



Students in Political Science can apply to our new co-op program option. Political Science co-op students will develop and apply practical skills and insights as they alternate between classroom and paid workspace experience.

## New Co-op Program Option

# 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.

Honours Political Science B.A. with Co-op Option

Grade Point Average of 5.0 (C) including a grade of at least 5.0 (C) in one of POL SCI 1AA3 or 1AB3. Enrollment is limited.

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.

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.

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.

Minors

Political Science  
Justice, Law & Order  
Public Leadership

## 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
- Students can apply to participate in a co-op program option. Each program option involves full-time “work terms” added into the structure of an academic program. Get hands on experience within your field of interest
- 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.

*“Students are more aware than ever of the impact that politics and government decisions have on our everyday lives. But politics doesn’t move in just one direction – citizens can influence government priorities and decisions through voting behaviour, through shifts in public opinion, or through direct political action.*

*In the classroom, I push students to engage critically with the political world around them. This includes using games, interactive lessons, and real-world examples to drive discussion as we work together to understand the institutional, social, and political world around us.” – **Adrienne Davidson***

MEET A  
FACULTY  
MEMBER



MEET A  
FELLOW  
STUDENT



*“Political Science is an interesting area of study as politics encompasses our daily lives whether it be through laws, policies, or social movements. I love that what I learn in class is applicable and visible in the social world. Politics is a forever changing field of study; being able to witness these changes in real time and discussing such changes in class offers a unique educational experience. Moreover, learning from a well-established faculty that cares about their students ensures a high-quality learning environment!” – **Justina Mekhail***



Study abroad to discover the true meaning of global citizenship.

Earn academic credit working in the field.

# Honours Political Science Specialization in Global Citizenship (B.A.)

What does it mean to be a citizen in a world where the flows of people, ideas, money, products, pollution, culture, violence, and disease cross national boundaries?

This specialization is designed to prepare students for their roles as citizens within a globalized world. It examines global citizenship in relation to some of the main challenges faced by contemporary politics. Some of which include:

- refugee movements
- global climate change
- corporate social responsibility
- ethnic conflict
- humanitarian interventions
- global poverty
- advances in communication technologies

Students will use various perspectives to explore citizenship, democracy, human rights, north-south relations, economic justice and human security.

## Program Admission Requirements

To apply to the Honours Political Science Specialization in Global Citizenship, students must successfully complete a Social Sciences Level I program, including in one of Political Science 1AA3 or 1AB3. Students are also strongly encouraged to complete GLOBALZN 1A03 in Level I.

Honours B.A Political Science Specialization in Global Citizenship

*\*Limited Enrolment – Possession of the published minimum requirements does not guarantee admission*

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. Students are also strongly encouraged to complete GLOBALZN 1A03 in Level I.

## Three Experience Options

- Study abroad for one term, taking the equivalent of 9 units from courses similar to those on Global Citizenship Course List and 9 units from Global Citizenship Course List
- Study abroad for two terms, taking 18 units of courses similar to those on Global Citizenship Level III Course List
- The POLSCI 3WP3 course gives you academic credit for taking on an internship or work experience on a topic of global citizenship, as well as 15 units from Global Citizenship Level III Course List

*For more information on the Global Citizenship Course Lists, please refer to the Undergraduate Calendar.*





Study the impact  
courts & judges have  
on policy-making  
& politics.

Understand law as  
a means to regulate  
behaviour.

# Honours Political Science Specialization in Public Law & Judicial Studies (B.A.)

What is law? How do judges make their decisions? Does law allow or constrain governments in their policy and political choices? How does law protect people from each other or against government action?

This specialization focuses on the role of the law and legal institutions in democratic systems of governance and the unique constraints and opportunities they place on governments, political actors and ordinary citizens. It explores the role laws and courts play in mediating power in our society, between the state and its citizens.

Areas of study include:

- Constitutional law & the division of powers
- The Charter of Rights & Freedoms
- The rule of law & judicial independence
- The criminal justice system
- Criminal law & the rights of an accused person
- Administrative law and tribunals
- Powers of the police and other law enforcement officers
- Courts and judges as preeminent players in systems of democratic governance

This specialization is ideal for students interested in pursuing future education in law or legal issues.

## Program Admission Requirements

To apply to the Honours Political Science Specialization in Public Law & Judicial Studies, students must successfully complete a Social Sciences Level I program, including in one of Political Science 1AA3 or 1AB3. However it is strongly recommended both Level I Political Science courses be completed before the end of Level I.

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Honours B.A Political Science  
Specialization in Public Law &  
Judicial Studies

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least 5.0 (C) in one of POLSCI  
1AA3 or 1AB3.

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## Public Law & Judicial Studies courses

- Government & Politics of Indigenous People
- Public & Constitutional Law
- Ethnicity & Multiculturalism
- Federalism
- Governance, Representation & Participation in Democracies
- Force & Fear, Crime & Punishment
- Migration & Citizenship
- Gender & Politics
- Human Rights
- The Charter of Rights & Freedoms
- Judicial Studies & Research on Law & Courts
- Genocide