JOINT HONOURS BA IN COMMUNICATION AND POLITICAL SCIENCE

Communication

Ours is the communication and information age. Analyzing how information is gathered, produced and distributed today helps us understand the communication processes that drive a variety of settings: social, cultural, political, organizational, economic and legal. In this program, you will develop critical and analytical skills in order to evaluate the nature and impact of technology and media on society, organizations and interpersonal relations. You will have the opportunity to be exposed to the latest developments in the field of communication (communication strategies, digital media, evolution of the media industry, advertising, crisis communications, negotiations, etc.). The Department of Communication offers courses in two main areas: media studies and organizational communication (internal and external communication in public and private organizations, health communication, organizational change, etc.). Combining theory and practice, our programs develop your critical and analytical skills and prepare you either for a professional career or for advanced studies.

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
3 course units from: 3 Units
   PHI 1101 Reasoning and Critical Thinking
   PHI 1301 Philosophy: Ideas and Arguments

3 course units from: 3 Units
   AHL 1100 Introduction to Interdisciplinary Study in the Arts
   AHL 1900 Introduction to Interdisciplinary Study in the Arts
   ENG 1120 Selected Topics in Literature and Composition

3 course units from: 3 Units
   AHL 1100 Introduction to Interdisciplinary Study in the Arts
   AHL 1900 Introduction to Interdisciplinary Study in the Arts
   PHI 1102 Moral Reasoning
   PHI 1103 Fundamental Philosophical Questions
   PHI 1104 Great Philosophers
   PHI 1302 Philosophy: Themes and Texts

Total: 12 Units

Methodology (9 course units)

Compulsory Courses

3 course units from: 3 Units
   CMN 2101 Research Methods in Communication
   POL 2156 Foundations of Research in Political Science

3 course units from: 3 Units
   CMN 3102 Quantitative Methods
   POL 3371 Quantitative Analysis in Political Science

3 course units from: 3 Units
   CMN 3103 Qualitative Methods
   POL 3370 Qualitative Analysis in Political Science

Communication (42 course units)

Compulsory Courses

CMN 1148 Introduction to Organizational Communication 3 Units
CMN 1160 Introduction to Media Studies 3 Units
CMN 2148 Organizational Communication 3 Units
CMN 2160 Theories of the Media 3 Units
CMN 3105 Media Ethics 3 Units
CMN 3109 Advanced Theories of Communication 3 Units
CMN 3130 Communication Planning 3 Units
CMN 3133 Political Communication 3 Units

3 course units from: 3 Units
   CMN 4105 Ethics and Information Society
   CMN 4148 Communication in Governmental Organizations
   CMN 4168 Communication and International Development
   CMN 4185 Political Economy of the Media

Optional Courses

6 optional course units in communication (CMN) 6 Units
9 optional course units in communication (CMN) at the 4000 level 9 Units

Political Science (42 course units)

Compulsory Courses

POL 1101 Introduction to Political Science 3 Units

### Catalogue Information

This is a copy of the 2024-2025 catalog.

### Political Science Courses

**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 3102**  
Modern Political Thought II  
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
- **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

**Optional Courses**

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:**  
93 Units

### Elective Courses

15 elective course units  
15 Units

**Total:**  
15 Units

**Note(s)**

1. This course has variable topics. Students may take this course twice.

2. The electives may be replaced by a combination of Option(s) ([link to catalogue](http://catalogue.uottawa.ca/en/programs/#filter=filter_19&filter_170&filter_27)), and/or elective units.

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