POLITICAL STUDIES

Departmental Notes

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Overview

The Department of Political Studies at Queen's offers a full curriculum in all areas of political sciences, designed to take you on different and exciting intellectual journeys. You might explore the foundations of early democratic thought, examine integration in the European Union, study how states make the transition to democracy, analyze sources of conflict and cooperation in the international system, investigate trends in voting behaviour, or explore the impact of welfare reforms on single mothers. You will develop critical thinking and writing skills, which are not only useful for a variety of pursuits after graduation, but crucial for citizenship in a democracy.

Departmental Policies

Prerequisites

Upper-level courses in Political Studies have prerequisites, including minimum GPA requirements. Please consult the course descriptions in the Faculty of Arts and Science *Calendar* for more details.

Studying in French

With prior permission of the instructor, assignments and examinations may be submitted in French.

Advice to Students

Lecture and Seminar Courses

300-level courses are lecture courses. Most 400-level courses are seminars, but some are lecture courses. For further details, please consult the Department of Political Studies homepage (https://www.queensu.ca/politics/home/).

Special Study Opportunities

Third Year Abroad

Political Studies students are encouraged to consider taking part in an exchange program in their third year. Students should note that 400-level POLS courses have a minimum GPA in previous POLS courses as a prerequisite. Since courses taken on an exchange program do not contribute towards GPA calculations, students should ensure that their grades are sufficient to satisfy the 400-level prerequisite before embarking on an exchange program. Those students in Medial (https://queensu-ca-public.courseleaf.com/arts-science/schools-departments-programs/political-studies/arts-science/schools-departments-programs/political-studies/political-studies-medial-arts-ba-honours/) or Major (https://queensu-ca-public.courseleaf.com/archive/2021-2022/arts-science/schools-departments-programs/political-studies/political-studies-major-arts-ba-honours/) Plans must take POLS 384 Strategies of Political Research in their second or fourth year at Queen's.

Third Year Abroad at the Bader International Study Centre (BISC)

Political Studies students who wish to spend one or two terms at the Bader International Study Centre (https://www.queensu.ca/bisc/) at Herstmonceux Castle in Britain should consult with the Department. Students may receive credit for courses in other subjects and may defer POLS 384 Strategies of Political Research to their final year.

Documents Library

An extensive collection of government documents, which is strongest in Canadian federal, provincial and local government. The international collection of publications of the United Nations and several international agencies is also strong. The Library also has an archive of data, including census data, survey material, etc. The Library is housed in the Stauffer Library (Basement Level).

Faculty

G. Grant Amyot (https://www.queensu.ca/politics/people/faculty-and-instructors/g-grant-amyot/), Yolande Bouka (https://www.queensu.ca/politics/people/faculty/yolande-bouka/), Poulomi Chakrabarti (https://www.queensu.ca/politics/people/faculty-and-instructors/poulomi-chakrabarti/), Wayne Cox (https://www.queensu.ca/politics/people/faculty/wayne-cox/), Zsuzsa Csergo (https://www.queensu.ca/politics/people/faculty-and-instructors/zsuzsa-cserg%C5%91/), Danielle Delaney (https://www.queensu.ca/politics/people/faculty/danielle-delaney/), Colin Farrelly

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Programs

- Politics, Philosophy and Economics – Specialization (Arts) – Bachelor of Arts (Honours) (https://queensu-ca-public.courseleaf.com/archive/2021-2022/arts-science/schools-departments-programs/political-studies/politics-philosophy-economics-specialization-arts-ba-honours/)
- Political Studies – Major (Arts) – Bachelor of Arts (Honours) (https://queensu-ca-public.courseleaf.com/archive/2021-2022/arts-science/schools-departments-programs/political-studies/political-studies-major-arts-ba-honours/)
- Political Studies – Medial (Arts) – Bachelor of Arts (Honours) (https://queensu-ca-public.courseleaf.com/archive/2021-2022/arts-science/schools-departments-programs/political-studies/political-studies-medial-arts-ba-honours/)
- Political Studies – General (Arts) – Bachelor of Arts (https://queensu-ca-public.courseleaf.com/archive/2021-2022/arts-science/schools-departments-programs/political-studies/political-studies-general-arts-ba/)
- Political Studies – Minor (Arts) (https://queensu-ca-public.courseleaf.com/archive/2021-2022/arts-science/schools-departments-programs/political-studies/political-studies-minor-arts/)

Courses

POLS 101 Contemporary Issues in Politics Units: 3.00
An examination of current political issues. By examining an issue or problem students will be exposed to political institutions, processes and concepts in political science. The subject matter will change depending on the instructor and current political events.
LEARNING HOURS 120 (24L;12T;12Oc;72P).
Requirements: Prerequisite None. Note This course does not lead to further courses in Political Studies. This course cannot be used as credit towards any POLS Plan.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 110 Introduction to Politics and Government Units: 6.00
An introduction to political science that provides both a framework for thinking about politics and the institutions of governance, and some of the vocabulary necessary for political analysis.
NOTE Also offered at the Bader International Studies Centre, Herstmonceux. Learning Hours may vary.
Requirements: Prerequisite None.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 211 Canadian Government Units: 3.00
An examination of the institutions and constitutional foundations of government and politics in Canada.
Requirements: Prerequisite POLS 110.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 212 Canadian Politics Units: 3.00
An analysis of the processes, groups, parties, voters, and culture of Canadian politics.
LEARNING HOURS 130 (10L;30T;40G;10I;20Oc;20P).
Requirements: Prerequisite POLS 110.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 230 American Elections Units: 3.00
This course provides a general introduction to the institutions and politics of the electoral process in the United States. The course integrates literature on the electoral system (including the system of primary elections), campaign financing, political parties, voting behaviour, political sociology, and political communication.
Requirements: Prerequisite POLS 110.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 241 Comparative Politics: Transformations Units: 3.00
An examination of how and why societies change and the context in which transformation occurs.
Requirements: Prerequisite POLS 110.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 242 Comparative Politics: Contemporary Regimes Units: 3.00
The nature of political regimes in advanced industrial countries and the developing world.
Requirements: Prerequisite POLS 110.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 243 States, Ethnic Diversity, and Conflict Units: 3.00
A comparative examination of the ways in which selected polities respond to national, ethnic, linguistic, religious, and racial diversity.
Requirements: Prerequisite POLS 110.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 244 Comparative Politics:Democracy and Democratization Units: 3.00
A comparative exploration of the apparent disjuncture between the normative assumptions of liberal democratic theory and the realities of democracy-building.
Requirements: Prerequisite POLS 110.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 250 Political Theory Units: 6.00
A survey of the principal ideas of Western political theorists from ancient to modern times, focusing in particular on the role and scope of government; the proper organization of governmental power; the nature of political obligation; and the ethics of political power and authority.
Requirements: POLS110 exclusion
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 251 Political Ideologies Units: 3.00
This course introduces students to a range of contemporary ideologies, such as liberalism, socialism, conservatism, fascism, feminism, anarchism, ecologism, fundamentalism, and nationalism. It includes primary and secondary readings, and will focus on the critical interpretation of these competing belief systems.
Requirements: Prerequisite POLS 110.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 260 Intro. To Intern't'l Politics Units: 6.00
Requirements: POLS1###
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 261 International Politics Units: 3.00
An introduction to the major issues in the study of international relations: questions of war and peace, national security, the role of the 'state', foreign and defence policy, gender and international relations, and international institutions.
Requirements: Prerequisite POLS 110.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 262 International Political Economy Units: 3.00
An introduction to the major issues in the study of international political economy, including transnationalism, integration, globalization, and underdevelopment.
LEARNING HOURS 118 (24L;10T;84P).
Requirements: Prerequisite POLS 110.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 263 Introduction to International Security Units: 3.00
This course introduces students to current theoretical and policy debates about the nature of 'international security.' In addition to addressing the meaning of this contested concept, we will examine three principal ways in which security has been organized by states, specifically: collective security, collective defence, and security communities.
NOTE Also offered at the Bader International Studies Centre, Herstmonceux. Learning Hours may vary.
Requirements: Prerequisite POLS 110.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 264 World Politics in Historical Perspective Units: 3.00
This course examines the evolution of global politics in the modern era, from the institutionalization of sovereignty in the Peace of Westphalia to the contemporary period.
Requirements: Prerequisite POLS 110.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 280 Introduction to Women, Gender and Pols Units: 3.00
This course analyzes the status of women and men in domestic and global politics. It presents primary concepts used in political science to address: What is gender? How is it political? How have the women's movement and other collectivities addressed inequality and oppression? What does gender equality look like, and how can it be obtained?
Requirements: Prerequisite POLS 110.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 310 Principles of the Canadian Constitution Units: 3.00
An examination of the evolution of constitutional principles in Canada. Topics include developments in federal-provincial relations, the role of the courts in federal-provincial disputes, and the nexus between the community values of federalism and the individual rights in the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.
LEARNING HOURS 120 (36L;84P).
Requirements: Prerequisite (12.0 units in POLS at the 200-level or above and a minimum GPA of 2.0 on all units in POLS) or permission of the Department.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 312 Political Behaviour Units: 3.00
This course provides an introduction to the principal theoretical perspectives and empirical debates in the study of elections, voting, public opinion, political participation and political culture in established democracies.
LEARNING HOURS 120 (36L;84P).
Requirements: Prerequisite (12.0 units in POLS at the 200-level or above and a minimum GPA of 2.0 on all units in POLS) or permission of the Department.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 313 Mass Media and Politics Canada Units: 3.00
A critical examination of the relationship between the mass media and politics, focusing on the functions of the media in modern liberal democracies and the ways in which news stories are created and packaged.
LEARNING HOURS 120 (36L;84P).
Requirements: Prerequisite (12.0 units in POLS at the 200-level or above and a minimum GPA of 2.0 on all units in POLS) or permission of the Department.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 317 Charter Politics Units: 3.00
How courts are responding to their responsibility to review legislative and executive decisions in terms of their impact on citizens; the impact of the Charter on the way government is viewed.
LEARNING HOURS 120 (36L;84P).
Requirements: Prerequisite (12.0 units in POLS at the 200-level or above and a minimum GPA of 2.0 on all units in POLS) or permission of the Department.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 318 The Canadian Welfare State Units: 3.00
An examination of the character and functions of the Canadian welfare state. Theoretical explanations of the welfare state. The historical development of the Canadian welfare state. Proposals for social policy reform and their implications.
LEARNING HOURS 120 (36L;84P)
Requirements: 12 units in POLS exclusion
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 319 Public Discourse in Canada: Issues and Debates Units: 3.00
An introduction to Canadian political thinkers who have addressed important themes in contemporary Canadian public, legal and theoretical discourse, including multiculturalism, critical race theory, antipornography campaigns, sexual violence, globalization and modern alienation.
LEARNING HOURS 120 (36L;84P).
Requirements: Prerequisite (12.0 units in POLS at the 200-level or above and a minimum GPA of 2.0 on all units in POLS) or permission of the Department.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 320 Indigenous Politics Units: 3.00
An examination of Indigenous politics in a Canadian context, including aboriginal self-government.
LEARNING HOURS 120 (36L;84P).
Requirements: Prerequisite (12.0 units in POLS at the 200-level or above and a minimum GPA of 2.0 on all units in POLS) or permission of the Department.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 327 Topics in Comparative Politics Units: 3.00
An examination of key issues in comparative politics. Topics will vary from year to year; consult department homepage.
LEARNING HOURS 120 (36L;84P).
Requirements: Prerequisite (12.0 units in POLS at the 200-level or above and a minimum GPA of 2.0 on all units in POLS) or permission of the Department.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 328 Topics in European Politics Units: 3.00
An examination of key issues in European politics. Topics will vary from year to year; consult the department homepage.
LEARNING HOURS 120 (36L;84P).
Requirements: Prerequisite (12.0 units in POLS at the 200-level or above and a minimum GPA of 2.0 on all units in POLS) or permission of the Department.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 329 European Politics Units: 3.00
An introduction to European politics. The themes and geographic focus vary from year to year; they may include current political institutions and forces, the historical evolution of the European polities, and both Western and Eastern Europe.
LEARNING HOURS 120 (36L;84P).
Requirements: Prerequisite (12.0 units in POLS at the 200-level or above and a minimum GPA of 2.0 on all units in POLS) or permission of the Department.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 331 American Government Units: 3.00
Survey of the political process in the United States; functioning and interaction of the principal formal and informal political institutions, the relationship between those institutions and their environment, the making of public policy, and current issues and trends.
LEARNING HOURS 120 (36L;84P).
Requirements: Prerequisite (12.0 units in POLS at the 200-level or above and a minimum GPA of 2.0 on all units in POLS) or permission of the Department.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 332 Post-Communist Politics Units: 3.00
The politics of the Russian Federation and selected countries of Central and Eastern Europe.
LEARNING HOURS 120 (36L;84P).
Requirements: Prerequisite (12.0 units in POLS at the 200-level or above and a minimum GPA of 2.0 on all units in POLS) or permission of the Department.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 335 Topics in British Politics Units: 3.00
An examination of key issues in British politics. Topics will vary from year to year; consult the department homepage.
NOTE Offered only at the Bader International Study Centre, Herstmonceux.
LEARNING HOURS 120 (36L;84P).
Requirements: Prerequisite (12.0 units in POLS at the 200-level or above and a minimum GPA of 2.0 on all units in POLS) or permission of the Department.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 336 British Politics Units: 3.00
Contemporary problems facing Britain as a result of its historical evolution: economic stagnation, centrifugal forces of nationalism and communal violence, and the decline of the two-party system.
LEARNING HOURS 120 (36L;84P).
Requirements: Prerequisite (12.0 units in POLS at the 200-level or above and a minimum GPA of 2.0 on all units in POLS) or permission of the Department.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 338 European Integration Units: 3.00
An examination of the European union and the forces towards integration: origin, politics and future.
NOTE Also offered at the Bader International Studies Centre, Herstmonceux. Learning Hours may vary.
LEARNING HOURS 120 (36L;84P).
Requirements: Prerequisite (12.0 units in POLS at the 200-level or above and a minimum GPA of 2.0 on all units in POLS) or permission of the Department.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 341 Chinese Politics Units: 3.00
The course begins with an historical overview of the late Qing dynasty, the origins of the Chinese revolution, and 50 years of the People's Republic of China. It then focuses primarily on political science concepts and approaches to the study of Chinese politics as well as issues of reform in various sectors of China's economy and polity.
LEARNING HOURS 120 (36L;84P).
Requirements: Prerequisite (12.0 units in POLS at the 200-level or above and a minimum GPA of 2.0 on all units in POLS) or permission of the Department.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 342 Latin American Politics Units: 3.00
Comparative study of Latin American politics. Topics include the political legacies of colonialism and independence, the evolution of class structures, populism, the role of the military, and the transition to democracy and free market policies. Emphasis is on the countries of continental South America.
LEARNING HOURS 120 (36L;84P).
Requirements: Prerequisite (12.0 units in POLS at the 200-level or above and a minimum GPA of 2.0 on all units in POLS) or permission of the Department.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 346 Development Theory Units: 3.00
A critical examination of the current theories of development influenced by various post-Marxist, postmodernist and post-colonial tendencies. Growth strategies practiced by the state and alternative visions offered by the social movements will also be discussed.
NOTE Students with third-year standing in the Development Studies Medial should contact the Department.
LEARNING HOURS 120 (36L;84P).
Requirements: Prerequisite (12.0 units in POLS at the 200-level or above and a minimum GPA of 2.0 on all units in POLS) or permission of the Department. Exclusion DEVS 340.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 347 Politics of Africa Units: 3.00
Major issues in the contemporary politics and political economy of sub-Saharan Africa. The development of the colonial and post-colonial state, capitalist development and the role of indigenous and international capital, and political and socio-economic aspects of class, ethnicity and gender.
LEARNING HOURS 120 (36L;84P).
Requirements: Prerequisite (12.0 units in POLS at the 200-level or above and a minimum GPA of 2.0 on all units in POLS) or permission of the Department.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 348 Middle East Politics Units: 3.00
An examination of the politics of the Middle East, including the legacy of the Ottoman Empire and European colonialism, the rise of nationalism, the role of religion, the nature of the state and political participation in different countries in the region.
LEARNING HOURS 120 (36L;84P).
Requirements: Prerequisite (12.0 units in POLS at the 200-level or above and a minimum GPA of 2.0 on all units in POLS) or permission of the Department.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 351 Liberal Theory Units: 3.00
An examination of the major theories and critiques of liberalism, focusing on the rival conceptions of freedom and equality that animate classical 'laissez-faire' liberalism, egalitarian liberalism, left-libertarianism, and perfectionist liberalism, and the critical responses these various kinds of liberalism have provoked from communications, feminists, Marxists, and others.
LEARNING HOURS 120 (36L;84P).
Requirements: Prerequisite (12.0 units in POLS at the 200-level or above and a minimum GPA of 2.0 on all units in POLS) or permission of the Department.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 352 Women and the History of Political Thought Units: 3.00
Drawing on historical texts, this course explores the representations of women and the constructions of femininity and masculinity, the body, and gender relations in the history of political thought, and explores contemporary feminist responses to these texts and ideas.
LEARNING HOURS 120 (36L;84P).
Requirements: Prerequisite (12.0 units in POLS at the 200-level or above and a minimum GPA of 2.0 on all units in POLS) or permission of the Department.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 353 History of Political Thought Units: 3.00
An analysis of the origin and development of certain major ideas in the western political tradition.
LEARNING HOURS 120 (36L;84P).
Requirements: Prerequisite (12.0 units in POLS at the 200-level or above and a minimum GPA of 2.0 on all units in POLS) or permission of the Department.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 354 Democratic Theory Units: 3.00
An exploration of the normative underpinnings of democracy, based on a survey of selected historical texts, contemporary theories, and current problems.
LEARNING HOURS 120 (36L;84P).
Requirements: Prerequisite (12.0 units in POLS at the 200-level or above and a minimum GPA of 2.0 on all units in POLS) or permission of the Department.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 355 Issues in Contemporary Political Theory Units: 3.00
This course discusses important contemporary issues that arise in political theory. Examples include: liberty and paternalism, toleration, punishment, multiculturalism, climate change, intergenerational justice (or injustice) and violence.
LEARNING HOURS 120 (36L;84P)
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 358 Critical Perspectives on Contemporary Capitalism Units: 3.00
Selected topics in the critique of capitalism, e.g. Marxism, democracy, the environment, globalization, employment and popular culture.
LEARNING HOURS 120 (36L;84P).
Requirements: Prerequisite (12.0 units in POLS at the 200-level or above and a minimum GPA of 2.0 on all units in POLS) or permission of the Department.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 359 Issues in Political Theory Units: 3.00
The course will focus on central issues that arise in political theory: citizens' relation to the state and to each other. Specifically, the course will discuss problems of liberty, toleration, punishment, and multiculturalism; and inter-state problems such as global justice, just war, justice and the environment, and inter-generational justice.
LEARNING HOURS 120 (24L;12S;84P).
Requirements: Prerequisite (12.0 units in POLS at the 200-level or above and a minimum GPA of 2.0 on all units in POLS) or permission of the Department.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 360 International Relations Theory Units: 3.00
This course examines the theoretical approaches, concepts, and debates (e.g. levels of analysis, causality, methodology, historiography) that shape the evolution of International Relations as a discipline, including subfields (e.g. international security and international organizations) and how they relate to the conduct of international politics.
LEARNING HOURS 114 (36L;78P).
Requirements: Prerequisite (12.0 units in POLS at the 200-level or above and a minimum GPA of 2.0 on all units in POLS) or permission of the Department.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 361 Regional International Organization Units: 3.00
A survey of selected regional international organizations for political cooperation, military security and economic integration in Europe, Latin America, Africa and the Asia-Pacific region.
LEARNING HOURS 120 (36L;84P).
Requirements: Prerequisite (12.0 units in POLS at the 200-level or above and a minimum GPA of 2.0 on all units in POLS) or permission of the Department.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 364 International Peace and Security Units: 3.00
An examination of the concept of international security and the causes of war and conditions of peace. Topics include: the role of nuclear weapons after the Cold War; the economics of security; new security themes (environmental and ethnic factors); regional security and peacekeeping; alliance dynamics; and European security and the future of NATO.
LEARNING HOURS 120 (36L;84P).
Requirements: Prerequisite (12.0 units in POLS at the 200-level or above and a minimum GPA of 2.0 on all units in POLS) or permission of the Department.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 366 The United Nations Units: 3.00
An examination of the principles, institutions and politics of the United Nations, assessing its effectiveness in maintaining international peace and promoting cooperation among states.
LEARNING HOURS 120 (36L;84P).
Requirements: Prerequisite (12.0 units in POLS at the 200-level or above and a minimum GPA of 2.0 on all units in POLS) or permission of the Department.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 367 American Foreign Policy Units: 3.00
An examination of American foreign policy, with particular emphasis on the analysis of concepts and issues and the study of decision-making processes.
LEARNING HOURS 120 (36L;84P).
Requirements: Prerequisite (12.0 units in POLS at the 200-level or above and a minimum GPA of 2.0 on all units in POLS) or permission of the Department.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 369 Canadian Foreign Policy Units: 3.00
An analysis of Canadian foreign policy, its major objectives and orientations. Topics covered include Canada's role and interests in major international organizations and its relations with key countries and regions.
LEARNING HOURS 120 (36L;84P).
Requirements: Prerequisite (12.0 units in POLS at the 200-level or above and a minimum GPA of 2.0 on all units in POLS) or permission of the Department.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 380 Puzzles in Political Economy Units: 3.00
The course introduces students to the scientific method and its application to various puzzles in Canadian and comparative political economy. Following a primer on research methods, several empirical and theoretical puzzles are examined (e.g. relationships between voting and economic interests, the origins and drivers of government taxation, etc.).
LEARNING HOURS 120 (36L;12O;72P).
Requirements: Prerequisite (12.0 units in POLS at the 200-level or above and a minimum GPA of 2.0 on all units in POLS) or permission of the Department.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 382 Gender and Social Policy Units: 3.00
This course explores feminist questions about the role of social policy in alleviating gender inequalities. Through an intersectional analysis of gender, race and class, this course examines how social policies address poverty, un/employment, immigration and colonialism. Each student will explore one Canadian social policy in detail.
LEARNING HOURS 120 (36L;84P)
Requirements: pre (12 in POLS at 200-level
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 383 Law and the Governmental Process Units: 3.00
An examination of the role of law in politics, the differences between legal and political reasoning, the law and politics of constitution-making, and the political character of criminal and civil law. Topics include the victim's rights movement, pornography and censorship, and the role of litigation in political life.
LEARNING HOURS 120 (36L;84P).
Requirements: Prerequisite (12.0 units in POLS at the 200-level or above and a minimum GPA of 2.0 on all units in POLS) or permission of the Department.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 384 Strategies of Political Research Units: 3.00
An exploration of major issues and schools of thought in the philosophy of social science and an examination of contemporary approaches to the study of politics.
NOTE This course is open to POLS Majors and Medials who have completed 1.0 100-level credit in Political Studies.
LEARNING HOURS 120 (36L;12T;72P).
Requirements: Prerequisite (12.0 units in POLS at the 200-level or above and a minimum GPA of 2.0 on all units in POLS) or permission of the Department.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 385 Introduction to Statistics Units: 3.00
An introduction to the analysis of data from real life situations. Covers study design, descriptive and inferential statistics. Topics include probability, t-tests, regression, Chi-square tests, analysis of variance. Emphasis is in the foundation of statistical inference and practical application of statistical methods using statistical software.
LEARNING HOURS 118 (24L;10T;84P).
Requirements: Prerequisite (12.0 units in POLS at the 200-level or above and a minimum GPA of 2.0 on all units in POLS) or permission of the Department. Exclusion BIOL 243; CHEE 209; COMM 162; ECON 250; GPHY 247; KNPE 251; NURS 323; PHED 251; PSYC 202; SOCY 211; STAM 200; STAT 263; STAT 267; STAT 367.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 387 Politics and Culture Units: 3.00
The course explores contemporary approaches to understanding the politics of culture. In the everyday behaviours, attitudes and practices that form our culture, politics play a role. The course considers a range of diverse theoretical perspectives on the interrelationship of culture with social, political, and economic power.
LEARNING HOURS 120 (36L;84P).
Requirements: Prerequisite (12.0 units in POLS at the 200-level or above and a minimum GPA of 2.0 on all units in POLS) or permission of the Department.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 388 Citizenship and Non-Citizenship Units: 3.00
Focusing on issues of citizenship and non-citizenship in the modern world. How issues of nationality and nationalism, minority rights, gender, class, race and ethnicity, and immigration status impact on the rights and obligations of citizenship and central to the politics of these debates. The relevance of these issues to the current Canadian context will be an ongoing theme of the course.
LEARNING HOURS 120 (36L;84P).
Requirements: Prerequisite (12.0 units in POLS at the 200-level or above and a minimum GPA of 2.0 on all units in POLS) or permission of the Department.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 391 Introduction to Electoral Systems Units: 3.00
This course introduces students to the various families of electoral systems in use around the world. It examines their variations and assesses the consequences of electoral systems on political parties, legislatures and governments.
LEARNING HOURS 120 (36L;84P).
Requirements: Prerequisite (12.0 units in POLS at the 200-level or above and a minimum GPA of 2.0 on all units in POLS) or permission of the Department.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 392 Topics in Canadian Politics Units: 3.00
An examination of selected aspects of Canadian politics and government, including institutions and behavioural approaches. The focus of this course will vary from year to year; consult the departmental website for further details.
LEARNING HOURS 120 (36L;84P).
Requirements: Prerequisite (12.0 units in POLS at the 200-level or above and a minimum GPA of 2.0 on all units in POLS) or permission of the Department.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 393 Topics in Comparative Politics Units: 3.00
A comparative examination of the politics and government of different countries, or theories or themes in comparative politics. The focus of this course will vary from year to year; consult the departmental website for further details.
LEARNING HOURS 120 (36L;84P).
Requirements: Prerequisite (12.0 units in POLS at the 200-level or above and a minimum GPA of 2.0 on all units in POLS) or permission of the Department.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 394 Issues in Political Theory Units: 3.00
An exploration of different aspects of political thought, political theory, and political philosophy. The focus of this course will vary from year to year; consult the departmental website for further details.
LEARNING HOURS 120 (36L;84P).
Requirements: Prerequisite (12.0 units in POLS at the 200-level or above and a minimum GPA of 2.0 on all units in POLS) or permission of the Department.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 395 Topics in International Political Economy Units: 3.00
An examination of different topics and issues in global political economy, such as the role of international financial institutions, the politics of global trade, or the global distribution of wealth. The focus of this course will vary from year to year; consult the departmental website for further details.
LEARNING HOURS 120 (36L;84P).
Requirements: Prerequisite (12.0 units in POLS at the 200-level or above and a minimum GPA of 2.0 on all units in POLS) or permission of the Department.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 396 Topics in International Relations Units: 3.00
Issues in global politics, international relations, international diplomacy, or foreign policy will be examined in this course. The focus of this course will vary from year to year; consult the departmental homepage for further details.
LEARNING HOURS 120 (36L;84P).
Requirements: Prerequisite (12.0 units in POLS at the 200-level or above and a minimum GPA of 2.0 on all units in POLS) or permission of the Department.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 397 Topics in Gender and Politics Units: 3.00
An investigation of selected problems in feminist and gender analysis, examining the different authors and issues. The focus of this course will vary from year to year; consult the departmental website for further details.
LEARNING HOURS 120 (36L;84P).
Requirements: Prerequisite (12.0 units in POLS at the 200-level or above and a minimum GPA of 2.0 on all units in POLS) or permission of the Department.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 398 Introduction to International Law and Politics Units: 9.00
This course provides foundational knowledge about the relationship between international politics and international law. It then explores more specific aspects of international law, including international criminal law and the Law of Armed Conflict, and situates the central statutes, customs, and institutions of international law within the broader context of global governance.
NOTE Only offered at the Bader International Study Centre as part of the Field School in International Law and Politics.
LEARNING HOURS 348 (72L;36S;24G;24Oc;192P).
Requirements: Prerequisite (12.0 units in POLS at the 200-level or above and a minimum GPA of 2.0 on all units in POLS) or permission of the Department.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 400 Seminar in Political Science Units: 3.00
This seminar will examine key texts in the discipline of political science. The focus of this course will vary from year to year. See the departmental website for further details.
Requirements: Prerequisite Level 4 or above and registration in a (POLS Major or Medial Plan) and POLS 250 and a (minimum GPA of 2.5 on all units in POLS).
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 401 Political Theory: Questions & Challenges Units: 3.00
This course will consider various theoretical writings and topics in political science. The focus of this course will vary from year to year. Consult the departmental website for further details.
LEARNING HOURS (LECTURE) 120 (36L;84P).
LEARNING HOURS (SEMINAR) 120 (36S;12G;72P).
Requirements: Prerequisite Level 4 or above and registration in a (POLS Major or Medial Plan) and POLS 250 and a (minimum GPA of 2.5 on all units in POLS).
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 402 Science and Justice Units: 3.00
The word 'science' comes from the Latin scientia, which means 'having knowledge'. What is the relation between science and normative political ideals such as democracy, justice and equality? The topics covered in any given year will vary, but may include the ethical, legal and social consequences of advances in the biomedical or environmental sciences.
LEARNING HOURS (LECTURE) 120 (36L;84P).
LEARNING HOURS (SEMINAR) 120 (36S;12G;72P).
Requirements: Prerequisite Level 4 or above and registration in a (POLS Major or Medial Plan) and POLS 250 and a (minimum GPA of 2.5 on all units in POLS).
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 403 Gender Politics:Questions & Challenges Units: 3.00
An investigation of selected issues in gender analysis, considering a variety of perspectives and case studies. The focus of this course will vary from year to year. Consult the departmental website for further details.
LEARNING HOURS (LECTURE) 120 (36L;84P).
LEARNING HOURS (SEMINAR) 120 (36S;12G;72P).
Requirements: Prerequisite Level 4 or above and registration in a (POLS Major or Medial Plan) and POLS 250 and a (minimum GPA of 2.5 on all units in POLS).
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 404 Canadian Politics: Questions & Challenges Units: 3.00
An examination of key issues in Canadian Politics. Topics will vary from year to year; consult the departmental website for further details.
LEARNING HOURS (LECTURE) 120 (36L;84P).
LEARNING HOURS (SEMINAR) 120 (36S;12G;72P).
Requirements: Prerequisite Level 4 or above and registration in a (POLS Major or Medial Plan) and POLS 250 and a (minimum GPA of 2.5 on all units in POLS).
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 405 International Relations: Questions & Challenges Units: 3.00
Issues in global politics, international relations, international diplomacy, or foreign policy will be examined in this course. The focus of this course will vary from year to year; consult the departmental homepage for further details.
LEARNING HOURS (LECTURE) 120 (36L;84P).
LEARNING HOURS (SEMINAR) 120 (36S;12G;72P).
Requirements: Prerequisite Level 4 or above and registration in a (POLS Major or Medial Plan) and POLS 250 and a (minimum GPA of 2.5 on all units in POLS).
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 406 Comparative Politics: Questions & Challenges Units: 3.00
A comparative examination of the politics and government of different countries, theories or themes in comparative politics. The focus of this course will vary from year to year. Consult the departmental website for further details.
LEARNING HOURS (LECTURE) 120 (36L;84P).
LEARNING HOURS (SEMINAR) 120 (36S;12G;72P).
Requirements: Prerequisite Level 4 or above and registration in a (POLS Major or Medial Plan) and POLS 250 and a (minimum GPA of 2.5 on all units in POLS).
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 410 Seminar in Canadian Politics Units: 3.00
An examination of key issues in Canadian politics. Topics will vary from year to year; consult the departmental website for further details.
LEARNING HOURS (SEMINAR) 120 (36S;12G;72P).
Requirements: Prerequisite Level 4 or above and registration in a (POLS Major or Medial Plan) and POLS 250 and a (minimum GPA of 2.5 on all units in POLS).
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 412 Provincial Politics Units: 3.00
Content varies from year to year; consult the departmental website for further details.
LEARNING HOURS (LECTURE) 120 (36L;84P).
LEARNING HOURS (SEMINAR) 120 (36S;12G;72P).
Requirements: Prerequisite Level 4 or above and registration in a (POLS Major or Medial Plan) and POLS 250 and a (minimum GPA of 2.5 on all units in POLS).
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 414 Politics in Quebec Units: 3.00
An introduction to the political history of Quebec: the development of ideologies (including nationalism), constitutional developments, and the building of the Quebec state during the Quiet Revolution. Some contemporary issues in Quebec politics, and the relationship between Quebec and the rest of Canada.
LEARNING HOURS (LECTURE) 120 (36L;84P).
LEARNING HOURS (SEMINAR) 120 (36S;12G;72P).
Requirements: Prerequisite Level 4 or above and registration in a (POLS Major or Medial Plan) and POLS 250 and a (minimum GPA of 2.5 on all units in POLS).
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 415 Canadian Federalism Units: 3.00
An examination of the evolution and operation of the Canadian federal system. Topics include the concept and meaning of federalism, the implications of provincial/federal interdependence, and the politics of constitutional reform.
LEARNING HOURS (LECTURE) 120 (36L;84P).
LEARNING HOURS (SEMINAR) 120 (36S;12G;72P).
Requirements: Prerequisite Level 4 or above and registration in a (POLS Major or Medial Plan) and POLS 250 and a (minimum GPA of 2.5 on all units in POLS).
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 419 Political Communication Units: 3.00
A critical examination of the rhetoric of political persuasion, the framing and construction of political messages and the way in which meaning is interpreted and created in the political system. The mass media are an important, though not exclusive, focus of this course.
LEARNING HOURS (LECTURE) 120 (36L;84P).
LEARNING HOURS (SEMINAR) 120 (36S;12G;72P).
Requirements: Prerequisite Level 4 or above and registration in a (POLS Major or Medial Plan) and POLS 250 and a (minimum GPA of 2.5 on all units in POLS).
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 421 Elections Units: 3.00
An examination of the importance of elections to the maintenance of democratic systems. Six themes are discussed: the history and theory of democratic participation; the legal framework; campaign organization; why people vote the way they do; the manifestation of social cleavages during campaigns; and the future of electoral participation. Canadian examples are placed in a comparative context.
LEARNING HOURS (LECTURE) 120 (36L;84P).
LEARNING HOURS (SEMINAR) 120 (36S;12G;72P).
Requirements: Prerequisite Level 4 or above and registration in a (POLS Major or Medial Plan) and POLS 250 and a (minimum GPA of 2.5 on all units in POLS).
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 422 Public Opinion Units: 3.00
This course provides an extensive survey of the principal theoretical perspectives and empirical debates in the study of public opinion.
LEARNING HOURS (LECTURE) 120 (36L;84P).
LEARNING HOURS (SEMINAR) 120 (36S;12G;72P).
Requirements: Prerequisite Level 4 or above and registration in a (POLS Major or Medial Plan) and POLS 250 and a (minimum GPA of 2.5 on all units in POLS).
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 430 Seminar in Comparative Politics Units: 3.00
Topics vary from year to year, and may include class, ethnic, and regional politics, law and politics, interests and interest articulation, and democracy and democratization. Consult the departmental homepage.
LEARNING HOURS (SEMINAR) 120 (36S;12G;72P).
Requirements: Prerequisite Level 4 or above and registration in a (POLS Major or Medial Plan) and POLS 250 and a (minimum GPA of 2.5 on all units in POLS).
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 431 European Politics Units: 3.00
Multi-level politics in Europe: the European Union and its member states. Development of the EU, institutions and policy processes at the EU level, how the domestic politics of European states affects the EU and vice-versa. Economic union, supranationalism, political impulsion for economic integration, accession of new member states.
LEARNING HOURS (LECTURE) 120 (36L;84P).
LEARNING HOURS (SEMINAR) 120 (36S;12G;72P).
Requirements: Prerequisite Level 4 or above and registration in a (POLS Major or Medial Plan) and POLS 250 and a (minimum GPA of 2.5 on all units in POLS).
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 432 The Modern Welfare State Units: 3.00
An exploration of the emergence and functioning of the modern welfare state in comparative perspective.
LEARNING HOURS (LECTURE) 120 (36L;84P).
LEARNING HOURS (SEMINAR) 120 (36S;12G;72P).
Requirements: Prerequisite Level 4 or above and registration in a (POLS Major or Medial Plan) and POLS 250 and a (minimum GPA of 2.5 on all units in POLS).
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 433 Problems of American Democracy Units: 3.00
Focuses on recent debates about the sources of malaise in the American system, with a special emphasis on understanding the dynamics of mass public opinion and the factors influencing public disaffection from political institutions.
LEARNING HOURS (LECTURE) 120 (36L;84P).
LEARNING HOURS (SEMINAR) 120 (36S;12G;72P).
Requirements: Prerequisite Level 4 or above and registration in a (POLS Major or Medial Plan) and POLS 250 and a (minimum GPA of 2.5 on all units in POLS).
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 434 Multiculturalism Units: 3.00
This course explores the political implications of multiculturalism from a variety of perspectives, including theory, policy, and historical meaning. Issues include: history and policy of multiculturalism in the Canadian, US and global contexts; the construction of 'race' and anti-racism; and the role of multiculturalism in citizenship inclusion and exclusion.
LEARNING HOURS (LECTURE) 120 (36L;84P).
LEARNING HOURS (SEMINAR) 120 (36S;12G;72P).
Requirements: Prerequisite Level 4 or above and registration in a (POLS Major or Medial Plan) and POLS 250 and a (minimum GPA of 2.5 on all units in POLS).
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 435 The Palestinian-Israeli Conflict Units: 3.00
The course introduces students to some of the important questions about the Palestinian-Israeli conflict. What is the history of the conflict? How did distinct national identities emerge? What issues are at stake for the actors involved? How do domestic factors shape Palestinian-Israeli relations? Why have peacemaking efforts been unsuccessful?
LEARNING HOURS (SEMINAR) 120 (36S;12G;72P).
Requirements: Prerequisite Level 4 or above and registration in a (POLS Major or Medial Plan) and POLS 250 and a (minimum GPA of 2.5 on all units in POLS).
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 436 Race and U.S. Politics Units: 3.00
This course puts race front and center in American politics. Topics include the subjugation of Blacks, Latinos, and Asian Americans during the 19th and 20th centuries; the civil rights movement; contemporary manifestations of racial discrimination and their impact on who gets elected to positions of power and whose prerogatives become law.
LEARNING HOURS 120 (36L;84P).
Requirements: Prerequisite Level 4 or above and registration in a (POLS Major or Medial Plan) and POLS 250 and a (minimum GPA of 2.5 on all units in POLS).
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 439 American Politics Units: 3.00
Focus varies from year to year depending on the research interests of the faculty members involved. See the departmental homepage for further details.
LEARNING HOURS (LECTURE) 120 (36L;84P).
LEARNING HOURS (SEMINAR) 120 (36S;12G;72P).
Requirements: Prerequisite Level 4 or above and registration in a (POLS Major or Medial Plan) and POLS 250 and a (minimum GPA of 2.5 on all units in POLS).
Course Equivalencies: POLS439, POLS495
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 440 The Politics of Ethnicity and Nationalism Units: 3.00
An exploration of the causes of ethnic conflict, but focuses in particular on the strategies which states use to manage or resolve such conflicts. The review of state strategies is comprehensive in nature: using case studies, it includes approaches which are morally unacceptable as well as approaches which many consider morally desirable.
LEARNING HOURS (LECTURE) 120 (36L;84P).
LEARNING HOURS (SEMINAR) 120 (36S;12G;72P).
Requirements: Prerequisite Level 4 or above and registration in a (POLS Major or Medial Plan) and POLS 250 and a (minimum GPA of 2.5 on all units in POLS).
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 442 Latin American Politics Units: 3.00
Advanced research course focusing on problems relating to the consolidation of democracy in contemporary Latin America. Topics may include political parties and elections, economic policy, mass media, social movements, and political violence. Case studies are drawn largely from continental South America.
LEARNING HOURS (LECTURE) 120 (36L;84P).
LEARNING HOURS (SEMINAR) 120 (36S;12G;72P).
Requirements: Prerequisite Level 4 or above and registration in a (POLS Major or Medial Plan) and POLS 250 and a (minimum GPA of 2.5 on all units in POLS).
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 443 Gender and Globalization Units: 3.00
General issues and selected specific topics reflecting an interdisciplinary approach combining international political economy, feminist theory and comparative politics. Case studies from both industrialized and developing nations.
LEARNING HOURS (LECTURE) 120 (36L;84P).
LEARNING HOURS (SEMINAR) 120 (36S;12G;72P).
Requirements: Prerequisite Level 4 or above and registration in a (POLS Major or Medial Plan) and POLS 250 and a (minimum GPA of 2.5 on all units in POLS).
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 444 Ethnicity and Development Units: 3.00
This course explores the dominant themes in the field of ethnic politics and development. We examine the role of social norms, group-differentiated rights, electoral politics and patronage, status inequality, and the historical role of ethnicity in the state-building process on development outcomes.
LEARNING HOURS 120 (36S;84P).
Requirements: Prerequisite Level 4 or above and registration in a (POLS Major or Medial Plan) and POLS 250 and a (minimum GPA of 2.5 on all units in POLS).
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 445 Dialectics of Development Units: 3.00
A critical examination of selected 'new' theories of development (neo-Marxism, postmodernism, new social movements, rational choice, flexible specialization, etc.), followed by a study of selected Asian countries' development strategies to evaluate the relevance of the theories.
LEARNING HOURS (LECTURE) 120 (36L;84P).
LEARNING HOURS (SEMINAR) 120 (36S;12G;72P).
Requirements: Prerequisite Level 4 or above and registration in a (POLS Major or Medial Plan) and POLS 250 and a (minimum GPA of 2.5 on all units in POLS).
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 450 Political Theory: Appeals to Human Nature Units: 3.00
An analysis of texts that take the nature of humans as the basis for political argument. Emphasis is on the search for foundations for political claims and the nature of 20th-century relativism, cultural and moral.
LEARNING HOURS (LECTURE) 120 (36L;84P).
LEARNING HOURS (SEMINAR) 120 (36S;12G;72P).
Requirements: Prerequisite Level 4 or above and registration in a (POLS Major or Medial Plan) and POLS 250 and a (minimum GPA of 2.5 on all units in POLS).
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 451 Seminar in Political Theory Units: 3.00
An examination of key issues in political theory. Topics will vary from year to year; consult the departmental homepage.
LEARNING HOURS 120 (36S;12G;72P)
Requirements: Prerequisite Level 4 or above and registration in a (POLS Major or Medial Plan) and POLS 250 and a (minimum GPA of 2.5 on all units in POLS).
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 453 Modern Political Philosophy Units: 3.00
An examination of a particular problem or theme in Western political thought post-1500; issues covered might include property, revolution, sovereignty, republicanism, or gender.
LEARNING HOURS (LECTURE) 120 (36L;84P).
LEARNING HOURS (SEMINAR) 120 (36S;12G;72P).
Requirements: Prerequisite Level 4 or above and registration in a (POLS Major or Medial Plan) and POLS 250 and a (minimum GPA of 2.5 on all units in POLS).
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 456 Theories of Identity Politics Units: 3.00
An investigation into different theoretical perspectives on the issue of 'identity' and the import of these perspectives for the 'politics of identity'. Theories of gender, race, class, nation, and sexual orientation, from a variety of perspectives, including Marxist, feminist, postmodern, and psychoanalytic theory.
LEARNING HOURS (LECTURE) 120 (36L;84P).
LEARNING HOURS (SEMINAR) 120 (36S;12G;72P).
Requirements: Prerequisite Level 4 or above and registration in a (POLS Major or Medial Plan) and POLS 250 and a (minimum GPA of 2.5 on all units in POLS).
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 457 Issues in Global Justice Units: 3.00
An exploration of issues in international politics from a theoretical and normative perspective, including global redistributive justice, just war theory, theories of secession, and normative theories of humanitarian intervention. Among the questions posed are whether we have an obligation to redistribute wealth to strangers, what can justify secession, intervention and war; and the terms on which people can migrate to other countries.
LEARNING HOURS (LECTURE) 120 (36L;84P).
LEARNING HOURS (SEMINAR) 120 (36S;12G;72P).
Requirements: Prerequisite Level 4 or above and registration in a (POLS Major or Medial Plan) and POLS 250 and a (minimum GPA of 2.5 on all units in POLS).
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 458 Ethics of War and Intervention Units: 3.00
An examination of the debates about when it is (morally) justified to go to war - and when it isn't. Topics will include war as self-defense, humanitarian intervention, preventive war, and different conceptions of the morally proper way to wage war.
LEARNING HOURS (LECTURE) 120 (36L;84P).
LEARNING HOURS (SEMINAR) 120 (36S;12G;72P).
Requirements: Prerequisite Level 4 or above and registration in a (POLS Major or Medial Plan) and POLS 250 and a (minimum GPA of 2.5 on all units in POLS).
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 459 Anarchist Politics, or the art of not being governed Units: 3.00
This course considers the contemporary possibility of anarchist politics, focusing on the politics that might come from resistance to rule. Anarchist politics come in a multitude of forms' from organized resistance to state authority and expressions of power, to mutual aid societies and cooperative politics, to Indigenous forms of resistance.
LEARNING HOURS 117 (39S;26O;52P).
Requirements: Prerequisite Level 4 or above and registration in a (POLS Major or Medial Plan) and POLS 250 and a (minimum GPA of 2.50 on all units in POLS). Exclusion POLS 451.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 460 International Relations of the Asia-Pacific Units: 3.00
This IR seminar introduces students to major issues shaping the study and conduct of international politics in Southeast Asia, East Asia, and the Asia-Pacific. Seminar topics examine the involvement of major powers in the region, regional institutions and regimes, norms and identities, transnational crime, non-state actors, and natural disasters.
LEARNING HOURS 120 (30S;3T;3G;84P).
Requirements: Prerequisite Level 4 or above and registration in a (POLS Major or Medial Plan) and POLS 250 and a (minimum GPA of 2.5 on all units in POLS).
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 461 International Regimes Units: 3.00
An exploration of problems of order and change in the international system with particular attention to the theory and practice of co-operation, ranging from classic concepts of international organization to current debates about international regimes.
LEARNING HOURS (LECTURE) 120 (36L;84P).
LEARNING HOURS (SEMINAR) 120 (36S;12G;72P).
Requirements: Prerequisite Level 4 or above and registration in a (POLS Major or Medial Plan) and POLS 250 and a (minimum GPA of 2.5 on all units in POLS).
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 462 Studies in National Security Units: 3.00
Contemporary aspects of Canadian international security policy. Topics include: the evolution of policy towards NATO; bilateral defence arrangements with the US; collective security and cooperative security; peacekeeping; defence economics; the role of domestic factors in the shaping of strategy; and aid of the civil power.
LEARNING HOURS (LECTURE) 120 (36L;84P).
LEARNING HOURS (SEMINAR) 120 (36S;12G;72P).
Requirements: Prerequisite Level 4 or above and registration in a (POLS Major or Medial Plan) and POLS 250 and a (minimum GPA of 2.5 on all units in POLS).
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 463 International Relations Theory Units: 3.00
Critical examination of selected themes, issues and works in classical and contemporary international relations theory.
LEARNING HOURS (LECTURE) 120 (36L;84P).
LEARNING HOURS (SEMINAR) 120 (36S;12G;72P).
Requirements: Prerequisite Level 4 or above and registration in a (POLS Major or Medial Plan) and POLS 250 and a (minimum GPA of 2.5 on all units in POLS).
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 464 Russian Foreign Policy Units: 3.00
An examination of the determinants of Russian Foreign Policy, and the extent to which they have changed over the last half-century. The course will cover both historical and contemporary issues in Russian foreign relations.
LEARNING HOURS (LECTURE) 120 (36L;84P).
LEARNING HOURS (SEMINAR) 120 (36S;12G;72P).
Requirements: Prerequisite Level 4 or above and registration in a (POLS Major or Medial Plan) and POLS 250 and a (minimum GPA of 2.5 on all units in POLS).
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 465 The Politics of War Units: 3.00
A consideration of the main types of war theory, including descriptive, legal, normative, causal, process, and consequential, with applications to selected case studies.
LEARNING HOURS (LECTURE) 120 (36L;84P).
LEARNING HOURS (SEMINAR) 120 (36S;12G;72P).
Requirements: Prerequisite Level 4 or above and registration in a (POLS Major or Medial Plan) and POLS 250 and a (minimum GPA of 2.5 on all units in POLS).
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 466 Politics of War in Africa Units: 3.00
An examination of the political dimensions of violent conflict in Africa, including the causes of inter-state and intra-state conflict, and responses such as peace-building and global governance initiatives.
LEARNING HOURS (LECTURE) 120 (36L;84P).
LEARNING HOURS (SEMINAR) 120 (36S;12G;72P).
Requirements: Prerequisite Level 4 or above and registration in a (POLS Major or Medial Plan) and POLS 250 and a (minimum GPA of 2.5 on all units in POLS).
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 467 international Political Economy Units: 3.00
Theoretical approaches and issues within the field, while paying particular attention to hegemony and leadership, the economic dimension of post war and post cold war security, trade, money, debt, underdevelopment, regionalism, and international organization.
LEARNING HOURS (LECTURE) 120 (36L;84P).
LEARNING HOURS (SEMINAR) 120 (36S;12G;72P).
Requirements: Prerequisite Level 4 or above and registration in a (POLS Major or Medial Plan) and POLS 250 and a (minimum GPA of 2.5 on all units in POLS).
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 468 the International Relations of the Middle East Units: 3.00
This course analyzes Middle Eastern politics from the perspective of international relations. Themes covered include the evolution of various identities in the region, the role of outside actors in the Middle East, contemporary Middle Eastern state and social relations, and the role that Middle Eastern states play in contemporary world politics.
LEARNING HOURS (LECTURE) 120 (36L;84P).
LEARNING HOURS (SEMINAR) 120 (36S;12G;72P).
Requirements: Prerequisite Level 4 or above and registration in a (POLS Major or Medial Plan) and POLS 250 and a (minimum GPA of 2.5 on all units in POLS).
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 469 Issues in Canadian Foreign Policy Units: 3.00
This course focuses on Canadian-American relations, emphasizing the interaction in both bilateral and multilateral contexts. Primary concern with issues of trade, investment and resources, with some attention paid to security issues.
LEARNING HOURS (LECTURE) 120 (36L;84P).
LEARNING HOURS (SEMINAR) 120 (36S;12G;72P).
Requirements: Prerequisite Level 4 or above and registration in a (POLS Major or Medial Plan) and POLS 250 and a (minimum GPA of 2.5 on all units in POLS).
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 470 Seminar in International Politics Units: 3.00
The theoretical problems of analyzing foreign policy and the practical issues of diplomatic action.
LEARNING HOURS (SEMINAR) 120 (36S;12G;72P).
Requirements: Prerequisite Level 4 or above and registration in a (POLS Major or Medial Plan) and POLS 250 and a (minimum GPA of 2.5 on all units in POLS).
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 471 Politics and Science in Technological Societies Units: 3.00
An examination of connections between politics, science and technology. Topics include: ideologies and the autonomy of science; science in the Warfare State; controlling the social uses of science.
LEARNING HOURS (LECTURE) 120 (36L;84P).
LEARNING HOURS (SEMINAR) 120 (36S;12G;72P).
Requirements: Prerequisite Level 4 or above and registration in a (POLS Major or Medial Plan) and POLS 250 and a (minimum GPA of 2.5 on all units in POLS).
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 482 Public Policy Units: 3.00
An examination of key issues in the political economy of public policy. Topics will vary from year to year; consult the departmental homepage.
LEARNING HOURS (LECTURE) 120 (36L;84P).
LEARNING HOURS (SEMINAR) 120 (36S;12G;72P).
Requirements: Prerequisite Level 4 or above and registration in a (POLS Major or Medial Plan) and POLS 250 and a (minimum GPA of 2.5 on all units in POLS).
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 483 Justice and Gender Units: 3.00
An examination of how contemporary theories of justice fare from the standpoint of gender (specifically inequalities in gender relations) and what a just, non-gendered society might look like.
LEARNING HOURS (LECTURE) 120 (36L;84P).
LEARNING HOURS (SEMINAR) 120 (36S;12G;72P).
Requirements: Prerequisite Level 4 or above and registration in a (POLS Major or Medial Plan) and POLS 250 and a (minimum GPA of 2.5 on all units in POLS).
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 484 Politics of Globalization Units: 3.00
An examination of the major theoretical debates and issues in contemporary globalization, including the historical roots of globalization, and the impact of globalization on culture, economics, trade, global governance, and global social movements.
LEARNING HOURS (LECTURE) 120 (36L;84P).
LEARNING HOURS (SEMINAR) 120 (36S;12G;72P).
Requirements: Prerequisite Level 4 or above and registration in a (POLS Major or Medial Plan) and POLS 250 and a (minimum GPA of 2.5 on all units in POLS).
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 485 Seminar in Women and Politics Units: 3.00
An examination of key issues in gender and politics. Topics will vary from year to year; consult the departmental homepage.
LEARNING HOURS 120 (36S;12G;72P).
Requirements: Prerequisite Level 4 or above and registration in a (POLS Major or Medial Plan) and POLS 250 and a (minimum GPA of 2.5 on all units in POLS).
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 486 The Politics of Rights Units: 3.00
A difficult challenge facing a liberal-democratic polity is how to distinguish allowable state action from the protected sphere of human activity. The course examines contemporary debates about whether rights provide an appropriate critical standard for evaluating state action and looks at different institutional methods to assess the justification of state actions.
LEARNING HOURS (LECTURE) 120 (36L;84P).
LEARNING HOURS (SEMINAR) 120 (36S;12G;72P).
Requirements: Prerequisite Level 4 or above and registration in a (POLS Major or Medial Plan) and POLS 250 and a (minimum GPA of 2.5 on all units in POLS).
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 492 Topics In Political Studies Units: 3.00
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 493 Topics In Political Studies Units: 3.00
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 494 Topics In Political Studies Units: 3.00
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 495 Topics In Political Studies Units: 3.00
Course Equivalencies: POLS439, POLS495
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 496 Topics In Political Studies Units: 3.00
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 497 Topics In Political Studies Units: 3.00
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 498 Topics In Political Studies Units: 3.00
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 499 Topics In Political Studies Units: 3.00
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 510 Directed Special Reading Units: 6.00
Students arrange their course of reading in consultation with members of the Department. They are expected to write reports on their readings and to discuss them in seminars.
LEARNING HOURS 240 (15I;225P)
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 511 Directed Special Reading Units: 3.00
Students arrange their course of reading in consultation with members of the Department. They are expected to write reports on their readings and to discuss them in seminars.
LEARNING HOURS 120 (9I;111P)
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 512 Directed Special Reading Units: 3.00
Students arrange their course of reading in consultation with members of the Department. They are expected to write reports on their readings and to discuss them in seminars.
LEARNING HOURS 120 (9I;111P)
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 590 Thesis Units: 9.00
The thesis is optional and counts as one course toward an honours concentration in Political Studies. The thesis subject must be selected at the end of the penultimate year after consultation with members of the Department, and the thesis must be submitted by 31 March of the final year. The student can choose to pay for the binding of the departmental copy.
LEARNING HOURS 348 (24S;24Pc;24G;12I;48Oc;216P).
Requirements: Prerequisite Level 4 or above and registration in a (POLS Major or Medial Plan) and POLS 250 and a (minimum GPA of 2.5 on all units in POLS).
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 594 Independent Study Units: 3.00
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 595 Independent Study Units: 6.00
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 596 Independent Study Units: 12.00
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 597 Independent Study Units: 18.00
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 801 Quantitative Data Analysis Units: 3.00
Introduction to quantitative data analysis, including types of data commonly used in political studies, appropriate methods for analyzing each type, and best practices in data management. Students will develop the knowledge and skills necessary to be informed, critical consumers of quantitative research, laying the foundation for further study.
Requirements: EX_POLS 801_SOCY 917
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 810 Canadian Politics Units: 3.00
A critical analysis of the literature on Canadian politics. Topics covered include parliamentary institutions, federalism, the courts, multiculturalism and citizenship, Aboriginal politics, women and politics, political economy, interest groups and social movements, the mass media, political parties, public opinion and voting.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 814 Politics In Quebec Units: 3.00
An introduction to the political history of Quebec: the development of ideologies (including nationalism), constitutional developments, and the building of the Quebec state during the Quiet Revolution. Some contemporary issues in Quebec politics, and the relationship between Quebec and the rest of Canada. (Offered jointly with POLS-414*)
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 818 Canadian Federalism Units: 3.00
An examination of the evolution and operation of the Canadian federal system. Topics include the concept and meaning of federalism, the implications of provincial/federal interdependence, and the politics of constitutional reform. (Offered jointly with POLS-415*)
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 819 Political Communication Units: 3.00
Communication in the modern state with special attention to the role of the mass media, the concept of public opinion in political and social philosophy, and a theoretical and empirical study of mass communication. (Offered jointly with POLS-419*)
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 821 Elections Units: 3.00
An examination of the importance of elections to the maintenance of democratic systems. Six themes are discussed: the history and theory of democratic participation; the legal framework; campaign organization; why people vote the way they do; the manifestation of social cleavages during campaigns; and the future of electoral participation. Canadian examples are placed in a comparative context. (Offered jointly with POLS-421*) One 3-hour seminar.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 822 Public Opinion Units: 3.00
This course presents a critical analysis of opinion research, examining both the ways in which its results have been interpreted and used and the methodologies by which it is conducted. This analysis is set in the context of a discussion of assumptions in liberal-democratic theory about the citizen's role in politics and government. (Offered jointly with POLS-422*) One 3-hour seminar.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 829 Canadian Political Institutions Units: 3.00
An analysis of the role of political institutions in Canadian politics. The course will examine institutionalist theories in the Canadian context, and provide an in-depth analysis of selected aspects of the institutional framework of Canadian politics.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 830 Comparative Politics I Units: 3.00
A systematic examination of political systems in order to account for significant similarities and variations among them. At the core of the field are two issues: what are the major contending approaches to determining what is significant, and what is the nature of the comparative method? This course aims to develop criteria for choosing between approaches and research strategies for empirical work.One 3-hour seminar.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 831 Comparative Politics II Units: 3.00
This course deals with major topics in the current literature in the sub-field, including democracy and democratization, institutions and parties, political economy, political culture, selected policy areas, or particular parties, movements, and interest groups. Greater stress is laid on the empirical reference of theoretical approaches than in POLS-830*.One 3-hour seminar.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 832 Theories and Politics of Nationalism Units: 3.00
This course examines major theoretical debates in the scholarship of nationalism and evaluates influential contributions to the understanding of nationalism in sub-state and global politics. Readings combine broader theoretical approaches and empirical studies.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 833 Problems Of American Democracy Units: 3.00
This seminar focuses on the recent debates about the sources of malaise in the American system, with a special emphasis on understanding the dynamics of mass public opinion and the factors influencing public disaffection from political institutions. (Offered jointly with POLS-433*)
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 838 Politics Of Ethnic Conflict Units: 3.00
This course will explore a variety of theoretical and empirical issues related to the politics of ethnic conflict. The politics of ethnic conflict encompass a wide range of issues that present distinct challenges to states and societies. Themes invested in this course include the construction of ethnic identities, sources of conflict, types of mobilization, state-ethnicity relations, changes in territorial and social boundaries, and the complex interaction between ethnicity and democracy.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 839 Topics In American Politics Units: 3.00
The focus of this seminar will vary from year to year depending on the research interests of the faculty members involved. See the departmental homepage for further details. (Offered jointly with POLS-439*).
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 840 Compar Politics Of Development Units: 3.00
A critical survey of the main theoretical approaches to development, including modernization theory, neo-Marxism, underdeveloped theory and neo-liberalism. These are considered in relation to issues of ethnicity and culture, the role of the nation state in development, technology and industrialization and the globalization of the world economy. One 3-hour seminar.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 842 Topics In Latin Amer. Politics Units: 3.00
An examination of topics such as economic policy, social movements, parties and elections, women in politics, culture, immigration, Chicano politics, and guerrilla movements and political violence. (Offered jointly with POLS-442*) One 3-hour seminar.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 843 Gender And Globalization Units: 3.00
The role of women in international resistance acts as an organizational theme. An essential aspect of this is conceptualizing various forms of oppression-based on gender, race and class- in the context of the world system. One 3-hour seminar.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 844 Regulations Of Ethnic Conflict Units: 3.00
The course offers an advanced study of how states respond to ethnic conflict and diversity. The course will focus on the best analytical (empirical) explanations and normative critiques of the different state responses to diversity.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 846 Citizenship & Non-Citizenship Units: 3.00
Focussing on issues of citizenship and non-citizenship in the modern world. How issues of nationality and nationalism, minority rights, gender, class, race and ethnicity, and immigration status impact on the rights and obligations of citizenship is central to the politics of these debates. The relevance of these issues to the current Canadian context will be an ongoing theme of the course. (Offered jointly with POLS-446*) One 3 hour seminar.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 848 Democracy And Globalization Units: 3.00
The course examines how domestic and international politics intersect to produce transition processes in contemporary "Third Wave democracies" and how national and global forces continue to shape political development in the post-transition period.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 850 Political Theory Units: 3.00
This course provides an introduction to contemporary normative political theory. The course will focus on the analysis basic concepts, such as liberty, equality, power, and authority, their use in different theoretical traditions, and their application to current debates about politics and policy.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 851 Global Justice Units: 3.00
An exploration of issues of justice in international politics from a normative and philosophical perspective. The course will explore the nature of our duties to people in other countries, the basis of the nation state and the limits of its territorial claims, and the justification of global institutions. The course will cover topics such as just war theory, humanitarian intervention, secession, migration, human rights, and global distributive justice.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 852 Contemporary Liberal-Democratic Theory Units: 3.00
This course examines the main theoretical approaches in contemporary liberal-democratic theory including theories of justice, conceptions of equality and the `the deliberative turn¿ in democratic theory.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 853 Topics In Political Theory Units: 3.00
An examination of the reorientations in contemporary political thought. One 3-hour seminar.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 856 Debates In Cont. Pol. Theory Units: 3.00
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 857 Science And Justice Units: 3.00
The word "science" comes from the Latin scientia which means "having knowledge". What is the relation between science and normative political ideals like democracy, justice and equality? The topics covered in any given year will vary, but may include the ethical, legal and social consequences of advances in the biomedical or environmental sciences.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 858 Pol, Legal and Moral Phil Colloquium Units: 3.00
This course examines new work in political, legal and moral philosophy or at the interstice of these three. One 3-hour seminar.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 859 Marxist Theories And Debates Units: 3.00
A study of a selected topic or topics in Marxist theory with an emphasis on the reading of original texts and recent interpretations and applications. (Offered jointly with POLS-459*) One 3-hour seminar.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 860 International Relations Units: 3.00
This course is a comprehensive examination of the evolution and current state of the field of International Relations (IR). It covers international theory, the structure of the international system, key concepts, readings from the canon, and themes in the study of IR such as war, security, foreign policy, the state, gender, global systems, and concepts of power. This course also locates IR in relation to Global Political Economy (GPE) and other related fields of study.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 861 International Security Units: 3.00
This course will focus on foreign policy analysis and international security, with a focus on alliances, defence cooperation, and issues affecting national and international peace and security.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 862 Top. In Amer. Foreign Policy Units: 3.00
The course examines major trends in American foreign policy covering domestic as well as external variables in pre- and post-war administrations. Emphasis is placed on the USA's global role, the part it plays in international organizations and alliance systems, and the conflicts and controversies that characterize them.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 863 Race & International Politics Units: 3.00
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 864 International Political Econ. Units: 3.00
This course is designed to introduce graduate students to the systematic study of international relations and international political economy. It will attempt to address a wide range of theoretical approaches and issues within the field, paying particular attention to the foreign economic policies of advanced industrial states and the various issues surrounding the redistribution of wealth and influence in the contemporary international system.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 865 Debt & Development Units: 3.00
This course examines the political, social, spatial and ideological dimensions of the global financial system, with special reference to the role of debt. By drawing on an interdisciplinary lens, we explore a wide range of issues and theories relating to finance and debt in both the developed and developing worlds.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 866 International & Nat. Security Units: 3.00
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 867 Approaches To Global Governanc Units: 3.00
An exploration of the theory and practice of global governance which traces the emergence of the concept in modern international relations; the academic and public-policy debates to which it has given rise; and its application in the design and work of selected international institutions. Cross Listed with MPA 855*. Fall term. Dr. C. Pentland.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 869 Issues In Cdn Foreign Policy Units: 3.00
This course focuses on Canadian-American relations, emphasizing the interaction both in bilateral and multilateral contexts. Primary concern will be with issues of trade, investment and resources, with some attention paid to security issues. (Offered jointly with POLS-469*) One 3-hour seminar.
Offering Faculty: School of Graduate Studies

POLS 876 Topics In Public Admin II Units: 3.00
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 880 Gender and Politics Units: 3.00
This course addresses the diverse and developing field of Gender and Politics in the discipline of Political Science. The focus will vary depending on the instructor, addressing topics such as: representation; feminist methodology; identity; gender and work; gender and citizenship; the politics of the family; queer theory; intersectionality of race, gender and class; and gender and globalization.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 881 Political Sociology Units: 6.00
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 883 Feminist Theory & Pol. Science Units: 3.00
This course examines the ways in which political science has characteristically studied women's relationships to political life and, by way of comparison, what feminist perspectives bring to political study. The purpose of the inquiry is to situate feminist theory within the broad corpus of theoretical approaches to political study. (Offered jointly with POLS-483*)
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 886 The Politics Of Rights Units: 3.00
An examination of contemporary debates about whether rights provide an appropriate critical standard for evaluating state action and looks at different institutional methods to assess the justification of state actions. (Offered jointly with POLS-486*) One 3-hour seminar.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 891 Topics In Political Studies Units: 3.00
Seminars offered by regular and visiting faculty on topics related to their own research or interests. See the departmental brochure for further details.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 898 Master's Research Project Units: 6.00
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 899 Master's Thesis Research Units: 6.00
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 900 Methods Of Political Science Units: 3.00
This course covers approaches to the discipline, the philosophy of social science, and issues and problems in research design. This course is compulsory for doctoral students who have not already completed a similar graduate course. Doctoral students who have completed a similar course will take another course as their sixth. Students in the Political Studies MA program are eligible to take this course with permission from the Graduate Coordinator.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 901 Readings In Politics I Units: 3.00
Reading course in political science.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 902 Readings In Politics II Units: 3.00
Reading course in political science.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 910 Field Course In Cdn Politics Units: 3.00
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 911 Readings In Canadian Politics Units: 3.00
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 930 Field Course In Comp. Politics Units: 3.00
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 931 Readings In Comp Politics Units: 3.00
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 941 Readings Comp Politics Of Dev Units: 3.00
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 950 Field Course Political Theory Units: 3.00
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 951 Readings In Political Theory Units: 3.00
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 953 Topics In Political Theory Units: 3.00
This course focuses on a specific debate or topic in political theory. The course might focus on the work of a leading theorist, or on an important theoretical tradition, or it might engage a number of different theoretical perspectives on a particular political problem.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 955 Advanced Data Analysis Units: 3.00
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 960 Field Course in International Relations Units: 3.00
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 961 Readings in International Relations Units: 3.00
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 970 Public Administration Units: 3.00
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 980 Field Course Gender & Politics Units: 3.00
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 981 Readings In Gender & Politics Units: 3.00
Reading course in gender and politics.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

POLS 999 Ph. D. Thesis Research Units: 6.00
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science