

# Politics and International Studies

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## Program Overview

Knowing the political system increases one's capacity for choice. Therefore, a knowledge of how political systems work in Canada and abroad, as well as the impact of globalization on the emergence of a new international economic and political order, presents a student with not only an understanding of power, authority and decision making in the system but also with greater opportunities and advantages within their society. Lectures, seminars and individual tutorials are normal methods of instruction and the department stresses personal contact with students as much as possible in order to assist them in choosing a postgraduate career in government, business, non-profit or the academic fields. Guest lectures are given by visiting politicians, academics, interest group representatives and industry leaders.

The department offers the following programs of study: Honours, Major and Minor in Political Studies; Honours, Major and Minor in International Studies; Honours and Major in International Political Economy.

## Credit Requirements for Programs Offered by the Department

### Credits Required

PROGRAM	Honours <sup>^*</sup>	Major <sup>^</sup>	Minor
Political Studies	60	48	24
International Studies	60	48	24
International Political Economy**	60	48	X

<sup>^</sup> Students in any major or honours program must also complete a one-credit lab course – ILT 104.

\* **Grade requirements** – To enter or continue in an Honours program, students must normally obtain and sustain a cumulative average of 75%. This minimum cumulative average must be met in order to graduate with the honours degree.

\*\* Offered jointly by the Department of Politics and International Studies and the Department of Economics.

### Cross Counting and Program limits

- A maximum of 9 POL credits (3 courses) can be counted towards the multiple Honours/Majors and Minors in the Department of Politics and International Studies.
- The maximum number of Honours/Majors/Minors (POL, INT, IPE) offered through the Department that a student can simultaneously register in is limited to two (2).

## Political Studies – Programs and Requirements

Political Studies provides students with a working knowledge of power and authority in society and how decisions are made. Governments, politicians, leaders in private industry and ordinary individuals function within a framework of accepted political norms, e.g. notions of justice, freedom, rights and duties. Over time, these received norms are challenged by conventional methods such as voting, political parties, interest group lobbying and protest movements; or the challenge may be by militant, revolutionary or terrorist means. Political Studies systematically examines and presents these phenomena. This program looks at the Canadian political system, as well as other systems around the world, and considers conflict and cooperation between states internationally. It also allows for a critical evaluation of society and its institutions through a study of the history of political theory. The program is divided into six divisions: I) Canadian Politics, II) Political Theory, III) Comparative Politics, IV) International Relations, V) Research Theory and Methods, VI) Honours Thesis, Independent Studies, Practicum and Internships.

## Honours in Political Studies (60 credits)

HONPOL

### Required Courses

POL 100	Introduction to Political Theory
POL 101	Introduction to Comparative Politics
POL 112	Introduction to Canadian Politics
POL 140	Introduction to International Relations
POL 229	History of Political Philosophy - Modern
POL 262	Methods and Approaches to Political Science
POL 361	Techniques of Empirical Research
ECO 103	Principles of Economics: Macroeconomics
ILT 104	Information Retrieval and Evaluation Skills for the Social Sciences (1 credit lab)

*Plus either:*

Two POL courses at the 400 level  
Or  
POL 550 Honours Thesis (6 credits)

### Plus Structured Electives in Political Studies:

One additional course from the Political Theory division  
One additional course from the Canadian Politics division  
Two additional courses from the Comparative Politics division  
Two additional courses from the International Relations division

### Plus Free Electives in Political Studies

12 additional POL credits (4 POL courses)

**Additional note:** To enter and to remain in the Honours program, students must normally attain a cumulative average of 75% in program courses. Honours students who do not meet this cumulative average requirement at graduation will automatically revert to the Major program.

### Honours Thesis and Independent Study

The Honours Thesis and Independent Study courses are open only to advanced level Honours students. They are offered exceptionally and at the discretion of the Department. These courses are also governed by departmental regulations that are available from the Chair of the Department.

### Cognate Courses

Honours students are normally expected to take at least 60 credits of Political Studies courses. However, students in their final thirty (30) credits of study, may petition the Department for authorization to take six (6) credits of cognate courses. This is to be done immediately following the formal registration period, but before the last day in the semester to add, drop or change all three-credit courses. It is understood that this is an exceptional measure to be granted at the discretion of the Department.

## Major in Political Studies (48 credits)

MAJPOL

### Required Courses

POL 100	Introduction to Political Theory
POL 101	Introduction to Comparative Politics
POL 112	Introduction to Canadian Politics
POL 140	Introduction to International Relations
ILT 104	Information Retrieval and Evaluation Skills for the Social Sciences (1 credit lab)

*Plus one of:*

POL 262	Methods and Approaches to Political Science
POL 361	Techniques of Empirical Research

### Plus Structured Electives in Political Studies:

One additional course in the Canadian Politics division.  
Two additional courses in the Comparative Politics division.  
Two additional courses in the International Relations division.

*Plus one of:*

POL 228	History of Political Philosophy - Ancient, Medieval, Renaissance
POL 229	History of Political Philosophy - Modern

### Plus Free Elective in Political Studies

15 additional POL credits (5 POL courses)

### Independent Study

Independent study is open primarily to Honours students, but may be offered to advanced level Major students, who maintain a 75% average in Political Studies. These courses are offered exceptionally and at the discretion of the Department. They are also governed by departmental regulations that are available from the Chair of the Department.

### Cognate Courses

Major students are normally expected to take at least 48 credits in Political Studies courses. Students in their final thirty (30) credits of study may seek Departmental authorization for a three-credit cognate. It is understood that this is an exceptional measure to be granted at the discretion of the Department.

## Minor in Political Studies (24 credit program)

MINPOL

### Required Courses

POL 100	Introduction to Political Theory
POL 101	Introduction to Comparative Politics
POL 112	Introduction to Canadian Politics
POL 140	Introduction to International Relations

### Plus Free Electives in Political Studies:

12 additional POL credits

### 400-Level Courses

Not normally open to students in the regular Minor program.

### Independent Study

Not normally open to students in the regular Minor program.

### Cognates

No cognate courses are allowed in the regular Minor program.

# International Studies – Programs and Requirements

The International Studies programs provide students with working knowledge of the global community in which they live, and prepare them to pursue careers involving international interactions. The programs consist of an integrated group of courses reflecting international aspects from cultural, economic, environmental, legal, political and social perspectives. Foreign language training and study abroad experiences are also incorporated into the programs.

## Honours in International Studies (60 credit program) HONINT

Honours in International Studies involves some required POL courses, some language courses, a semester abroad, and additional courses within one of two concentrations.

### Required Courses (33 credits):

POL 101	Introduction to Comparative Politics
POL 140	Introduction to International Relations
POL 262	Methods and Approaches to Political Science
ILT 104	Information Retrieval and Evaluation Skills for the Social Sciences (1 credit lab)

*Plus one of:*

POL 241	International Affairs
POL 242	International Organizations

*Plus three of:*

POL 141	Introduction to Diplomacy
POL 240	International Political Economy
POL 338	International Law and Human Rights
POL 340	Strategic Issues: Questions of War and Peace
POL 345	Introduction to Public International Law
POL 352	United Nations Practicum I

*Plus:*

Two POL courses at the 400 level

**Or**

POL 550 Honours Thesis (6 credits)

*Plus:*

Four language courses (at least two of which must be at an advanced level)

*Plus:*

One semester exchange abroad

**Or**

International Studies Internship

### Plus Elective Courses (21 credits)

Students choose one of the following two concentrations:

**Global Governance Concentration:** Seven (7) courses from the Global Governance concentration list

**Global Culture Concentration:** Seven (7) courses from the Global Culture concentration list

### Notes:

- 1) To enter and to remain In the Honours program, students must normally attain a cumulative average of 75%. Honours students who do not meet this average requirement at graduation will automatically revert to the Major program.
- 2) **Language Courses:**
  - a. 12 credits of language courses other than the student's mother tongue. The language courses can be taken at Bishop's or from a program at another university, approved by the Department of Politics and International Studies and the Department of Modern Languages.
  - b. Depending on a student's entry-level competence, extra courses at the beginner or intermediate level might be required.
  - c. Upon entering the program students should (a) consult with the appropriate Modern Languages faculty, regarding the language requirements for the program and (b) familiarize themselves with the language competency required for any intended exchange destinations.
  - d. Students with no previous familiarity with a foreign language should anticipate two years of study (normally a minimum of 6 courses) in order to attain a level adequate for exchange studies in that language. This may vary according to the country of exchange.
- 3) Any additional required course can count as one of the electives in either of the two concentrations. In addition, students who have passed both POL 241 and POL 242 need take only two further courses from the third required list.
- 4) POL 441, POL 442, and POL 443 cannot be simultaneously counted as electives in the Global Governance concentration and as fulfilling the 400-level course requirement.
- 5) The addition of a Minor language concentration (8 courses) to the Major in International Studies is strongly recommended.
- 6) Students taking the International Studies Honours will normally be required to spend a semester at one of the many universities abroad with which Bishop's has an exchange program. Such programs are developed in consultation with the Chair of the Politics and International Studies Department. Note, however, that students must normally maintain a 70% average to be eligible for the exchange program.

**POL 300 – International Studies Internship OR**

**INT 300 – International Development Assistance Internship** may substitute for an exchange.

## Major in International Studies

### (48 credit program)

MAJINT

A major in International Studies involves some required POL courses, some language courses, and some courses within one of two declared concentrations. Students are also encouraged to spend a semester studying abroad.

#### Required Courses (30 credits):

POL 101	Introduction to Comparative Politics
POL 140	Introduction to International Relations
POL 262	Methods and Approaches to Political Science
ILT 104	Information Retrieval and Evaluation Skills for the Social Sciences (1 credit lab)

*Plus one of:*

POL 241	International Affairs
POL 242	International Organizations

*Plus three of:*

POL 141	Introduction to Diplomacy
POL 240	International Political Economy
POL 338	International Law and Human Rights
POL 340	Strategic Issues: Questions of War and Peace
POL 345	Introduction to Public International Law
POL 352	United Nations Practicum I

*Plus:*

Four language courses (at least two of which must be at the intermediate or advanced level)

#### Plus Elective Courses (15 credits)

Students choose one of the following two concentrations:

**Global Governance Concentration:** Five (5) courses from the Global Governance concentration list

**Global Culture Concentration:** Five (5) courses from the Global Culture concentration list

#### Notes:

##### 1) Language Courses:

- 12 credits of language courses other than the student's mother tongue. The language courses can be taken at Bishop's or from a program at another university, approved by the Department of Politics and International Studies and the Department of Modern Languages and the Département d'études françaises et québécoises.
  - Depending on a student's entry-level competence, extra courses at the beginner or intermediate level might be required.
  - Upon entering the program students should (a) consult with the appropriate Modern Languages and Études françaises et québécoises faculty, regarding the language requirements for the program and (b) familiarize themselves with the language competency required for any intended exchange destinations.
- Any additional required course can count as one of the electives in either of the two concentrations. In addition, students who have passed both POL 241 and POL 242 need take only two further courses from the third required list.
  - Students are strongly encouraged to consider taking an International exchange abroad during the course of their degree.
  - The addition of a Minor language concentration (8 courses) to the Major in International Studies is recommended.

#### Global Governance Concentration

BMG 222	International Business Law
ECO 103	Principles of Economics: Macroeconomics
ECO 217	International Economics
ECO 220	Economic Development I
ECO 237	Economics of the Environment
ESG 358	International Environmental Issues
HIS 229	Human Rights and Humanitarian Organizations
POL 170	Introduction to European Politics
POL 172	Introduction to American Politics
POL 173	US Government and Public Policy
POL 231	European Union: History, Institutions and Policies
POL 232	Politics in Asia
POL 233	Politics of the Iberian Peninsula
POL 234	Politics of Africa
POL 235	American Political Economy
POL 236	Introduction to Middle Eastern Politics
POL 237	Politics of Japan
POL 238	Political Economy in Asia
POL 239	Politics of Russia and Eastern Europe
POL 245	American Foreign Policy
POL 249	Canadian Foreign Policy
POL 277	European Diplomacy Since 1914
POL 317	Globalization and the Canadian State
POL 330	Topics in US Public Policy
POL 331	Canada-EU Relations
POL 333	Internationalization of European Public Policies
POL 335	Politics of Latin America and the Caribbean
POL 343	Canadian-American Relations
POL 344	Politics of International Trade and Investment
POL 346	Politics of Global Finance
POL 347	Scandinavian Politics
POL 354	United Nations Practicum 2
POL 441	Theories of International Relations
POL 442	Issues in Global Governance
POL 443	Peacekeeping

#### Global Culture Concentration:

DRA 170	Introduction to Film
ENG 102	Approaches to Media Studies
ENG 352	Canadian Literature and Theories of Globalization
FIH 240	Art, Popular and Mass Culture
FIH 314	Colonial and Postcolonial Issues in the Visual Arts
GER 370	Introduction to German Film
GER 371	East German Cinema
GER 383	20th Century German Literature and Culture 1
GER 384	20th Century German Literature and Culture 2
GER 289	History and Memory in Berlin
GER 390	(De)Constructing Identity in Vienna
HIS 105	The 20th Century World
HIS 108	A Global History of Indigenous Peoples
HIS 255	History of Modern Southeast Asia
HIS 256	Latin America 1800 to the Present
HIS 284	History of Modern China
HIS 384	Memory, Truth and Reconciliation
ITA 309	Italian Cinema and Society
ITA 311	Italian Civilization and Culture
JSE 150	Japanese Society and Culture



REL 100	Western Religions
REL 101	Eastern Religions
REL 124	Hinduism: The Many Faces of the Divine
REL 125	Buddhism: The Middle Way
REL 126	Judaism: A Covenant With God
REL 127	Islam: Submission to Allah
REL 200	Politics and Religion
REL 302	Of Latter-day Saints and Modern-day Prophets: New Religious Movements
SOC 190	Introduction to Post-colonialism
SOC 223	Women and Global Inequality
SOC 294	Sociology of Tourism
SOC 296	Globalism and Culture
SPA 311	Spain: Civilization and Culture
SPA 313	Mexico: Civilization and Culture
SPA 314	The Central American Region and the Spanish Caribbean: Civilization and Culture
SPA 317	The Southern Cone and the Andean Region: Civilization and Culture
SPA 318	Spanish Cinema
SPA 319	Topics in Hispanic Culture

*\*\* Note that some of the courses in either concentration may have one or more pre-requisites. Not all courses are offered on a regular basis and some courses have limitations on enrolment.*

## Minor in International Studies (24 credit program)

MININT

### Required Courses

POL 101	Introduction to Comparative Politics
POL 140	Introduction to International Relations

*Plus one of:*

POL 241	International Affairs
POL 242	International Organizations

*Plus three of:*

POL 141	Introduction to Diplomacy
POL 240	International Political Economy
POL 338	International Law and Human Rights
POL 340	Strategic Issues: Questions of War and Peace
POL 345	Introduction to Public International Law
POL 352	United Nations Practicum I

*Plus:*

Two language courses at any level.

### Notes:

### Language Courses

6 credits of language courses other than the student's mother tongue. The language courses can be taken at Bishop's or from a program at another university, approved by the Department of Politics and International Studies and the Department of Modern Languages.

## International Political Economy – Programs and Requirements

The International Political Economy program provides students with the tools to understand the interaction between economic and political forces in the global environment. Offered jointly by the Departments of Economics and the Department of Politics and International Studies, this area of inquiry examines the complexities of the increasingly interdependent global economy and its relationship to decisions about the governance and redistribution of resources locally, nationally and globally. In the process, students will be able to see how their individual decisions and local environments are intertwined with a worldwide system of economic and political processes that affect people around the globe.

The B.A. Major Program in International Political Economy consists of at least 48 credits, with 24 credits drawn from Politics and International Studies and 24 from Economics. The Honours program in International Political Economy consists of at least 60 credits, with 30 credits drawn from Politics and international Studies and 30 from Economics.

## Honours in International Political Economy (60 credit program) HONIFE

ILT 104	Information Retrieval and Evaluation Skills for the Social Sciences	(1-credit lab)
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### Economics Requirements (30 credits)

#### Required Courses:

ECO 102	Principles of Economics: Microeconomics
ECO 103	Principles of Economics: Macroeconomics
ECO 212	Intermediate Macroeconomics I
ECO 270	Public Economics

*Plus one of:*

ECO 175	Economic Geography
ECO 217	International Economics
ECO 220	Economic Development I
ECO 251	History of Economic Thought I
ECO 280	Contemporary Perspectives in Political Economy

*Plus Free Elective Courses in Economics:*

*15 credits*

### Politics and International Studies Requirements (30 credits)

#### Required Courses:

POL 101	Introduction to Comparative Politics
POL 140	Introduction to International Relations
POL 240	International Political Economy
POL 361	Techniques of Empirical Research

*Plus two of:*

POL 229	History of Political Philosophy - Modern
POL 235	American Political Economy
POL 241	International Affairs
POL 242	International Organizations
POL 317	Globalization and the Canadian State
POL 344	Politics of International Trade and Investment
POL 346	Politics of Global Finance

*Plus:*

One POL 400 level course

*Plus Free Elective Courses in Politics and International Studies:*  
9 credits (3 POL courses)

*Note that some of these courses may have prerequisites or, alternatively, require permission from the instructor.*

*To enter and remain in the Honours program, students must normally attain a cumulative average of 75% in program courses. Honours students who do not meet this average requirement at graduation will automatically revert to the Major program.*

## Major in International Political Economy (48 credit program)

ILT 104      **Information Retrieval and Evaluation Skills  
for the Social Sciences**      (1-credit lab)

### Economics Requirements (24 credits)

#### Required Courses:

ECO 102      Principles of Economics: Microeconomics  
ECO 103      Principles of Economics: Macroeconomics

*Plus one of:*

ECO 175      Economic Geography  
ECO 217      International Economics  
ECO 220      Economics Development I  
ECO 251      History of Economic Thought I  
ECO 270      Public Economics  
ECO 280      Contemporary Perspectives in Political Economy

*Plus Free Elective Courses in Economics:*  
15 credits

### Politics and International Studies Requirements (24 credits)

#### Required Courses:

POL 101      Introduction to Comparative Politics  
POL 140      Introduction to International Relations  
POL 240      International Political Economy  
*Plus two of:*  
POL 229      History of Political Philosophy - Modern  
POL 235      American Political Economy  
POL 241      International Affairs  
POL 242      International Organizations  
POL 317      Globalization and the Canadian State  
POL 344      Politics of International Trade and Investment  
POL 346      Politics of Global Finance

*Plus Free Elective Courses in Politics and International Studies:*  
9 credits (3 POL courses)

*Note that some of these courses may have pre-requisites or, alternatively, require permission from the instructor.*

# List of Courses

## I. Canadian Politics

- POL 112      Introduction to Canadian Politics      3-3-0**  
An analysis of the Canadian political process. This course will examine the social and economic environment of Canadian politics, political culture and socialization, political participation, voting behaviour, political parties and interest groups.
- POL 118      Constitutional Law and Canadian Government      3-3-0**  
An analysis of the impact of leading constitutional decisions on the structure of Canadian government.
- POL 213      Canadian Sport System and Policy      3-3-0**  
*This course examines the key sport policy and governance issues in Canada. Students will develop an understanding of the bodies and organizations that guide the delivery and regulation of sport, and the resulting multilevel policy system that integrates the public, private, and not-for-profit sectors. They will also develop an understanding of policy analysis and sport governance models.*
- POL 214      Public Administration      3-3-0**  
An introduction to the theory and practice of public administration in Canada. The structure of the public service, organization theory and motivation theory, public planning and finance, public personnel administration, the growth of administrative discretion and administrative responsibility will be studied.  
*Prerequisite: One POL 100-level course or permission of instructor*
- POL 216      Canadian Provincial and Territorial Politics      3-3-0**  
A comparative analysis of contemporary trends in provincial and territorial politics, with special emphasis on Quebec. The structures and processes of provincial and territorial policy making will be examined. Topics include regional political development, provincial and territorial political cultures, Indigenous-provincial-territorial intergovernmental relations, and policy development in such areas as health, education, language and resource development.  
*Prerequisite: POL 112, or permission of instructor*
- POL 217      Business and Government in Canada      3-3-0**  
This course examines the relation between business and government in Canada. It focuses on the ways that business seeks to influence public policy as well as the role of Canadian governments in supporting business interests, both historically and in contemporary politics. It also examines the ways business advocacy has adapted to changing government structures and looks at the response of business to challenges faced in the public policy process.  
*Prerequisite: POL 112, or permission of instructor*
- POL 246      The Politics of Gender and Sexuality      3-3-0**  
A theoretical and empirical study of the relationships among gender, sexuality, and politics in Western democracies, with a special emphasis on Canada. Drawing upon feminist, queer, and intersectional theories, the course explores such issues as reproductive rights, LGBTQ politics, trans\* rights movements, sex work, political masculinity, and the representation of women in politics.
- POL 249      Canadian Foreign Policy      3-3-0**  
An analysis of the development of Canadian foreign policy and defense policy. Canada's relations with the Superpowers, the European Union and the Third World will be studied. Topics will include Canada's role in the U.N. and N.A.T.O., Canada's antinuclear diplomacy, and Canada's domestic interests in relation to energy, the Law of the Sea and aerospace law.  
*Prerequisite: POL 140, or permission of instructor*
- POL 315      Indigenous-Settler Intergovernmental Relations      3-3-0**  
This course examines contemporary intergovernmental relations between Indigenous and settler governments in Canada. The course emphasizes political science approaches to Indigenous-settler relations that are grounded in postcolonial, settler colonial, and institutional theory. Topics include treaty federalism; the incorporation of indigenous political and legal orders within Canadian constitutionalism; the political and administrative development of Indigenous government; and federal/provincial/territorial policy relationships with Indigenous peoples. State-based responses to reconciliation are explored. Contemporary developments in Yukon, the Northwest Territories, and Nunavut are highlighted.  
*Prerequisite: POL 112*
- POL 317      Globalization and the Canadian State      3-3-0**  
In this course, the effects of the multilateral (World Trade Organization) and continental (North American Free Trade Agreement) trading systems on the Canadian state are analyzed. In particular, the effects of recent economic and technological forces on Canadian political processes and structures and on selected public policies will be examined.