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 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:
  PHI 1101 Reasoning and Critical Thinking 3 Units
  PHI 1301 Philosophy: Ideas and Arguments 3 Units
3 course units from:
  AHL 1100 Introduction to Interdisciplinary Study in the Arts 3 Units
  AHL 1900 Introduction to Interdisciplinary Study in the Arts 3 Units
  ENG 1120 Selected Topics in Literature and Composition 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:
  POL 3370 Qualitative Analysis in Political Science 3 Units
  POL 3371 Quantitative Analysis in Political Science 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 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 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

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)