

POLITICAL SCIENCE

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POLITICAL SCIENCE DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Please refer to the general regulations pertaining to academic programs. Students should plan their programs in advance with advice from the department. POLI 1006/1007 is a prerequisite for all other courses offered by the Department, and only under exceptional circumstances may this requirement be waived. Up to one full course (6 credits) with a JURI designation may be credited towards a concentration program in Political Science. JURI 1105 may not be counted.

BACHELOR OF ARTS (General) Single Major POLITICAL SCIENCE

First Year

- POLI 1006/1007*
- 24 additional credits, of which 6 must be from Group I (Humanities) and 6 from Group III (Sciences)

Second and Third Years

- POLI 2706/2707
- 24 credits in POLI, upper-year
- 30 elective credits

*Minimum grade of 60% required.

BACHELOR OF ARTS (General) Combined Major POLITICAL SCIENCE

Please refer to the general regulations pertaining to combined concentration programs. A combined concentration in the three-year B.A. program requires 30 credits in each of two disciplines. The Political Science requirements for the combined concentration are:

First Year

- POLI 1006/1007*

Second and Third Years

- POLI 2706/2707
- 18 credits in POLI, upper-year

*Minimum grade of 60% required.

BACHELOR OF ARTS (Honours) Single Major POLITICAL SCIENCE

- POLI 1006/1007*
- POLI 2405
- POLI 2706/2707
- 42 credits upper year POLI of which 18 credits must be at the 4000 series and at least 6 credits in each of the two streams (Canadian Government/Public Administration [2615, 3706/3707, 3716, 3646/3647, 3656/3657, 4626, 4635, 4656/4657, 4675, 4715, 4725, 4736, 4746] International Relations/Comparative Politics [2206, 2306, 3206/3207, 3316, 3336/3337, 4205, 4325, 4345, 4355])

Elective Credits (60 credits)

- 6 credits from Group I (Humanities)
- 6 credits from Group III (Sciences)
- 48 elective credits

*Minimum grade of 60% required.

BACHELOR OF ARTS (Honours) Combined Major POLITICAL SCIENCE

First Year

- POLI 1006/1007*
- 24 additional credits, of which 6 must be from Group I (Humanities) and 6 credits from Group III (Sciences)

Second Year

- POLI 2405, 2706/2707
- 18 elective credits (including credits toward second major)

Third Year

- 12 credits, POLI, upper-year
- 18 elective credits (including credits toward second major)

Fourth Year

- 12 credits, POLI 4000-series
- 18 elective credits (including credits toward second major) (42 credits are required for each combined major)

*Minimum grade of 60% required.

CANADIAN GOVERNMENT/ PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

- POLI 2606/2607, POLI 3646/3647, POLI 3656/3657, POLI 3706/3707, POLI 3716, POLI 4605, POLI 4626, POLI 4635, POLI 4645, POLI 4656/4657, POLI 4715, POLI 4725, POLI 4736

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS/ COMPARATIVE POLITICS

- POLI 2606/2607, POLI 3646/3647, POLI 3656/3657, POLI 3706/3707, POLI 3716, POLI 4605, POLI 4626, POLI 4635, POLI 4645, POLI 4656/4657, POLI 4715, POLI 4725, POLI 4736

HONOURS DIPLOMA

Admission to the Honours Diploma program will require the successful completion of a general three-year degree in Political Science with at least a 70% average in all Political Science courses required for the degree. An overall average of 70% or greater is required to obtain the Honours Diploma. Please contact the Office of the Registrar for more information.

CERTIFICATE IN PUBLIC POLICY AND ADMINISTRATION

The Department of Law and Politics offers a Public Administration. This Certificate is designed to offer students in other programs the opportunity to complement their program and those in the workforce who wish to improve their knowledge with a strong foundation in the area of Public Policy & Administration. Students are allowed to customize a part of their Certificate studies from the broad range of Political Science courses available, subject to program guidelines. Students will receive the Certificate upon graduation from their Degree Program or from graduation from the Certificate Program

The Certificate Requirements include: POLI 1006/07, POLI 2606/07, POLI 2706/2707, and 12 additional upper level POLI credits as determined in consultation with the Department.

MINOR IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

A minor in Political Science is available to students who are qualifying for a degree program. In all cases, students will be expected to respect all course prerequisite requirements.

The minor in Political Science consists of the following:

POLI 1006/1007
12 credits POLI 2000 series
6 credits POLI 3000 series

More information on minors is available in Chapter Three: Academic Policies, Procedures and Regulations.

POLITICAL SCIENCE COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Prerequisite: Unless otherwise noted, registration in courses beyond the first year level normally requires completion of POLI 1006/1007 or equivalent or permission of the department.

POLI 1006 Introduction to Political Science: Ideas, Principles and Concepts

This course will introduce students to the scope and character of modern politics, political thought and social scientific inquiry. Students will examine the structure and function of the modern state, its various historical and contemporary manifestations, and the ideas and norms that seem to underpin it. Students will investigate the root of political legitimacy, types of political authority, and how power is used (and misused) to facilitate order and/or compliance. *Students may not retain credit for both POLI 1006 and POLI 1005. (LEC 3) (3 cr)*

POLI 1007 Introduction to Political Science II: Ideas, Principles and Institutions

This course will introduce students to the discipline of Political Science and its major subfields. Students will explore the scope and character of institutions, regime types, modes of decision making, the political process including political parties, elections and interest groups. *Students may not retain credit for both POLI 1007 and POLI 1005. (LEC 3) (3 cr)*

POLI 2206 Comparative Politics: An Introduction

Introduces students to comparative political analysis, and provides a background on governments and politics of several countries. Included in this selection are countries that have played a pivotal role in Canada's history and political development, namely, the United Kingdom, France and the United States. Central themes for the course are patterns of governance and transformation, as well as trends such as democratization and globalization. *Students may not retain credit for both POLI 2206 and POLI 2205. (LEC 3) (3 cr)*

POLI 2306 Introduction to Globalization

This course introduces students to the complex connections between different countries in the world and the way these connections are increased over time. The main objective of the course is to expose students to the current debates about collective identities, citizenship, and globalization and to encourage students to think critically about these topics. *Prerequisite: POLI 1006 or 1007 or instructor's permission. Students may not retain credit for both POLI 2306 and SOCI 2306. (LEC 3) (3 cr)*

POLI 2396 Introduction to International Relations

This course will introduce students to the theory and practice of international relations. Focusing on theoretical approaches, analytical models, methodological frameworks and core concepts, this introductory course will help students gain a better understanding of how and why the contemporary international system emerged as it did, who (or what) the main stakeholders are, and how recent trends and transformations should be understood. *Students may not retain credit for both POLI 2396 and POLI 2305. (LEC 3) (3 cr)*

POLI 2397 Issues in International Politics

Primarily concerned with discrete events and contemporary cases, this course will examine issues fundamental to international peace and security, order and stability, and organization and governance. Students will consider the causes and consequences of war, terrorism, state failure and humanitarian intervention (etc.) along with how emergent norms, ideas and practices are potentially changing the nature of international politics. Students will also examine various international organizations (e.g. IGOs, NGOs, regimes and associations). *Students may not retain credit for both POLI 2397 and POLI 2305. (LEC 3) (3 cr)*

POLI 2405 History of Political Thought

An introductory survey of some of the main concepts and problems in the development of political philosophy, focusing upon the thought of such major philosophers as Plato, Hobbes, Locke, Rousseau and Marx. *(LEC 3) (6 cr)*

POLI 2706 Identity and Culture in Canada

This course examines the historical and political implications of regional, indigenous politics, Quebec politics, multiculturalism, ethnicity, gender (to name a few) on Canadian identity, culture and politics. This course is well suited for students wishing to explore the Canadian political identity and culture and for those wishing to pursue the study of Canada. *Students may not retain credit for more than one of POLI 2706 and POLI 2705. No prerequisite. (LEC 3) (3 cr)*

POLI 2707 Canadian Political and Legal Institutions

This course examines the major legal, constitutional, political, judicial and bureaucratic institutions of Canada, including, but not limited to federalism, Parliamentary supremacy, Parliament, the Constitution, constitutionalism, political parties, judicial independence and electoral system. This course is well suited for students who have a general interest in Canadian Law and Politics and for those wishing to specialize in Canadian Law and Politics. *Prerequisite: POLI 2706. Students may not retain credit for more than one of POLI 2707, JURI 2107 and POLI 2705. (LEC 3) (3 cr)*

POLI 3106 Indian Law and Policy in Canada

This course examines Indian law and policy and its continued effects on all Anishinaabe peoples and Canadian/Anishinaabe relations. In particular, Anishinaabe law and governance, the Indian Act, Provincial and Federal policy and current efforts in constitutionalism are discussed. This course provides a foundation essential to the study of Aboriginal rights in Canada. *Students may not retain credit for more than one of JURI 3106, POLI 3106, and POLI 3105. Prerequisite: one of JURI 2136, POLI 2706, POLI 2707/ JURI 2107 or permission of the instructor. (SEM 3) (3 cr)*

POLI 3107 Treaty Relations

This course explores the legal and political implications of treaty relations among all Anishinaabe peoples, and Anishinaabe peoples and Canadians. International treaties between Anishinaabe peoples, the two row wampum belt, the Royal Proclamation and later Anishinaabe/settler treaties will be examined, with an emphasis on the Anishinaabe treaty making tradition. This course provides a foundation essential to the study of treaty rights in Canada. *Students may not retain credit for more than one of JURI 3107, POLI 3107, and POLI 3105. Prerequisite: one of JURI 2136, POLI 2706, POLI 2707/JURI 2107 or permission of the instructor. (SEM 3) (3 cr)*

POLI 3226 United States: Law and Politics

This course explores the US constitution and the political, legal, and social structure of the US federal government. It will examine the political parties and elections; the relations between the federal government and states, government and citizens, the role and structure of courts, and the rule of law. *Prerequisites: JURI 1105, or POLI 1006 or POLI 1007, or permission from the instructor. Students may not retain credit for both POLI 3226, JURI 3226 and POLI 3225. (LEC 3) (3 cr)*

POLI 3285 Chinese Government and Politics

Origins and development of the political systems which emerged in 1949. The organization and exercise of political power on the mainland. *(LEC 3) (6 cr)*

POLI 3316 Regional Governance: The European Union

This course will examine different theories of political and economic integration. The focus is on the origins, development, institutional structure and policies of the European Union, comparing it with that of other less developed examples of regional integration (NAFTA, ASEAN, etc.). It will conclude with an analysis of the current challenges facing the Union. *Students may not retain credit for both POLI 3315 and 3316. Prerequisite: POLI 2305. (LEC/SEM 3) (3 cr)*

POLI 3317 Global Governance: The United Nations System

This course will examine different conceptions of international politics (e.g. international system, international society). As well as the origins, development, institutional structure, activities and proposals for reform of the United Nations. It will conclude with an evaluation of the role the U.N. has played in international politics. *Students may not retain credit for both POLI 3315 and POLI 3317. Prerequisite: POLI 2305. (LEC/SEM 3) (3 cr)*

POLI 3336 Canadian Foreign Policy: Process and Formulation

An analysis of the making of Canadian foreign policy, with a detailed examination of the domestic and external determinants. *Prerequisite: POLI 1006/1007 (or equivalent) or permission of the instructor. (LEC 3) (3 cr)*

POLI 3337 Canadian Foreign Policy: Major Themes

An analysis of the major elements in the development of Canadian foreign relations with the United States, Western Europe, the Third World and selected International Organizations. *Prerequisite: POLI 3336 or permission of the instructor. (LEC 3) (3 cr)*

POLI 3405 Theories of Politics and Society

An in-depth examination of some major theories of politics in modern society. *Prerequisite: POLI 2405 or consent of the instructor. (LEC 3) (6 cr)*

POLI 3406 Political Economy and its Critique

Presents a survey of the theoretical foundations of classical political economy as well as an investigation of some of the political and philosophical issues that arise from Marx's critique of political economy. *Students may not retain credit for both POLI 3406 and 4406. Prerequisite: POLI 2405 or instructor's permission. (SEM 3) (3 cr)*

POLI 3407 The State and Power

Through an examination of the concept in Hegel, Marx and subsequent thinkers, this course investigates the role of the state in society. In order to clarify the connection between the state and the behaviour of individual subjects, recent work on the notion of power is examined. *Students may not retain credit for both POLI 3407 and 4407. Prerequisite: POLI 2405 or instructor's permission. (SEM 3) (3 cr)*

POLI 3427 Persuasion and Propaganda

Examines the significance of argument and rhetoric in political life and addresses the question whether it is possible to draw a meaningful distinction between legitimate persuasion and manipulative propaganda. The effectiveness of the mass media in shaping the terms of contemporary political discourse is also assessed. *Students may not retain credit for both POLI 3427 & 4427. PREREQ: POLI 2405 or instructor's permission. (SEM 3) (3 cr)*

POLI 3485 Marx, Marxism and Socialism

A study of the foundations of Karl Marx's wide ranging critique of modern society, stressing its philosophical roots and implications, both in substance and in method; and the subsequent diversity of interpretations in Socialism from the 19th century to the present day, with special emphasis on current critical theory. *(LEC 3) (6 cr)*

POLI 3515 Political Modernization, Political Change, and Stability

The development of complex political institutions and societies, their roles and function. (LEC 3) (6 cr)

POLI 3566 Politics of Work

This course examines the “politics of work” in contemporary society. At a micro level, the course examines the changing work place, technology and downsizing, employee ownership and management, and worker health and safety. At a macro level, the course will explore the post-industrial society generated by the electronic revolution and the future of work. *Students may not retain credit for both POLI 3566 and SOCI 3035.* (LEC 3) (3 cr)

POLI 3567 Politics and the Media

This course examines the powerful influence the media has on shaping attitudes and setting the agenda for decision-making and policy formation. Topics will include the increasing concentration of ownership in both print and electronic media, the future of public broadcasting (CBC, TVO) and the Internet and future trends in communication. (LEC 3) (3 cr)

POLI 3606 Public Administration in Canada

A survey of the main theories and practices of management and administration in the public sector. The course will include the history and development of public administration in Canada, theories on organization and bureaucracy, responsibility in accountability in government and ethical considerations in public administration. *Students may not retain credit for more than one of POLI 3606, POLI 2606 and POLI 2615. Prerequisite: POLI 2706/2707 or permission from the instructor* (LEC 3) (3 cr)

POLI 3607 Canadian Public Policy

An introduction to the basic elements of public administration in the Government of Canada, including the organization of the public service, planning and financial administration, personnel administration and political and administrative control. *Students may not retain credit for more than one of POLI 3607, POLI 2607 and 2615. Prerequisite: POLI 2706/2707 or permission from the instructor.* (LEC 3) (3 cr)

POLI 3706 Canadian Municipal Politics

An examination of politics and administration at the level of local government; this will include municipalities and those elements of First Nations’ governments which are municipal in nature. The emphasis will be on smaller communities in Canada. Some field study will normally be included in this course. (LEC 3) (3 cr)

POLI 3716 Government and Politics of Ontario

A study of the Ontario political system, including its geographic, demographic and economic setting, political culture, political institutions, political evolution, party and electoral systems and pressure groups. *Students may not retain credit for both POLI 3716 and POLI 3705. Prerequisite: POLI 2705 or permission of the instructor.* (LEC 3) (3 cr)

POLI 3756 Politics of the Environment

This course examines the range of discourses that characterize the politics of the earth. Having established a broad context, the course then focuses on environment politics and policy-making in Canada, including federal and provincial conflicts, the role and interests of Aboriginal peoples, Canadian-American relations, and the implications of globalization. This course is intended for 3rd year students. *Prerequisite: POLI 1006/1007 (or equivalent) or permission of instructor.* (LEC 3) (3 cr)

POLI 3806 Quebec Politics

The primary object of this course is to deal with the internal politics of Québec and with Québec’s relations with the rest of Canada. The course will focus in particular on the following areas: nationalism, the separatist movement, constitutionalism, language policies, Québécois-Indigenous relations and social change. *Prerequisite: POLI 2706 and POLI 2707/JURI 2107.* (SEM 3) (3 cr)

POLI 4316 International Law I: History and Theory of International Law

This course examines the historical development and conceptual foundations of international law. Particular attention is paid to the role of natural law and positive law theories in the articulation of international legal authority, and to early modern legal and political developments in the context of the Reformation, state formation, and empire building. *Prerequisite: at least third-year standing in the POLI, JURI program(s) or permission of the instructor. Students may not retain credit for more than one of JURI 4316, POLI 4316, JURI 4315 and POLI 4315.* (SEM 3) (3 cr)

POLI 4325 Comparative Foreign Policy

This course introduces students to the use of the comparative method in analyzing and understanding the foreign policies of selected states, e.g., United States, United Kingdom, France, Russia and China. The course provides an overview of the major theoretical approaches to foreign policy analysis, and examines how these approaches are applied to the study of foreign policies of the selected states. *Prerequisite: POLI 2206 and 2306 or instructor’s permission.*

POLI 4345 International Theory

Examines the role of the empirical theory and recent research in the study of international relations. Emphasis is placed upon quantitative research in the field. *Prerequisite: POLI 2305.* (LEC 3) (6 cr)

POLI 4355 Global Political Economy

A critical examination of the role of the economic issues in international relations as well as various attempts on the part of states and international organizations to manage an increasingly global economic system. Previous knowledge of economics is helpful. *Prerequisite: POLI 2305.* (LEC 3) (6 cr)

POLI 4406 Political Economy and its Critique - Seminar

Presents a survey of the theoretical foundations of classical political economy as well as an investigation of some of the political and philosophical issues that arise from Marx’s critique of political economy. *Students may not retain credit for both POLI 3406 and 4406. Prerequisite: POLI 2405 or instructor’s permission.* (SEM 3) (3 cr)

POLI 4407 The State and Power - Seminar

Through an examination of the concept in Hegel, Marx and subsequent thinkers, this course investigates the role of the state in society. In order to clarify the connection between the state and the behaviour of the individual subjects, recent work on the notion of power is examined. *Students may not retain credit for both 3407 and 4407. Prerequisite: POLI 2405 or instructor’s permission.* (SEM 3) (3 cr)

POLI 4417 Democracy and Political Theory

Drawing upon the resources of classical and/or contemporary political theory, this course offers a critical examination of philosophical issues that arise in connection with democratic politics. *Prerequisite: POLI 2405 or permission of the department.* (SEM 3) (3 cr)

POLI 4427 Persuasion and Propaganda - Seminar

Examines the significance of argument and rhetoric in political life and addresses the question whether it is possible to draw a meaningful distinction between legitimate persuasion and manipulative propaganda. The effectiveness of the mass media in shaping the terms of contemporary political discourse is assessed. *Students may not retain credit for both POLI 3417 and 4417. Prerequisite: POLI 2405 or instructor's permission. (SEM 3) (3 cr)*

POLI 4436 War and Political Theory - Seminar

Drawing upon the resources of classical and contemporary political philosophy, the course examines issues in the political ethics of war and conduct in war. *Prerequisite: POLI 2405 or equivalent or instructor's permission. Students may not retain credit for both POLI 4436 and 3436. POLI 4436 places somewhat greater expectations upon students, including a heavier emphasis upon student seminar papers.*

POLI 4605 Topics in Public Administration

A survey of public administration with special emphasis on the major concepts in the science and art of government. Topics include: organizational theory and practice, decision-making, executive leadership, the political aspects of administration with particular attention to material relating to public administration in Canada. *Restricted to students in the Public Administration program. Students may not retain credit for more than one of POLI 2605, 2606/2607 or 4605. (LEC 3) (3 cr)*

POLI 4626 Policy Analysis

An examination and discussion of the classic literature on policy analysis. The seminar uses the literature as a basis for understanding the nature of the policy process and the types of policy it produces. *Prerequisite: POLI 2615 or 4605, or instructor's permission. (LEC 3) (3 cr)*

POLI 4715 Selected Issues in Canadian Politics

A seminar on selected topics in Canadian politics. *Prerequisite: POLI 2705. (LEC 3) (6 cr)*

POLI 4726 Canadian Constitutional Law I: Constitutionalism and Federalism

This course examines the development and interpretation of the 'common law constitution', the Constitution Act, 1867, and the Constitution Act, 1982. Particular attention is paid to the tradition of constitutionalism in British and Canadian politics and law, and to the transformations in constitutional thought required by written constitutions and by the division of powers between the federal and provincial governments. *Prerequisite: one of POLI 2706, POLI 2707/JURI 2107, or permission of the instructor. Students may only retain credit for one of JURI 4726, JURI 4725, POLI 4726 and POLI 4725. (SEM 3) (3 cr)*

POLI 4727 Canadian Constitutional Law II: The Politics of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms

This course examines the political and social impact of rights and freedoms in Canada and evaluates its overall effects on policymaking and the political process as well as on citizen's rights. The course begins with an examination of the pre-Charter history of civil rights and jurisprudence in Canada and proceeds to explore key Charter provisions and contemporary understandings and uses of rights and freedoms. Particular emphasis will be on Aboriginal Peoples, language and equality rights, and fundamental freedoms. *Prerequisite: one of POLI 2706, POLI 2707/JURI 2107 or permission of the instructor. Students may retain credit for one of JURI 4727, JURI 4725, POLI 4727, and POLI 4725 (SEM 3) (cr)*

POLI 4736 Canadian Constitutional Law III: Aboriginal and Treaty Rights

This course examines the theory, politics and jurisprudence of Canadian aboriginal and treaty rights. A thorough understanding of Canadian aboriginal rights is not possible without examining the politics surrounding the adoption of section 35 rights, the activism of Anishinaabe communities and the impact of aboriginal and treaty rights on governmental decision and law making. *Prerequisite: one of POLI 2706, POLI 2707/JURI 2707, or permission of the instructor. Students may not retain credit for both POLI 4736 and JURI 4736. (SEM 3) (3 cr)*

POLI 4906 Selected Topics in Political Science I

The topic of this course varies with the instructor and the year. Actual topic reflects the research/teaching interests of the instructor and the current world events. *Prerequisite: Restricted to students in the four year program or permission of the instructor. (LEC/SEM 3) (3 cr)*

POLI 4907 Selected Topics in Political Science II

The topic of this course varies with the instructor and the year. Actual topic reflects the research/teaching interests of the instructor and the current world events. *Prerequisite: Restricted to students in the four year program or permission of instructor. (LEC/SEM 3) (3 cr)*

POLI 4985 Honours Essay

An opportunity for qualified students to write a major essay based on independent research. The research is supervised by a faculty member qualified in the student's area of study. *Prerequisite: Permission from both the department and supervisor. (6 cr)*

POLI 4995 Directed Studies

Students have an opportunity to pursue detailed studies in the core areas of political science under the guidance of an instructor. The subject matter of study is noted on official transcripts. (6 cr)