



Understand the impact of power: who has it, how it's used and to what end.

Our instructors are passionate about their subject matter.

# Political Science

Political Science is crucial for solving the world's most complex social problems faced by people, firms and governments. Effective solutions require analyzing legal systems, political power and personal motivations, both domestically and globally.

Our program considers the key issues that will impact the future of Canada and other countries around the globe. Some examples include:

- authoritarianism and democratic backsliding
- causes of conflict and conditions for peace
- human and international rights
- impacts of regionalization and globalization
- environmental, social welfare and health policy
- economic development
- practices of government and public administration
- elections, parties and political participation

## Teaching Facilities

A number of our courses are held in state-of-the-art active learning classrooms in L.R. Wilson Hall. These dynamic learning environments provide ideal opportunities for courses in political science to move beyond traditional lecture driven content to produce more engaging academic experiences and deeper understandings of course material.

These classrooms promote an active learning approach which results in: small group conversations, problem-based learning scenarios and interactive class discussions.

*For students interested in pursuing the Political Science B.A., please refer to the Undergraduate Calendar.*

## Degree options

To apply to Political Science, students must successfully complete a Social Sciences Level I program, including Political Science 1AA3 or 1AB3.

Honours Political Science B.A.	Grade Point Average of 5.0 (C) including a grade of at least 5.0 (C) in one of POL SCI 1AA3 or 1AB3.
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Honours Political Science Specialization in Public Law and Judicial Studies B.A.	Enrolment in this program is limited and possession of the published minimum requirements does not guarantee admission. Selection is based on academic achievement but requires, as a minimum, completion on any Level I program with a Grade Point Average of at least 5.0 (C) and a grade of at least 5.0 (C) in one of POLSCI 1AA3 or 1AB3.
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Honours Political Science Specialization in Global Citizenship B.A.	Enrolment in this program is limited and possession of the published minimum requirements does not guarantee admission. Selection is based on academic achievement but requires, as a minimum, completion of any Level I program with a Grade Point average of at least a 5.0 including a grade of C or greater in POLSCI 1AB3 (or 1G06 A/B). Students are strongly encouraged to complete POLSCI 1AA3 and GLOBALZN 1A03 in Level I.
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Combined Honours B.A. in Political Science and another subject	Grade Point Average of 5.0 (C) including a grade of at least 5.0 (C) in one of POL SCI 1AA3 or 1AB3. Satisfaction of admission requirements for the Honours program in the other B.A. subject.
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Minors	Political Science Justice, Law & Order Public Leadership
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## Level I courses

### Political Science 1AA3

#### Government, Politics and Power

Explore political ideals and institutions and ask yourself; what does politics look like in Canada? Concepts explored include: democracy, equality, patriarchy and more. We ask questions about how these concepts impact and influence Canadian institutions. Think about how one can organize a society based off these ideals.

### Political Science 1AB3

#### Politics and Power in a Globalizing World

Discover the political and economic structures shaping our globalizing world. We think about war, peace, terrorism, human rights issues and more on a global scale. Why are some countries so vastly different from each other and how does that affect the world and its people?

## Beyond first year

Choose from a variety of courses, such as:

- The Causes of War
- Gender and Politics
- Democratization and Human Rights
- International Politics
- Death and Violence
- Cosmopolitanism
- Judicial Studies
- Advanced Issues in Global Security
- Indigenous Human Rights
- Genocide: Sociological and Political Perspectives
- Ethnicity and Multiculturalism
- Global Climate Change

## Careers & Experiential Education

- Through Careers & Experiential Education programs, you can participate in paid internships, a tuition-free career planning course, academic placements and job shadowing
- Work with political parties, MPs, MPPs, city councillors or non-governmental organizations in POLSCI 3PR3
- Earn academic credit while working in the field of Political Science in POLSCI 3WP3
- Network and learn from inspirational change leaders

## Certified International Experience (CIE)

- Students enrolled in the Public Law & Judicial Studies and Global Citizenship Specializations can apply to spend one or two semesters at one of our three partner universities in the UK: University of Birmingham, University of Glasgow, University of Liverpool
- This structured exchange opportunity is best suited for students to experience in Level 3

## Skills development

- Broad knowledge of national and international issues
- Awareness and understanding of key political institutions and policy processes
- Ability to evaluate arguments and research data
- Competence in designing, setting and meeting research objectives
- Able to identify key factors in power situations
- Solving problems using critical, reasoned thought
- Communication skills gained through verbal presentations, discussions and debates

## Potential careers

- Community Activist
- Human Rights Advocate
- Journalist
- Policy Specialist
- Political Leader
- Diplomat
- International Analyst
- Lawyer
- Political Consultant
- Public Servant

A political science degree also provides the foundation for post-graduate studies in political science, medicine, law, MBA programs and education.

*"Law and politics impact our everyday lives, which makes them compelling areas of study, interest and research. This relevance and the real impact of politics drive my approach to teaching.*

*In the classroom, I like to combine relevant examples of daily student experiences with broader and critical understandings of the political, legal and policy systems we face as a community and a country." – Greg Flynn*



MEET A  
FACULTY  
MEMBER



MEET A  
FELLOW  
STUDENT

*"Political Science is wonderful because there are so many different areas you can explore within the same program. Politics play such a large role in our everyday lives. Having the chance to learn from professors involved in the political world is so invaluable.*

*I love having professors who both care about what they are teaching you and you as a student, it makes for a great learning environment!"*

**Kennedy Fung, Honours Political Science**