JOINT HONOURS BA IN PHILOSOPHY 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 stream 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
  AHL 1900 Introduction to Interdisciplinary Study in the Arts
ENG 1120 Literature and Composition I: Prose Fiction

ENG 1121 Literature and Composition II: Drama and Poetry
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

Philosophy (42 course units)

  PHI 2170 Logic I 3 Units
  PHI 2174 Ethics 3 Units
  PHI 2183 Political Philosophy 3 Units
  PHI 2380 Greek Philosophy or the Birth of Philosophy 3 Units
  PHI 2382 Philosophy in the Middle Ages 3 Units
  PHI 2383 Modern Philosophy 3 Units
  PHI 4311 Problems in Contemporary Political Philosophy 3 Units
3 course units from: 3 Units
  PHI 4164 Texts in Ethics and Political Philosophy
  PHI 4312 Problems in Contemporary Ethics
18 optional course units in philosophy (PHI) at the 3000 or 4000 level 18 Units

Political Science (48 course units)

  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: 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

3 course units from the Comparative Politics group: 3 Units
  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 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 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. Consult the Faculty of Arts website for more information.

Note(s)

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