

JOINT HONOURS BSOCSC 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 2022-2023 calendars (<http://catalogue.uottawa.ca/en/archives/>) for the previous requirements.

Basic skills

ENG 1100	Workshop in Essay Writing	3 Units
ENG 1120	Selected Topics in Literature and Composition	3 Units

Total: 6 Units

Philosophy (48 units)

PHI 1301	Philosophy: Ideas and Arguments	3 Units
PHI 1302	Philosophy: Themes and Texts	3 Units
PHI 2170	Logic I	3 Units
PHI 2174	Ethics	3 Units

PHI 2183	Political Philosophy	3 Units
PHI 2380	Greek Philosophy	3 Units
PHI 2382	Medieval Philosophy	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 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 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 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

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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	
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
Total:		96 Units
Elective courses ¹		
18 elective course units		18 Units
Total:		18 Units

Note(s)

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The electives may be replaced by a combination of Option(s), and/or elective units.