JOINT HONOURS BSOCS in Economics and Political Science

Economics

Ever wonder why some countries are richer than others? Ever question why income inequality has been growing? Ever wonder why Canadian politicians worry when other countries may be going bankrupt? Economics can answer all these questions.

Economics examines how individuals and society make choices in a world where resources are limited. It focuses on the production, distribution and consumption of goods and services. Two important themes are efficiency (the absence of waste in the use of resources) and fairness. Since making choices is central to all human activities, studying economics often helps explain why people and governments behave in certain ways.

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 is available with this program.

Requirements for this program have been modified. Please consult the 2018-2019 calendars (https://catalogue.uottawa.ca/en/archives) for the previous requirements.

Basic skills

ENG 1100 Workshop in Essay Writing 3 Units

3 course units from:

ENG 1120 Literature and Composition I: Prose Fiction 3 Units
ENG 1121 Literature and Composition II: Drama and Poetry 3 Units

Economics (48 units)

ECO 1102 Introduction to Macroeconomics 3 Units
ECO 1104 Introduction to Microeconomics 3 Units

3 course units from:

MAT 1300 Mathematical Methods I 3 Units
MAT 1308 Introduction to Calculus 3 Units
ECO 2142 Macroeconomic Theory I 3 Units
ECO 2143 Macroeconomic Theory II 3 Units
ECO 2144 Microeconomic Theory I 3 Units
ECO 2145 Microeconomic Theory II 3 Units
ECO 3145 Mathematical Economics I 3 Units
ECO 3150 Probability and Statistics for Economists 3 Units
ECO 3151 Introduction to Econometrics 3 Units
ECO 3152 Macroeconomic Theory III 3 Units
ECO 3153 Microeconomic Theory III 3 Units
ECO 3159 Democratization and Authoritarianism 3 Units
ECO 3160 Comparative Politics: Middle East and Arab World 3 Units
ECO 3162 Political Violence 3 Units
ECO 3164 Comparative Politics: Middle East and Arab World 3 Units
ECO 3180 Comparative Politics: Europe 3 Units
ECO 3181 Comparative Politics: United States 3 Units
ECO 3184 Democracy and Authoritarianism 3 Units

3 optional course units in economics (ECO) at the 3000 or 4000 level 3 Units
6 optional course units in economics (ECO) at the 4000 level 6 Units

Political Science (48 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

3 course units from the Comparative Politics group:

POL 3102 Comparative Politics: United States 3 Units
POL 3144 Comparative Politics: Africa 3 Units
POL 3145 Comparative Politics: Latin America 3 Units
POL 3162 Political Violence 3 Units
POL 3164 Comparative Politics: Middle East and Arab World 3 Units
POL 3180 Comparative Politics: Europe 3 Units
POL 3181 Comparative Politics: United States 3 Units
POL 3184 Democratization and Authoritarianism 3 Units

3 course units from the Comparative Politics group:

POL 3104 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 Comparative Politics: United States 3 Units
POL 3370 Qualitative Analysis in Political Science 3 Units

3 course units from the Canadian Politics group:

POL 3159 Indigenous Politics in Canada 3 Units
POL 3171 Immigration, Multiculturalism and Citizenship in Canada and Quebec 3 Units
POL 3172 Political Participation and Mobilization in Canada 3 Units
POL 3174 Federalism 3 Units
POL 4134 Law, Politics, and the Constitution in Canada 3 Units
POL 4150 Electoral Systems and Political Parties 3 Units
POL 4154 Parliamentary Government in Canada 3 Units
POL 4162 Health Politics and Policy in Canada 3 Units
POL 4165 Development of Social and Political Ideologies in Quebec 3 Units

3 course units from the Comparative Politics group:

POL 3114 Comparative Politics: Asia 3 Units
POL 3115 Comparative Politics of Development 3 Units
POL 3144 Comparative Politics: Africa 3 Units
POL 3145 Comparative Politics: Latin America 3 Units
POL 3162 Political Violence 3 Units
POL 3164 Comparative Politics: Middle East and Arab World 3 Units
POL 3180 Comparative Politics: Europe 3 Units
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6 optional course units in political science (POL) at the 4000 level 6 Units

Elective courses

18 elective course units 18 Units

Total: 120 Units

Note(s)

1. Students who intend to pursue graduate studies in economics should select MAT 1300 or the sequence MAT 1320 and MAT 1325 (this last course can be replaced by MAT 1322). A strong background in mathematics helps students succeed in advanced courses and graduate studies in economics.

2. Students who intend to participate in the CO-OP program should take ECO 3150 and ECO 3151 in their second year.