JOINT HONOURS BA IN PHILOSPHY AND POLITICAL SCIENCE

Philosophy

Since it deals mainly with issues that have no simple solutions, philosophy emphasizes the exchange of ideas and debate, and thus cultivates an appetite for deep and serious reflection. By reading and discussing the works of the world’s great thinkers on fundamental topics like truth, justice, morality and existence, you sharpen your own ability to think clearly, critically and independently. The Department’s curriculum has a twin approach, historical and analytical, and covers political and social philosophy, ethics, philosophy of science, philosophy of language, philosophy of mind and logic.

The Department of Philosophy also runs a minor in applied ethics.

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

The French immersion is available with this program.

Requirements for this program have been modified. Please consult the 2017-2018 calendars (http://catalogue.uottawa.ca/en/archives) for the previous requirements.

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 1
AHL 1900 Introduction to Interdisciplinary Study in the Arts 1
ENG 1120 Literature and Composition I: Prose Fiction

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 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
POL 4930 Honours Seminar in International Relations and Global Politics

3 optional course units in political science (POL) 3 Units

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

18 elective course units 18 Units

Total: 120 Units

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

Note(s)

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