JOINT HONOURS BA 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 2019-2020 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

History (48 course units)

Compulsory courses at the 2000 level
HIS 2100 The Historian’s Craft 3 Units

Optional courses
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 (HIS) at the 2000, 3000, or 4000 level 12 Units

Political Science (48 course units)

Compulsory courses at the 1000 level
POL 1101 Introduction to Political Science 3 Units

Compulsory courses at the 2000 level
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

Compulsory courses at the 3000 level
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 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: Africa
POL 3116 Comparative Politics: 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 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 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

Optional courses  
3 optional course units in politics (POL) 3 Units  
6 optional course units in politics (POL) at the 4000 level 6 Units  
Total: 96 Units

Elective Courses  2  
12 elective course units 12 Units  
Total: 12 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) (http://catalogue.uottawa.ca/en/programs/#filter=filter_19&filter_170&filter_27), and/or elective units.