

Degree Level Expectations, Learning Outcomes, Indicators of Achievement and the Program Requirements that Support the Learning Outcomes

Expectations	Learning Outcomes At the end of the program, students will be able to:	Indicators of Achievement	Relevant Courses and academic requirements
1. Depth and Breadth of Knowledge	Contribute to debates in political science and the sub-disciplines of the field (e.g. Canadian politics, gender and politics, comparative politics, international relations, and/or political theory).	Successful completion of the required graduate level courses; Successful completion of Master’s Research Project (approximately 50 pages in length).	Six 3.0 credit graduate level courses; (Specialization in Political Thought: four of the six required 3.0 credit graduate level courses must be designated political thought courses in the Departments of Philosophy and Political Studies.) Master’s Research Project (POLS 898).
2. Research & Scholarship	Evaluate how established modes of research and inquiry are used to create and interpret knowledge in the different subfields of the discipline; Critically evaluate current research and scholarship in the discipline; Analyze complex issues based upon established methodologies utilized in political science.	Successful completion of required graduate courses. Facility with identifying, critically evaluating, and synthesizing existing scholarship. Ability to design a research project that addresses a significant question, identifies and critically reviews the relevant scholarship, and develops and supports a sustained argument in written form (i.e. Master’s Research Project).	Completion of research papers. Students are typically also expected to participate actively in group discussions about the course material, Individual presentations about the readings covered in the course or about their own research papers. Master’s Research Project.
3. Application of Knowledge	Demonstrate competence in the research process by applying an existing body of knowledge in the critical analysis of a new question or of a specific problem or issue in a new setting.	Successful completion of graduate courses; Successful completion of Master’s Research Project requirements.	Successful completion of six 3.0 credit graduate courses; Successful completion of Master’s Research Project requirements (POLS 898).
4. Professional capacity / autonomy	Apply skills transferrable to future employment through i. the exercise of initiative and of personal responsibility and accountability;	Successful completion of six 3.0 credit graduate courses; Completion of Master’s Research Project requirements (POLS 898);	Successful completion of six 3.0 credit graduate courses; Completion of Course in Research Ethics (CORE) (SGS 804), if applicable;

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ii. decision-making in complex situations; The intellectual independence required for continuing professional development; The ethical behaviour consistent with academic integrity and the use of appropriate guidelines and procedures for responsible conduct of research; The ability to appreciate the broader implications of applying knowledge to particular contexts. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Successful completion of required course in Research Ethics (SGS 804), if applicable; Successful completion of department's TA training; Submission of applications for external funding and scholarships/ fellowships; Participation in teaching, supervision, and mentorship experiences; Development of academic/ professional networks (e.g., attending conferences; serving on unit, University, student government, and external committees; engaging in collaborative research). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accessible Customer Service course (AODA 800); Successful completion of Master's Research Project requirements (POLS 898).
5. Communication Skills	Communicate ideas, issues and conclusions clearly.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Successful completion of required courses; Effective engagement in seminar discussions; Presentation of research at scholarly conferences; Publication of research; Teaching, supervision, and mentorship of undergraduate students; Completion of Master's Research Project requirements (POLS 898). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Successful completion of six 3.0 credit graduate courses; Successful completion of Master's Research Project requirements (POLS 898).
6. Awareness of limits of knowledge	Appreciate the complexity of knowledge and integrate the potential contributions of other interpretations, methods, and disciplines.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Successful completion of required courses; Evidence of the ability engage with alternative perspectives and arguments; 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Successful completion of six 3.0 credit graduate courses; Successful completion of Master's Research Project requirements (POLS 898).

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		<p>Demonstration of openness to new ideas, interpretations, and methods. Presentation of research at scholarly conferences;</p> <p>Publication of research;</p> <p>Completion of Master’s Research Project requirements (POLS 898).</p>	
<p>7. Advanced Knowledge and Scholarship in Political Thought (for students in the Specialization in Political Thought)</p>	<p>Critical and Scholarly Skills in Political Theory and Political Philosophy</p> <p>Knowledge of the potential contributions of other interpretations, methods, and disciplines.</p> <p>Ability to apply the norms of the professions of Philosophy and Political Studies in different contexts</p>	<p>The required courses in political thought typically include substantial papers among their methods of assessment that enables the assimilation and critical evaluation of advanced material from influential scholarship.</p> <p>Students are typically also expected to participate actively in group discussions about the course material, and they may be required to make individual presentations about the readings covered in the course or about their own research papers.</p> <p>The Major Research Project/Short Thesis requires the development of a sustained argument in written form, with the application of advanced research and writing skills; it requires the demonstration of familiarity with the relevant literature, and critical evaluation of existing scholarship focused on political thought.</p>	<p>Successful completion of six 3.0 credit graduate courses, four of the six required 3.0 credit graduate level courses must be designated political thought courses in the Departments of Philosophy and Political Studies.</p> <p>Successful completion of either the Master’s Thesis (PHIL 899) or the Master’s Research Project (POLS 898) as per the home unit. The topic area must be relevant to the specialization.</p>