

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.

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
ENG 1120	Selected Topics in Literature and Composition	3 Units
Total:		6 Units

Philosophy (48 units)

Compulsory Courses		
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 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 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 4176 International Political Economy	
POL 4163 Sexual and Gender Diversity Politics		POL 4178 Political Economy of Development	
POL 4165 Social and Political Thought in Quebec		POL 4188 International Relations as Political Theory	
POL 4166 Social and Political Thought in Canada		POL 4190 Global Environmental Politics	
POL 4194 Indigenous Governance in Canada		POL 4191 Selected Topics in Critical Security and War Studies	
POL 4301 The Politics of Populism		POL 4192 Selected Topics in International Political Economy and or Global Governance	
POL 4303 Politics and the Far Right		POL 4302 Technopolitics	
POL 4375 Social Citizenship and the Welfare State: Canada in a Comparative Perspective		3 course units from:	3 Units
3 course units from the Comparative Politics group:	3 Units	POL 4310 Honours Seminar in Political Thought	
POL 3109 Nationalism		POL 4320 Honours Seminar in Canadian Politics	
POL 3114 Comparative Politics: Asia		POL 4330 Honours Seminar in International Relations and Global Politics	
POL 3115 Comparative Politics of Development		POL 4350 Honours Seminar in Comparative Politics	
POL 3126 Gender and Politics		POL 4930 Honours Seminar in International Relations and Global Politics	
POL 3144 Comparative Politics: Africa		3 optional course units in political science (POL)	3 Units
POL 3145 Comparative Politics: Latin America		6 optional course units in political science (POL) at the 4000 level	6 Units
POL 3162 Political Violence		Total:	96 Units
POL 3164 Comparative Politics: Middle East and Arab World		Elective courses ¹	
POL 3177 Politics, Social Movements and Globalization		18 elective course units	18 Units
POL 3180 Comparative Politics: Europe		Total:	18 Units
POL 3181 International and Comparative Politics of Indigenous Peoples		Note(s)	
POL 4127 United States Foreign Policy		¹ The electives may be replaced by a combination of Option(s), and/or elective units.	
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 Ecolitics			
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			