**Political Studies MAJOR MAP**

**BACHELOR OF ARTS (HONOURS) (MAJOR, MEDIAL, MINOR) | BACHELOR OF ARTS (GENERAL) | BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (HONOURS) (MINOR)**

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**1ST YEAR**

**GET THE COURSES YOU NEED**

- In first year take POLS 110. Each Plan will have at least one required first-year course, including minors. It is important to take a variety of first-year courses to keep as many pathways open as possible for you going into second year. For details see the Arts and Science Academic Calendar.

**GET RELEVANT EXPERIENCE**

- Join teams or clubs on campus such as the Queen's Model UN (QMUN) or Queen's Model Parliament (QMP). Consider joining an off-campus political party.

**GET CONNECTED WITH THE COMMUNITY**

- Volunteer on or off campus with different community organizations, such as the Queen's International Affairs Association (QIAA), the Queen's student-run newspaper, and the Queen's student-run newspaper.

**GET THINKING GLOBALLY**

- The Queen's University International Centre is your first stop to learn how to internationalize your degree or to leverage your existing cross-cultural experience. Speak to a QUIP advisor or get involved in their programs, events and training opportunities.

**GET READY FOR LIFE AFTER GRADUATION**

- Grasping with program decisions? Go to Majors Night or get some help wondering about career options from Career Services.

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**2ND YEAR**

**GET THE COURSES YOU NEED**

- In second year take POLS 250 and 200-level POLS option courses. If planning to go on exchange in third year, consider taking POLS 384 or 385 this year. Review prerequisites for taking 300 and 400-level courses. Consult the Political Studies homepage for other required POLS courses.

**GET RELEVANT EXPERIENCE**

- Look into summer jobs by talking to the department or Career Services about work through SWEF or Work-Study.

**GET CONNECTED WITH THE COMMUNITY**

- Consider applying to positions in student services or the Alma Mater Society. Write an article for publications related to politics such as Politicus or Inquire.

**GET THINKING GLOBALLY**

- Is an exchange in your future? Start thinking about where you would like to study abroad. Apply in January for a 3 year exchange through your Faculty's International Office.

**GET READY FOR LIFE AFTER GRADUATION**

- Explore different careers of interest by reading books in the Career Services Information Area, such as Careers in International Affairs. For more information check out Career Cruising or by finding and connecting with alumni on LinkedIn.

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**3RD YEAR**

**GET THE COURSES YOU NEED**

- In third year take POLS 384 and 385 and 300-level POLS option courses. Consider writing an Honours Undergraduate Thesis next year. In May, submit preferences for 400-level courses for next year.

**GET RELEVANT EXPERIENCE**

- If interested, apply for an Undergraduate Student Summer Research Fellowship (USSRF). Consider applying to do a 12-16 month QUIP internship between your third and fourth year.

**GET CONNECTED WITH THE COMMUNITY**

- Consider running for office in student government (ASUS, AMS). If interested, apply to positions in local and provincial government.

**GET THINKING GLOBALLY**

- Build your intercultural competence by getting involved with other cultures or by practicing or improving your language skills. Check QUIP's resources for ideas to go abroad, and volunteer or attend one of their events.

**GET READY FOR LIFE AFTER GRADUATION**

- Start focusing on areas of interest. Research education requirements for careers of interest. If needed, prepare to take any required tests (like the LSAT or GRE) and get help thinking about grad school from Career Services.

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**4TH OR FINAL YEAR**

**GET THE COURSES YOU NEED**

- Take your 4th year seminars and/or Honours Thesis. Complete POLS 384 and 385 if you have not, in your final year, done so already.

**GET RELEVANT EXPERIENCE**

- By fourth year you should be working on your remaining option and elective courses. Make sure to map your minor and / or certificate(s) as well.

**GET CONNECTED WITH THE COMMUNITY**

- Apply to graduate in SOLUS.

**GET THINKING GLOBALLY**

- Investigate requirements for full-time jobs or other opportunities related to careers of interest.

**GET READY FOR LIFE AFTER GRADUATION**

- Assess what experience you're lacking and fill in gaps with volunteering, clubs, or internships – check out the Career Services skills workshop for help.

Where could I go after graduation?

- Advertisment
- Broadcasting
- Business administration and management
- Campaign management
- Communications
- Consumer services
- Diplomatic service
- Editing
- Education
- Environmental management
- Events management
- Foreign affairs
- Fundraising
- Government
- Human resources intelligence analysis
- International development
- International trade
- Journalism
- Law
- Marketing and communications
- Media – electronic and print
- Media analysis
- Public affairs
- Public health
- Public policy, administration and service
- Public relations
- Research
- Social work
- Speech writing
- Urban and regional planning

Some careers may require additional training.

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