

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

POLITICAL STUDIES: PhD				
Expectations	Learning Outcomes At the end of the program, students will be able to:	Indicators of Achievement	Relevant Courses and academic requirements	Transferable Skills
Depth and Breadth of Knowledge	A thorough understanding of a substantial body of knowledge that is at the forefront of political science. Students will possess expertise in at least one field of the discipline, and possess a competent understanding of the literature, debates, theories, etc. of at least one additional field in the discipline.	Successful completion of required courses; Successful completion of optional courses; Successful completion of field examinations; Successful completion of language requirement; Successful completion of dissertation proposal; Successful completion of dissertation requirements.	POLS 900 – a required course In methods; Two one – term required Field courses; Three one - term optional Graduate level courses; Language requirement, translation of passage in language other than English; Course in Research Ethics (SGS 804); Dissertation proposal; Dissertation (POLS 999), which must be orally defended	The ability to convey theoretical and research-based knowledge to different audiences (including policy-makers and the general public) about issues of significance in Canadian and world politics and society.
Research & Scholarship	The ability to conceptualize, design and implement research for the generation of new knowledge, applications or understanding at the forefront of the discipline. The ability to make informed judgments on complex issues in specialist fields, sometimes requiring new methods, interpretations, or insights.	Successful completion of POLS 900; Successful completion of two one – term required Field courses; Successful completion of Comprehensive examinations; Successful completion of dissertation requirements The ability to produce original research, or other advanced scholarship of a quality to satisfy peer review and to merit presentation at academic conferences and publication in scholarly venues.	POLS 900 – a required course In methods; Two one – term required Field courses; Three one - term optional Graduate level courses; Language requirement, translation of passage in language other than English; Course in Research Ethics (SGS 804); Dissertation proposal, which must be submitted to an examining committee and orally defended; Dissertation (POLS 999), which must be orally defended.	The ability to design a major project, identify the steps necessary for its completion, finding resources, carrying out research, and communicating and disseminating the results to diverse audiences. The ability to read and interpret complex material with dexterity.
Application of Knowledge	The capacity to: Undertake research at an advanced level; and Contribute to the development of academic or professional skills, techniques, tools, practices, ideas, theories, approaches, and/or materials	Successful completion of POLS 900; Successful completion of two one – term required Field courses; Successful completion of three other one - term Graduate level courses; Successful completion of comprehensive examinations; Successful completion of dissertation requirements; Application for internal and external awards;	POLS 900; Two one – term required Field courses; Three one - term optional Graduate level courses; Field examinations; Dissertation proposal; Dissertation (POLS 999), which must be orally defended; Preparation of book reviews, book chapters, journal articles or other	Expertise in framing persuasive arguments and mobilizing evidence to support arguments useful in a wide variety of settings. Ability to build teams for collaborative work, and to take leadership roles.

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		Application for internal and external grants; Presentation of research at scholarly conferences; Development and Publication of research;	forms of academic publication or presentation of knowledge	The ability to conduct sophisticated research swiftly and expertly, and to synthesize the key findings of this research in ways that are accessible to different audiences.
Professional capacity / autonomy	Developing qualities and transferable skills necessary for employment requiring the exercise of personal responsibility and largely autonomous initiative in complex situations; The intellectual independence to be academically and professionally engaged and current; The ethical behaviour consistent with academic integrity and the use of appropriate guidelines and procedures for responsible conduct of research; and The ability to evaluate the broader implications of applying knowledge to particular contexts	Successful completion of comprehensive examinations; Successful completion of dissertation requirements; Successful completion of required course in Research Ethics (SGS 804); Successful completion of orientation activities during the University's Orientation Week; Successful completion of department's TA training; Submission of applications for external funding and scholarships/ fellowships; Presentation of research at scholarly conferences; Development of academic/ professional networks (e.g., attending conferences; serving on unit, University, student government, and external committees; engaging in collaborative research); Participation in peer review processes; Service on Unit GREB	Graduate courses, language requirement, field examinations; Course in Research Ethics; Dissertation proposal; Annual progress report; Dissertation (POLS 999), which must be orally defended; Students who meet the criteria are expected to apply for external funding.	Initiative, personal responsibility and accountability in all professional settings. Intellectual independence necessary for continuing professional development in a variety of settings. Ethical behavior and integrity in a variety of settings.
Communication Skills	The ability to communicate complex and/or ambiguous ideas, issues and conclusions clearly and effectively	Successful completion of required courses; Successful completion of comprehensive exams; Successful completion of dissertation requirements; Presentation of research at scholarly conferences; Publication of research; Teaching, supervision, and mentorship of undergraduate students	Graduate courses, field examinations, dissertation proposal, annual reports, and dissertation.	Ability to speak effectively to diverse audiences. Ability to convey complex material with clarity.

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Awareness of limits of knowledge	An appreciation of the limitations of one's own work and discipline, of the complexity of knowledge and of the potential contributions of other interpretations, methods and disciplines.	Successful completion of POLS 900; Successful completion of two one – term required Field courses; Successful completion of three other one - term Graduate level courses; Successful completion of comprehensive examinations; Successful completion of dissertation requirements; Evidence of the ability engage with alternative perspectives and arguments Demonstration of openness to new ideas, interpretations, and methods. Presentations In various academic conferences, or other public forums; Submission of academic work To peer reviewed conferences, journals, or other academic venues; Publication of research	Graduate courses, field examinations, dissertation proposal, field examinations, and dissertation.	Ability to approach contemporary problems and important dilemmas in politics and society effectively, identifying relevant knowledge, and recognizing gaps in knowledge which are necessary to fill in order to address those issues effectively.

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