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 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:
ENG 1120 Literature and Composition I: Prose Fiction 3 Units
ENG 1121 Literature and Composition II: Drama and Poetry
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:
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
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 courses 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 courses 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 courses from:
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
54 elective course units 54 Units
or 24 elective course units plus a minor

Total: 120 Units