté en début de session.
Volet : Séminaire

POL 7508 Transformations sociales et idéologies (3 crédits)
Étude de diverses conceptions de la nature et de l'importance des idées, des valeurs / principes et des idéologies dans le contexte du changement politique et social. L'approche adoptée peut être historique ou thématique. L'objet d'étude spécifique sera présenté en début de session.
Volet : Séminaire

POL 7509 Gouvernance et mondialisation (3 crédits)
Analyse des institutions et des pratiques de régulation politique à l'échelle internationale dans le contexte de la mondialisation. Étude des grands courants de changement de la gouvernance nationale et internationale, y compris les forces de résistance. Études de cas.
Volet : Séminaire

POL 7510 Économie politique internationale (3 crédits)
Volet : Séminaire

POL 7511 Espace et territorialité (3 crédits)
Analyse des enjeux reliés à la production, au contrôle et à l'utilisation de l'espace dans l'ordre mondial. Étude de diverses approches théoriques contemporaines qui abordent les enjeux de l'espace et de la territorialité.
Volet : Séminaire

POL 7512 Sécurité et conflits : Enjeux contemporains (3 crédits)
Analyse des causes, mécanismes et conséquences des conflits inter-étatiques (guerres, crises) et/ou intra-étatiques (guerres civiles, sécession). Exploration de corpus théoriques pertinents.
Volet : Séminaire

POL 7513 Citoyenneté et identités (3 crédits)
Analyse d'enjeux contemporains en matière de citoyenneté ou d'identités au Canada. L'approche adoptée peut être historique ou thématique. L'objet d'étude spécifique sera présenté en début de session.
Volet : Séminaire

POL 7514 Constitution et institutions (3 crédits)
Analyse d'enjeux constitutionnels ou institutionnels dans la politique canadienne contemporaine. L'objet d'étude spécifique sera présenté en début de session.
Volet : Séminaire

POL 7515 Forces politiques (3 crédits)
Analyse d'enjeux contemporains touchant les forces politiques au Canada : partis, groupes et mouvements. L'objet d'étude spécifique sera présenté en début de session.
Volet : Séminaire

POL 7516 Politique publique (3 crédits)
Analyse d'enjeux contemporains en matière de politiques publiques au Canada. L'objet d'étude spécifique sera présenté en début de session.
Volet : Séminaire

POL 7517 Séminaire interprofils (3 crédits)
Dans ce séminaire, animé par au moins deux professeurs, sera examiné un objet d'études qui fait appel à des compétences relevant d'au moins deux des profils de l'École (pensée politique, politique canadienne, relations internationales). L'objet d'étude spécifique sera présenté en début de session.
Volet : Séminaire

POL 7519 Construction et transformation des états et des régimes politiques (3 crédits)
Étude des théories portant sur la construction historique des États et leurs transformations (adaptation dans un contexte de mondialisation; effondrement des États), de même que les régimes démocratiques et autoritaires et leurs transformations (transition, consolidation, effondrement), le tout dans une perspective comparée.
Volet : Séminaire

POL 7520 Économie politique comparée (3 crédits)
Étude des approches théoriques portant sur l'évolution des rapports de force entre les États et les marchés dans les différentes régions du monde; sur l'économie politique des mouvements sociaux; sur les luttes politiques autour des inégalités socio-économiques. L'accent sera mis aussi bien sur l'économie politique des États en développement, que sur celle des pays fortement industrialisés.
Volet : Séminaire

POL 7521 Politique comparée des identités (3 crédits)
Études des théories relatives aux identités (primordialisme, instrumentalisme, constructivisme) et du rôle des identités ethniques, nationales, religieuses, linguistiques et de genre dans les processus politiques (violence, accomodement identitaire, gestion de la diversité identitaire par l'État).
Volet : Séminaire

POL 7522 Thèmes choisis en politique comparée (3 crédits)
Thèmes à couvrir en rotation : Afrique, Amérique latine, Asie, Moyen-Orient et ancien bloc soviétique et possiblement Europe de l'Ouest/États-Unis.
Volet : Séminaire

POL 7531 Lectures dirigées : Études politiques canadiennes (3 crédits)
Volet : Séminaire

POL 7532 Lectures dirigées : Politique internationale (3 crédits)
Volet : Séminaire

POL 7535 Méthodologies quantitatives avancées (3 crédits)
Les méthodologies quantitatives d'analyse avancées et leur application en science politique. Les sujets incluent l'analyse de la régression multivariée, les modèles de la parimonie ou de la probabilité maximales, et les analyses panels. Initiation aux logiciels avancés d'organisation de données et à la construction d'outils de collecte de données.
Volet : Séminaire

POL 7536 Méthodologies qualitatives avancées (3 crédits)
Les méthodologies qualitatives d'analyse avancées et leur application en science politique. Les thèmes abordés incluent la méthodologie de l'approche de terrain, entretiens, observation de participation, recherche dans les archives, et analyses de discours.
Volet : Séminaire

POL 7537 Méthodologies interprétatives ou critiques (3 crédits)
Les méthodologies interprétatives ou critiques et leur application en science politique : la généalogie, la déconstruction, l'approche de terrain, l'analyse féministe, le nouveau matérialisme, les méthodologies de la décolonisation.
Volet : Séminaire


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POL 7766 Préparation du projet de thèse (3 crédits)
Réflexion approfondie sur les questions liées à la dimension méthodologique du travail de thèse. Modes d'investigation, organisation matérielle de la recherche, interprétation des données, appréciation des résultats, etc. Développement des connaissances nécessaires pour concevoir et formuler le projet de thèse. Ce séminaire est réservé aux étudiants du doctorat en science politique. Il est offert une fois par deux semaines sur deux sessions consécutives.
Volet : Séminaire

POL 77661 Préparation du projet de thèse (Partie 1 de 2)
Réflexion approfondie sur les questions liées à la dimension méthodologique du travail de thèse. Modes d'investigation, organisation matérielle de la recherche, interprétation des données, appréciation des résultats, etc. Développement des connaissances nécessaires pour concevoir et formuler le projet de thèse. Ce séminaire est réservé aux étudiants du doctorat en science politique. Il est offert une fois par deux semaines sur deux sessions consécutives. (Partie 1 de 2)
Volet : Séminaire

POL 77662 Préparation du projet de thèse (Partie 2 de 2) (3 crédits)
Réflexion approfondie sur les questions liées à la dimension méthodologique du travail de thèse. Modes d'investigation, organisation matérielle de la recherche, interprétation des données, appréciation des résultats, etc. Développement des connaissances nécessaires pour concevoir et formuler le projet de thèse. Ce séminaire est réservé aux étudiants du doctorat en science politique. Il est offert une fois par deux semaines sur deux sessions consécutives. (Partie 2 de 2)
Volet : Séminaire
Préalable : POL77661

POL 7979 Mémoire / Research Paper (6 crédits / 6 units)
Volet / Course Component: Recherche / Research

POL 8100 Directed Readings (3 units)
Course Component: Lecture
Permission of the Department is required.

POL 8110 Seminar in the Minor Field: International Relations (3 units)
Evolution of theories and concepts in political economy as an approach to studying international affairs. Examination of various schools of thought.
Course Component: Seminar

POL 8111 Seminar in the Minor Field: Comparative Politics (3 units)
Study of the evolution of theories, concepts and methods in comparative politics as an approach to studying domestic politics and transnational influences, including states, regimes and institutions; the politics of identity; and political economy.
Course Component: Seminar

POL 8112 Seminar in the Minor Field: Canadian, Quebec and Indigenous Politics (3 units)
Examination of the theories and concepts in the study of Canadian Politics. Institutions, public policies, citizenship, identities and diversity, indigeneity, participation, and representation.
Course Component: Seminar

POL 8113 Seminar in the Minor Field: Political Thought (3 units)
Examination of key ideological movements (key questions, main concepts, major texts). Analysis of theories on the formation and transformation of ideologies. Contemporary ideological dynamics.
Course Component: Seminar

POL 8500 Lectures dirigées (3 crédits)
Volet : Cours magistral
Permission of the Department is required.

POL 8510 Séminaire dans le champ mineur : Relation internationale (3 crédits)
Évolution des théories et des concepts de l'économie politique en tant qu’approche servant à l'étude de la réalité internationale. Examen de différentes écoles de pensée.
Volet : Séminaire

POL 8511 Séminaire dans le champ mineur : Politique comparée (3 crédits)
Étude de l'évolution des théories, concepts et méthodes de la politique comparée en tant qu'approche servant à l'étude de phénomènes politiques internes aux États ainsi qu'à l'étude des influences transnationales, notamment : États, régimes et institutions; identités en politique; économie politique.
Volet : Séminaire

POL 8512 Séminaire dans le champ mineur : Politique canadienne, québécoise et autochtone (3 crédits)
Examen des théories et concepts servant à l'étude de la politique canadienne. Les institutions, les politiques publiques, la citoyenneté, les identités et la diversité, l’autochtone, la participation et la représentation.
Volet : Séminaire

POL 8513 Séminaire dans le champ mineur : Pensée politique (3 crédits)
Les principaux mouvements idéologiques : problématiques, concepts et œuvres. Analyse des théories de la formation et de la transformation des idéologies. La dynamique contemporaine des idéologies.
Volet : Séminaire

POL 9200 Theories and Issues in International Relations (6 units)
Evolution of the theories and concepts of political economy as an approach to the study of international reality. Review of different schools of thought. The comprehensive examination in the major field is held at the end of the course.
Course Component: Seminar

POL 92001 Theories and Issues in International Relations (Part 1 of 2)
Evolution of the theories and concepts of political economy as an approach to the study of international reality. Review of different schools of thought. The comprehensive examination in the major field is held at the end of the course.
Course Component: Seminar

POL 92002 Theories and Issues in International Relations (Part 2 of 2) (6 units)
Evolution of the theories and concepts of political economy as an approach to the study of international reality. Review of different schools of thought. The comprehensive examination in the major field is held at the end of the course.
Course Component: Research
Prerequisite: POL 92001

POL 9218 Theories and Issues in Comparative Politics (6 units)
Study of the evolution of theories, concepts and methods in comparative politics as an approach to studying domestic politics and transnational influences, including states, regimes and institutions; the politics of identity; and political economy. The comprehensive examination in the major field is held at the end of the course.
Course Component: Seminar
POL 92181 Theories and Issues in Comparative Politics (Part 1 of 2)
Study of the evolution of theories, concepts and methods in comparative politics as an approach to studying domestic politics and transnational influences, including states, regimes and institutions; the politics of identity; and political economy. The comprehensive examination in the major field is held at the end of the course. (Part 1 of 2)
Course Component: Seminar

POL 92182 Theories and Issues in Comparative Politics (Part 2 of 2) (6 units)
Study of the evolution of theories, concepts and methods in comparative politics as an approach to studying domestic politics and transnational influences, including states, regimes and institutions; the politics of identity; and political economy. The comprehensive examination in the major field is held at the end of the course. (Part 2 of 2)
Course Component: Seminar
Prerequisite: POL 92181

POL 9219 Theories and Issues in Canadian, Quebec and Indigenous Politics (6 units)
Examination of the theories and concepts in the study of Canadian Politics. Institutions, public policies, citizenship, identities and diversity, indigeneity, participation, and representation. The comprehensive examination in the major field is held at the end of the course.
Course Component: Seminar

POL 92191 Theories and Issues in Canadian, Quebec and Indigenous Politics (Part 1 of 2)
Examination of the theories and concepts in the study of Canadian Politics. Institutions, public policies, citizenship, identities and diversity, indigeneity, participation, and representation. The comprehensive examination in the major field is held at the end of the course.
Course Component: Seminar
Prerequisite: POL 92191

POL 92192 Theories and Issues in Canadian, Quebec and Indigenous Politics (Part 2 of 2) (6 units)
Examination of the theories and concepts in the study of Canadian Politics. Institutions, public policies, citizenship, identities and diversity, indigeneity, participation, and representation. The comprehensive examination in the major field is held at the end of the course.
Course Component: Seminar

POL 9220 Theories and Issues in Political Thought (6 units)
Examination of key ideological movements (key questions, main concepts, major texts). Analysis of theories on the formation and transformation of ideologies. Contemporary ideological dynamics.
Course Component: Seminar

POL 92201 Theories and Issues in Political Thought (Part 1 of 2)
Examination of key ideological movements (key questions, main concepts, major texts). Analysis of theories on the formation and transformation of ideologies. Contemporary ideological dynamics. (Part 1 of 2) THEORIES & PROB. POL THOUGHT
Course Component: Seminar

POL 92202 Theories and Issues in Political Thought (Part 2 of 2) (6 units)
Examination of key ideological movements (key questions, main concepts, major texts). Analysis of theories on the formation and transformation of ideologies. Contemporary ideological dynamics. (Part 2 of 2)
Course Component: Seminar
Prerequisite: POL 92201

POL 9310 Comprehensive Examination in the Major Field
Course Component: Research

POL 9320 Comprehensive Examination in the Minor Field
Course Component: Lecture
Prerequisites: POL 8110 or POL 8111 or POL 8112 or POL 8113

POL 9350 Thesis Proposal
Course Component: Research

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POL 9619 Théories et enjeux en politique canadienne, québécoise et autochtone (6 crédits)
Examen des théories et concepts servant à l’étude de la politique canadienne. Les institutions, les politiques publiques, la citoyenneté, les identités et la diversité, l’autochtonie, la participation et la représentation. L’examen de synthèse dans le domaine majeur se tiendra à la fin du cours.
Volet : Séminaire

POL 96191 Théories et enjeux en politique canadienne, québécoise et autochtone (Partie 1 de 2)
Examen des théories et concepts servant à l’étude de la politique canadienne. Les institutions, les politiques publiques, la citoyenneté, les identités et la diversité, l’autochtonie, la participation et la représentation. L’examen de synthèse dans le domaine majeur se tiendra à la fin du cours. (Partie 1 de 2)
Volet : Séminaire
Préalable : POL 96191

POL 9620 Théories et enjeux en pensée politique (6 crédits)
Les principaux mouvements idéologiques : problématiques, concepts et oeuvres. Analyse des théories de la formation et de la transformation des idéologies. La dynamique contemporaine des idéologies. L’examen de synthèse dans le domaine majeur se tiendra à la fin du cours.
Volet : Séminaire

POL 96201 Théories et enjeux en pensée politique (Partie 1 de 2)
Les principaux mouvements idéologiques : problématiques, concepts et oeuvres. Analyse des théories de la formation et de la transformation des idéologies. La dynamique contemporaine des idéologies. L’examen de synthèse dans le domaine majeur se tiendra à la fin du cours. (Partie 1 de 2)
Volet : Séminaire
Prerequisite: POL 96201

POL 96202 Théories et enjeux en pensée politique (Partie 2 de 2) (6 crédits)
Les principaux mouvements idéologiques : problématiques, concepts et oeuvres. Analyse des théories de la formation et de la transformation des idéologies. La dynamique contemporaine des idéologies. L’examen de synthèse dans le domaine majeur se tiendra à la fin du cours. (Partie 2 de 2)
Volet : Séminaire

FEM 5300 Feminist Theories (3 units)
Approaches to contemporary feminist theory. Critical examination from both multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary perspectives.
Course Component: Seminar
Permission of the Department is required.

FEM 5503 Methodologies féministes (3 crédits)
Méthodologies élaborées en études des femmes. Examen critique dans une perspective à la fois pluridisciplinaire et interdisciplinaire.
Volet : Séminaire
Permission du Département est requise.

FEM 5700 Théories féministes (3 crédits)
Différentes approches de la théorie féministe contemporaine. Examen critique dans une perspective à la fois pluridisciplinaire et interdisciplinaire.
Volet : Séminaire

FEM 6100 Special Topics in Feminist Studies (3 units)
Course Component: Seminar

FEM 6101 Gender, Power and Representations (3 units)
This course analyses the diverse body of feminist scholarship theorizing conceptions of gender, power and representation. Examining the construction and representation of gender/sex differences, the course explores the power relations inherent in these representations, while also examining how gender roles and expectations are linked to representations of class, race, sexuality, age, nationality and ability.
Course Component: Seminar

FEM 6102 Women, Rights and Citizenship in a Globalized World (3 units)
This course examines women’s rights and citizenship: gender and development; and gender, migration and health in the context of globalization. Topics include the following: mainstreaming gender and health development; initiatives bringing feminist Southern voices across the world; health consequences of the massive incorporation of Third World women into a transnational labour force; women’s agency and resistance; social capital and pluralism in health services and health care.
Course Component: Seminar

FEM 6103 Directed Readings (3 units)
Course Component: Research

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FEM 6104 Intersectional Perspectives on Environmental Change (3 units)
Intersectional perspectives (feminist, Indigenous, queer and others) of the politics of environmental change focusing on relationships between gender, race, class and the environment in classical and contemporary literature. Possible topics include climate activism, Indigenous peoples’ sovereignty and autonomy, environmental and reproductive justice movements; the social determinants of health; human, animal and land rights; food security and food sovereignty.
Course Component: Lecture

FEM 6105 Anti-Colonial and Anti-Racist Feminisms (3 units)
In-depth exploration of anti-colonial and anti-racist feminist theories and activism. Possible topics include: Black feminist theories; intersectionality; critiques of whiteness; mobility and migration; anti-Black racism; Islamophobia; Indigenous epistemologies; critical settler studies; decolonial, postcolonial and anticolonial feminisms; reproductive justice; environmental racism.
Course Component: Lecture
FEM 6106 Feminist Disability Studies (3 units)
Exploration of key debates in burgeoning field of feminist disability studies. Themes include: emergence of feminist contributions to field of critical disability studies; changing contours of disability activism rooted in recognition of interlocking systems of oppression; intersectional analyses of disability, including cultural and artistic representations; notions of embodiment and "cripped" subjectivities; disability politics in its broader political and social environment.
Course Component: Lecture

FEM 6107 Critical Muslim Studies (3 units)
Exploration of feminist and anti-racist approaches to the global "war on terror" and its specific impacts on diverse Muslim people and communities. Possible topics include: critiques of hegemonic discourses of terror; gendered impacts on Muslim women; cultural production about and by Muslims post 9-11; surveillance, policing and socio-legal studies; racial justice in settler colonial contexts; transnational circulation of anti-Muslim racism; Orientalism and anti-Black racism; experiences of LGBTQ+ Muslims.
Course Component: Lecture

FEM 6500 Thèmes spéciaux en études féministes (3 crédits)
Volet : Cours magistral

FEM 6501 Rapports sociaux de sexe, pouvoir et représentations (3 crédits)
Ce cours analyse les diverses théories féministes qui visent à formaliser les concepts de genre, de pouvoir et de représentation. Les représentations des différences entre les genres/les sexes y sont abordées sous l’angle de leur construction sociale, ainsi que des rapports de pouvoir qui leur sont intrinsèquement liés. Le cours examinera également la façon dont les rôles et les attentes quant au genre sont aussi façonnées par des représentations concernant la classe, « la race » et l’ethnieté, la sexualité, l’âge, la nationalité et la présence/l’absence de handicap.
Volet : Séminaire

FEM 6502 Femmes, droits et citoyenneté dans un monde globalisé (3 crédits)
Ce cours englobe les domaines d’études connexes touchant aux droits des femmes et à la citoyenneté : genre et développement international; genre, migrations et santé dans un contexte mondialisé. Des sujets variés y sont abordés, qu’il s’agisse de l’intégration des rapports sociaux de sexe dans le développement de la santé, des initiatives novatrices permettant de faire entendre les voix féministes du sud ou encore des conséquences sur la santé de l’enrôlement massif des femmes du tiers monde dans un marché du travail multinational et mondialisé. On s’intéressera aussi à l’agentivité et aux résistances de ces femmes, à leur capital social et au pluralisme en matière de services et de soins de santé.
Volet : Séminaire

FEM 6503 Lectures dirigées (3 crédits)
Volet : Recherche

FEM 6504 Perspectives intersectionnelles sur les changements environnementaux (3 crédits)
Perspectives intersectionnelles (féministes, autochtones, queer, anti-racistes et autres) sur les enjeux politiques des changements environnementaux explorant les relations entre genre, race, classe sociale, et environnement dans la littérature classique et contemporaine. Parmi les thématiques possibles : le militantisme climatique; la souveraineté et l’autonomie des peuples autochtones; les mouvements pour la justice environnementale et reproductive; les déterminants socio-environnementaux de la santé; les droits humains, des animaux et territoriaux; la sécurité et la souveraineté alimentaires.
Volet : Cours magistral

FEM 6505 Féminismes anticoloniaux et antiracistes (3 crédits)
Exploration approfondie des théories et militantismes féministes anticoloniaux et antiracistes. Parmi les thématiques possibles : théories féministes noires; intersectionnalité; critiques de la blanchit; mobilité et migration; racisme antiraciale; islamophobie; épistémologies autochtones; études critiques des colonies de peuplement; féminisme décolonial, postcolonial et anticolonial; justice reproductive; racisme environnemental.
Volet : Cours magistral

FEM 6506 Études féministes du handicap (3 crédits)
Exploration des débats centraux dans le champ des études féministes du handicap. Parmi les thématiques abordées : l’émergence des contributions féministes dans le champ des études féministes du handicap; les transformations du militantisme suite à la reconnaissance de l’imbrication des systèmes d’oppression; analyses intersectionnelles du handicap, incluant dans les représentations culturelles et artistiques; notions de corpérité et de subjectivités "crip"; la politique du handicap dans ses relations avec son contexte politique et social plus large.
Volet : Cours magistral

FEM 6507 Études critiques musulmanes (3 crédits)
Exploration d’approches féministes et antiracistes de la « guerre globale contre le terrorisme » et de ses impacts sur les diverses populations et communautés musulmanes. Parmi les thématiques possibles : critiques des discours hégémoniques sur la terreur; impacts en termes de genre sur les femmes musulmanes; productions culturelles relatives aux musulman.e.s après le 11 septembre; surveillance, maintien de l’ordre et études sociojuridiques; justice raciale dans le contexte des colonies de peuplement; circulation transnationale du racisme antimusulman; orientalisme et racisme antiraciste; expériences des musulman.e.s LGTBQ+.
Volet : Cours magistral

FEM 6900 Thèmes spéciaux en études féministes / Special Topics in Feminist Studies (3 crédits / 3 units)
Volet / Course Component: Cours magistral / Lecture

FEM 6997 Projet de thèse de maîtrise / Master’s Thesis Proposal
Master’s Thesis Proposal
Volet / Course Component: Recherche / Research
Préalables : FEM 5503, FEM 5700 et 6 crédits de la banque de cours au choix. / Prerequisites: FEM 5103, FEM 5300 and 6 credit from the list of electives.

FEM 6999 Mémoire / Research Paper (6 crédits / 6 units)
Préalables : FEM 5503, FEM 5700 et 12 crédits de la banque de cours au choix. / Research Paper
Volet / Course Component: Recherche / Research
Préalables : FEM5503, FEM5700 et 12 crédits de la banque de cours au choix. / Prerequisites: FEM 5103, FEM 5300 and 12 units from the list of electives.

FEM 8101 Seminar in Women's Studies (3 units)
This seminar deals with professional development (the preparation of grant applications, conference papers and articles), and reviews the central issues and debates of the discipline.

**Course Component:** Seminar
Prerequisites: FEM 5103 and FEM 5300. Reserved for students registered in the PhD program in Women's Studies.

FEM 8501 Séminaire en études des femmes (3 crédits)
Ce séminaire porte sur le développement professionnel (préparation de demandes de subvention, conférences, articles) et sur les enjeux principaux de la discipline.

**Volet:** Séminaire

FEM 9997 Projet de thèse de doctorat / Doctoral Thesis Proposal
**Volet / Course Component:** Recherche / Research
Préalable: FEM 9998 / Prerequisite: FEM 9998

FEM 9998 Examen de synthèse / Comprehensive Examination
**Volet / Course Component:** Recherche / Research