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Name of Research Project: The Political Science Major in Canada

Term: Winter 2027

Number of Credits: 3 (one course)

Project Description: Unlike other countries, particularly the United States, we know very little about how different universities set up their political science programs. How many—and which courses—are required to get a political science degree? Which programs require a thesis or an internship? What are the differences between a minor, major or specialization? The answers to these questions will hopefully give us new information and ideas for making POLS better, both at Queen's and at other universities.

If selected, you will systematically review and download descriptions of program requirements from political science undergraduate programs in Canada, email departments if the requirements are unclear, then code them in a spreadsheet based on specific instructions. Through this experience, you will gain skills in data entry, deepen their understanding of Canadian political science, and work on writing assignments that support their own academic development.

We will work together to decide on the syllabus, but I usually recommend including (1) participation in weekly meetings, (2) a reflective research journal, and (3) a written assignment that will help your research careers, such as a SSHRC CGRS-M scholarship application, an honours thesis (POLS 590) application, and/or a writing sample for graduate school. This opportunity is ideal for students interested in graduate programs or careers at universities.

Required Skills:

- Familiarity with Microsoft Office (Excel, OneDrive, Outlook)
- Attention to detail
- Ability to work independently and meet deadlines
- Access to a laptop or desktop computer with Internet

Assets:

- Completion of POLS 284 and/or POLS 285
- Experience with data entry
- Reading knowledge of French

Note: Please apply even if you meet all required qualifications but do not possess all the listed assets.

Application Instructions

You will need a PDF version of your CV/résumé and unofficial transcript to apply. Please submit your application through [this Microsoft Form](#). There is only one application for all my ROP ads. Review of applications will begin after the deadline. If you claim reading knowledge of French, I will assess your French during the interview.