HONOURS BSOCSC IN
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 is available with this program.

Requirements for this program have been modified. Please consult the 2019-2020 calendars (http://www.uottawa.ca/academic/info/regist/1516/calendars/) 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

Cours obligatoires

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

Cours optionnels

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 3159 Indigenous Politics in Canada
- POL 3171 Immigration, Multiculturalism and Citizenship in Canada and Quebec

3 course units from the Comparative Politics group: 3 Units
- 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 International Relations 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: 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

15 optional course units in political science (POL) 15 Units
6 optional course units in political science (POL) at the 4000 level 6 Units

Total: 60 Units

Elective courses

54 elective course units 54 Units
or 24 elective course units plus a minor

Total: 54 Units