

JOINT HONOURS BA 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.

Learn more about the Philosophy program (<https://www.uottawa.ca/faculty-arts/philosophy/undergraduate-philosophy/>)

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.

Learn more about the Political Science program (<https://www.uottawa.ca/faculty-social-sciences/political-studies/undergraduate/political-science-programs/>)

Program Requirements

The French immersion stream is available with this program.

Requirements for this program have been modified. Please consult the 2025-2026 calendars (<http://catalogue.uottawa.ca/en/archives/>) for the previous requirements.

Basic Skills

ENG 1100	Workshop in Essay Writing	3 Units
PHI 1301	Philosophy: Ideas and Arguments	3 Units
PHI 1302	Philosophy: Themes and Texts	3 Units
3 course units from:		3 Units

AHL 1100	Introduction to Interdisciplinary Study in the Arts	
AHL 1900	Introduction to Interdisciplinary Study in the Arts	
ENG 1120	Selected Topics in Literature and Composition	

Total: **12 Units**

Philosophy (42 course units)

Compulsory Courses

PHI 2170	Logic I	3 Units
PHI 2174	Ethics	3 Units
PHI 2183	Political Philosophy	3 Units
PHI 4311	Problems in Contemporary Political Philosophy	3 Units

Optional Courses

6 course units from: **6 Units**

PHI 2380	Greek Philosophy	
PHI 2382	Medieval Philosophy	
PHI 2383	Modern Philosophy	

3 course units from: **3 Units**

PHI 4164	Texts in Ethics and Political Philosophy	
PHI 4312	Problems in Contemporary Ethics	

21 optional course units in philosophy (PHI) at the 3000 or 4000 level **21 Units**

Political Science (48 course units)

Compulsory Courses

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

Optional Courses

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 3126	Gender and Politics	
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 3182	Indigenous Political Theory	
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 4163	Sexual and Gender Diversity Politics	
POL 4165	Social and Political Thought in Quebec	
POL 4166	Social and Political Thought in Canada	
POL 4194	Indigenous Governance in Canada	
POL 4301	The Politics of Populism	
POL 4303	Politics and the Far Right	
POL 4375	Social Citizenship and the Welfare State: Canada in a Comparative Perspective	
3 course units from the Comparative Politics group:		3 Units
POL 3109	Nationalism	
POL 3114	Comparative Politics: Asia	
POL 3115	Comparative Politics of Development	
POL 3126	Gender and Politics	
POL 3144	Comparative Politics: Africa	
POL 3145	Comparative Politics: Latin America	
POL 3162	Political Violence	
POL 3164	Comparative Politics: Middle East and Arab World	
POL 3177	Politics, Social Movements and Globalization	
POL 3180	Comparative Politics: Europe	
POL 3181	International and Comparative Politics of Indigenous Peoples	
POL 4127	United States Foreign Policy	
POL 4141	Comparative Politics: United States	
POL 4145	Comparative Politics: Identity Issues	
POL 4163	Sexual and Gender Diversity Politics	
POL 4178	Political Economy of Development	
POL 4184	Democratization and Authoritarianism	
POL 4189	Politics of Human Rights	
POL 4301	The Politics of Populism	
POL 4303	Politics and the Far Right	
POL 4375	Social Citizenship and the Welfare State: Canada in a Comparative Perspective	
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 3175	Ecopolitics	
POL 3177	Politics, Social Movements and Globalization	
POL 3178	Canadian Foreign Policy and North American Relations	
POL 3179	International Organizations and Global Governance	
POL 3181	International and Comparative Politics of Indigenous Peoples	
POL 4126	Contemporary Geopolitics	
POL 4127	United States Foreign Policy	
POL 4138	Empire and Imperialism	
POL 4170	Politics of Foreign Aid	
POL 4173	Agri-Food Politics	
POL 4176	International Political Economy	
POL 4178	Political Economy of Development	
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	
POL 4302	Technopolitics	
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:		90 Units
Elective Courses ²		
18 elective course units		18 Units
Total:		18 Units
Note(s)		
¹ This course has variable topics. Students may take this course twice.		
² The electives may be replaced by a combination of Option(s) (http://catalogue.uottawa.ca/en/programs/ #filter=filter_19&filter_170&filter_27), and/or elective units.		