

**POL 318 Elections, Parties and Voters in Canada 3-3-0**

This course examines some of the defining features of Canadian democracy: elections, parties and voters. It focuses on Canada's electoral system, election campaigns, the structure, function and role of parties, and factors which influence the preferences of voters.

*Prerequisite: POL 112*

**POL 410 Selected Topics in Canadian Politics and Public Policy 3-3-0**

An analysis of selected topics in Canadian public policy from a comparative theoretical perspective. Lectures and seminars.

*Honours students only or permission of instructor.*

## II. Political Theory

**POL 100 Introduction to Political Theory 3-3-0**

A study of the foundational principles of democracy, conservatism, liberalism, feminism, nationalism, socialism, Marxism and anarchism, as developed in political writings from the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries.

**POL 223 / CLA 223 Democracy in the Ancient World 3-3-0**

The idea of government by the people is highly valued today, but it was first given the name of "demokratia" (democracy) in ancient Greece. The most famous example in Greece is Classical Athens, but democratic elements appeared in many other ancient states, including republican Rome. The course will examine in detail how democracy worked in Athens, Rome, and various other ancient societies: how it began, who could participate, who was left out, what ancient writers thought of it and what were the results of democratic government on those inside and outside of the community.

**POL 228 History of Political Philosophy – Ancient, Medieval, Renaissance 3-3-0**

A study of the history of political philosophy through an analysis of the classical theories from Thucydides and Plato to Machiavelli and the humanistic age of the Renaissance. Some of the questions explored will include those concerning justice, the state, citizenship, the best constitution, natural law, just war and colonization.

*Prerequisite: POL 100 or permission of instructor.*

**POL 229 History of Political Philosophy - Modern 3-3-0**

A study of the history of political philosophy through an analysis of the modern theories from Thomas Hobbes to Karl Marx. Analysis will focus on social contract theory and the foundations of international relations theory, engaging critical concepts such as the state of nature, the natural law and natural right. A special topics section may include themes such as citizenship, human rights, war and security, slavery, genocide, liberty, and the nature of power.

*Prerequisite: POL 100 or permission of instructor.*

**POL 324 / PHI 324 The Philosophy and Politics of Karl Marx 3-3-0**

A study of the philosophy and political theory of Karl Marx, with emphasis on Marx's theory of society, political economy and history. The course will consider a variety of Marx's texts, but focus on Capital, Volume 1.

**POL 325 / PHI 366 Topics in Critical Theory 3-3-0**

This seminar course will explore the development of Critical Theory from its roots in dialectical philosophy (especially Hegel and Marx), to its appropriation of psychoanalysis (especially Freud), to its engagement with contemporary politics, society and art. Authors studied may include Walter Benjamin, Theodor Adorno, Max Horkheimer and Herbert Marcuse.

*Prerequisite: POL 228 or POL 229, or one course in Philosophy.*

**POL 326 Contemporary Political Philosophy 3-3-0**

This course will explore themes in contemporary political philosophy, including treatment of concepts such as friend-enemy, persecution-esotericism, biopolitics, bare life, state of exception, speed, empire, clash of civilizations, and the end of history. It draws on the works of Schmitt, Strauss, Foucault, Esposito, Agamben, Virilio, Negri and others.

**POL 348 / PHI 348 Topics in Social and Political Philosophy 3-3-0**

This course will typically consist of a detailed study of a great work of Western social and political philosophy. Students will be expected to present seminars and do research on the text itself, the social and political context in which it emerged and its implications for all serious inquiry into questions of society and politics.

**POL 420 Modern Political Thought 3-3-0**

A study of various approaches and forms expressed in 20th century politics and society: symbolism, myth, skepticism, the psychological, anarchism and structuralism. Works will be from Freud, Oakeshott, Marcuse, Sartori, MacIntyre and Hayek.

*Honours students only or permission of instructor.*

## III. Comparative Politics

**POL 101 Introduction to Comparative Politics 3-3-0**

A broad view of modern political institutions and processes. The differing forms and workings of governments - unitary, federal, presidential, parliamentary/cabinet, and how they get things done. The main features of representative democracies; comparative party, voting and electoral systems; referendums and recall procedures. Various countries will serve to illustrate the varieties and styles of governing.

**POL 172 Introduction to American Politics 3-3-0**

An introduction to political behaviour and processes in American society. Topics will include the socioeconomic bases of U.S. politics, the Constitution, political ideology and culture, parties, interest groups, elections and voting behaviour.

**POL 173 U.S. Government and Public Policy 3-3-0**

An examination of U.S. political institutions and government outputs: the Presidency, Congress, the bureaucracy, federalism, the judicial system and public policy.

**POL 230 The Politics of Sport 3-3-0**

This course examines the various intersections of politics and sport at the domestic and international levels. Some topics include the role of the state in regulating sport, the use of sport in promoting national identity and other political agendas, the politics of international sporting events and the potential of 'sport and development'.

*Prerequisite: POL 101 or POL 140*

**POL 231 European Union: History, Institutions and Policies 3-3-0**

A study of the foundation, operation, and policies of the European Union (EU). The first part of the course examines the history of the EU, the second part looks at its institutions, and the final part explores EU policy making processes and several different policy areas.

**POL 232 Politics in Asia 3-3-0**

This course will examine one or more Asian countries, such as China, India or Japan. It will focus on the character of domestic political institutions, processes, and culture in the context of a changing international environment.

**POL 233 Politics of the Iberian Peninsula 3-3-0**

An analysis of the structures and processes of governance in Spain and Portugal, including their relationships with each other, the European Union, and international organizations.

**POL 234 Politics of Africa 3-3-0**

Students are exposed to the approaches of political anthropology in the examination of ancient kingdoms, tribal societies, traditional cultures and the development of contemporary nations in Africa. Present political structures and processes are examined within the framework of Third World politics.

**POL 235 American Political Economy 3-3-0**

This course studies the links between politics and economics in the United States and attempts to place this relationship in both its historical and international contexts. It examines how the principal forces in American society interact to shape public policy, as well as looking at the impact of government in managing and regulating economic activity.

*Prerequisite: POL 172 or POL 173 or permission of instructor.*

**POL 236 / REL 234 Introduction to Middle Eastern Politics 3-3-0**

The course will focus on the forces that have shaped current Middle Eastern politics: particularly the growing influence of Islam and Islamic fundamentalism on political life and thought; the enduring legacies of westernization, colonialism and secular nationalism; and the Arab-Israeli conflict. Arriving at an understanding of Middle Eastern politics in this course will also entail study of the challenges modernizing states, parties and leaders are confronting today, and the profound impact of Western interests and policies on the region.

**POL 237 Politics of Japan 3-3-0**

An analysis of the structures and processes of Japanese governance, including an analysis of Japan's global relations.

**POL 238 Political Economy in Asia 3-3-0**

This course studies the relationship between politics and economics in selected Asian countries and examines economic and political developments in their global context.

**POL 239 Politics of Russia & Eastern Europe 3-3-0**

A study of the formation, development and the breakup of the USSR, as well as an examination of politics, society, economy and public policies of Russia and Ukraine.

**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 330 Topics in U.S. Public Policy 3-3-0**

A study of some of the most controversial issues in contemporary American politics. Topics may include abortion, euthanasia, gun control, capital punishment, pornography, hate speech and censorship, drug legalization, affirmative action and welfare reform.

*Prerequisite: POL 172 or POL 173, or permission of Instructor*

**POL 331 Canada-EU Relations 3-3-0**

This course examines the political relationship between Canada and the European Union (EU) and its forerunners. Particular attention will be devoted to exploring theories and practices of transatlantic policy learning between Canada and the EU

*Prerequisite: POL 231*

**POL 333 Internationalization of European Public Policies 3-3-0**

An advanced study of the European integration process from a political science / political economy point of view. The relationships between Europeanization, internationalization and globalization of public policies in Europe will be examined.

*Prerequisite: POL 231 or permission of instructor*

**POL 334 Public Policy Analysis 3-3-0**

A critical analysis of the formation, content, and impact of public policy within selected postindustrial societies.

*Prerequisite: POL 100 or permission of instructor.*

**POL 335 Politics of Latin America and the Caribbean 3-3-0**

Latin American and Caribbean politics will be studied through general theories of development. Examined are such notions as growth, modernity, industrialization, underdevelopment, cultural history as they relate to national and international dependency and interdependency.

**POL 347 Scandinavian Politics 3-3-0**

A study of political structures and processes in the Nordic countries of Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden. While largely based on the comparative approach to the study of policies, the program will also highlight special features in each Nordic country. This course will also draw on comparisons between the Nordic countries and Canada.

**POL 431 The American Welfare State 3-3-0**

A study of the origins, development and contemporary character of the social policy network in the United States. The structure of the welfare state, its current problems and attempts at reform will be examined in a theoretical and comparative context.

*Honours students only or permission of instructor.*

*Prerequisite: POL 172*

**POL 434 Theories of Public Policy 3-3-0**

An examination of the principal theoretical approaches to the study of public policy. The course will cover such things as pluralism and elite theory, Marxism and neo-marxism, statist and neo-institutional approaches, power resource theory, rational choice, ideas and social learning, advocacy coalition frameworks and punctuated equilibria.

*Honours students only or permission of Instructor.*

**POL 436 Comparative Politics: A World of Regions 3-3-0**

Regions and regional integration have become critical to contemporary world politics. This course offers a comparative analysis of regional integration efforts and their consequences in different parts of the world.

*Honours students only or permission of instructor*

**POL 438 Honours Seminar in Political Economy 3-3-0**

An analysis of selected classical and contemporary literature inquiring into the nature and causes of the wealth of nations.

*Honours students only or permission of instructor*

## IV. International Relations

**POL 140 Introduction to International Relations 3-3-0**

Examination of international political issues, institutions and processes. How do states behave toward each other in different types of international systems, and why do they behave in certain ways? Some discussion of international law.

**POL 141 Introduction to Diplomacy 3-3-0**

This course seeks to present students with an overview of the essential character and evolution of diplomacy, understood as the primary and peaceful means by which states and other actors try to cooperate and solve problems on the world scene.

**POL 240 International Political Economy 3-3-0**

A study of the political relationships to economic activities in the international arena. The theories, actors and structures in the world political economy will be examined.

*Prerequisite: POL 140, or permission of instructor*

**POL 241 International Affairs 3-3-0**

This course will offer an introduction to key political issues in developing countries. It will cover the main theoretical approaches to the study of developing areas. It will focus on the trajectory of developing states from precolonial times until today. The main political, social and economic forces at play in the building, shaping and consolidating of states and regimes will be addressed. Selected themes will be used to highlight the role of the military, revolutions, liberalization, democratization, environmental and gender issues.

*Prerequisite: POL 140, or permission of instructor*

**POL 242 International Organizations: Principles, Institutions and Politics 3-3-0**

A study of the origins, structures and processes of institutions designed to resolve world conflict and secure international cooperation. The United Nations and Regional Organizations will be examined.

*Prerequisite: POL 140, or the permission of instructor*

**POL 245 American Foreign Policy 3-3-0**

The development of American foreign relations and national security policy from the nineteenth century to the present day. Topics include: interventionism and isolationism, the Cold War and the nuclear arms race, the Cuban missile crisis, Vietnam, US-Soviet relations in the Reagan era, the Gulf War, the response to international terrorism and the invasions of Afghanistan and Iraq.

**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 277 European Diplomacy Since 1914 3-3-0**

This course examines the international relations and foreign policies of the major European states from the beginning of World War I to the Cold War and the emergence of the New Europe.

*Antirequisite: HIS 366*

**POL 338 International Law and Human Rights 3-3-0**

An analysis of the theory and practice of fundamental human rights in contemporary societies. A comparative study of the development and problems of civil liberties from a legal perspective.

*Prerequisites: POL 140 or permission of instructor.*

**POL 340 Strategic Issues: Questions of War and Peace 3-3-0**

A study of the general character of war and conflict in the modern world since World War II. Discussions of the basic trends which influence conflicts, be they superpower rivalry or peculiar local conditions. Inquiry into the exploitation or the containment of conflicts by the major powers. Analysis of the most important crises and actual conflicts in such geopolitical areas as the Middle East, Central America, Africa or Asia. Discussion of the changing patterns of warfare, conventional and nuclear strategies, détente and changes in the maintenance of peace in the future.

*Prerequisite: POL 140, or permission of instructor*

**POL 343 Canadian-American Relations 3-3-0**

This course seeks to describe the main aspects of the relations between Canada and the United States. For that purpose, we will concentrate on the main determinants of the bilateral relationship, analyzed around five major themes: the political relations, the economic and trade relations, the identity/cultural relations, the defence and security relations, and the environmental relations.

*Prerequisite: POL 140, or permission of instructor*

**POL 344 The Politics of International Trade and Investment 3-3-0**

This course explores the key principles and practices underlying International trade and investment negotiations, as well as the main provisions and institutions regulating these fields. Both the world trading regime and preferential agreements are considered.

*Prerequisite: POL 140 or permission of instructor*

**POL 345 Introduction to Public International Law 3-3-0**

An introduction to the nature and development of international law which includes topics such as the law of treaties, the law of the sea, air and space law, and international environmental law as well as jurisprudence related to international dispute settlement.

*Prerequisite: POL 140 or permission of instructor*

**POL 346 Politics of Global Finance 3-3-0**

A thematic exploration of the issues and politics of the global financial system. This course explores areas of money and global capital movements, financial instruments and bodies. It examines the functioning and ramifications of international finance, including the politics of international debt, global monetary relations and the transnational governance initiatives of global financial markets and actors.

**POL 441 Theories of International Relations 3-3-0**

A study of the various theories used in the investigation of international political behaviour: systems, models, empirical research will be examined towards a more precise understanding of evolving structures and processes in the international arena.

*Honours students only or permission of instructor*

*Prerequisite: POL 140, or permission of instructor*

**POL 442 Issues in Global Governance 3-3-0**

This course examines various approaches to understanding global governance and transnational public policy and links them to current and controversial issues in the global arena.

*Honours students only or permission of instructor*

*Prerequisite: POL 140, or permission of instructor*

**POL 443 Honours Seminar on Peacekeeping 3-3-0**

This seminar will examine the political issues related to conflict prevention, humanitarian aid, peacekeeping and peacemaking, demobilization, disarmament and reintegration of combatants, negotiation and mediation, peacebuilding, post-conflict reconciliation and reconstruction, refugees and internally displaced issues. It will present the role of international and regional actors (notably NGOs, IOs, regional organizations, civil society, military, etc.). It will address the strategic, political, economic and social aspects of conflict intervention.

*Honours students only or permission of Instructor*

## V. Empirical Theory and Methods

**POL 262 Methods and Approaches to Political Science 3-3-0**

An introduction to research methods in Political Science. This course covers the basic concepts and practices for the scientific approach to studying politics from the development of research projects through the different techniques for conducting empirical research.

**POL 361 Techniques of Empirical Research 3-3-0**

An introduction to empirical political research: the formulation of research problems, the selection of samples, interviewing, questionnaire construction, analysis and interpretation of data.

*Anti-requisite: POL 261*

**POL 362 Comparative Political Behaviour 3-3-0**

The study of selected issues in comparative politics using quantitative techniques of data analysis. Topics may include such things as political participation, social movements, ideology and political culture, the welfare state, national identity, political parties and voting behaviour.

## VI: Honours Thesis, Independent Studies, Practicum and Internships

**POL 300 International Studies Internship**

Student must apply, in writing, to the Department to take a Department-sponsored or student arranged internship abroad for credit. A faculty member will be appointed to oversee the internship and to supervise the written component.

**POL 350 Independent Study 3-3-0**

Individual research and reading under the guidance of an advisor and the Department, of special themes in political studies

**Prerequisite: Permission of the Department and instructor**

**POL 352 United Nations Practicum I 3-3-0**

This course examines the study of the processes and structures of the UN System and will introduce students to rules and diplomatic practices of these UN bodies through seminars, labs and simulations. This course is to be taken in the same calendar year as POL 354, which is offered in the Winter term.

*Prerequisites: POL 140 and one of POL 241 or POL242 and the permission of the instructor.*

**POL 353 The Nicholas Bachand Canadian Civil Society Internship 3-3-0**

The Nicholas Bachand Canadian Civil Society Internship is intended to provide a practical work-experience related to the Political Studies programs. The internship is intended to enable students to contribute to the well-being of society by participating in voluntary and non-profit non-governmental organizations (NGOs).

**POL 354 United Nations Practicum 2 3-3-0**

This course examines the study of the processes and structures of the UN System through seminars and labs, culminating in an annual Model United Nations simulated conference. Students will also study the political processes and issues of the country to be represented that year. Students are expected to enrol in both POL 352 and POL 354 in the same calendar year.

*Prerequisite: POL 352 and the permission of the instructor*

**POL 359 Special Topics in Politics and International Studies 3-3-0**

A course offered by regular and visiting faculty on current topics related to Politics and International Studies. Topics covered will be dependent on the research interests and expertise of the faculty member instructing, therefore content of the course varies year by year. The course will be offered on an occasional basis.

**POL 450 Independent Study 3-3-0**

Individual research and reading under the guidance of an advisor and the Department, of special themes in political studies.

*Prerequisite: Permission of the Department and instructor*

**POL 550 Honours Thesis 6-3-0**

Individual research and reading under the guidance of an advisor and the Department, on advanced themes in Political Studies.

*Prerequisite: Permission of the Department and instructor.*

# Psychology

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## Program Overview

Psychology aims at giving students an understanding of the human mind and behavior. We offer Major and Honours programs that emphasize Psychology as an objective science, cover the various subfields of Psychology and allow the students who desire to do so to gain specialization into specific areas of interest. We also offer a Minor in Psychology, a Minor in Mindfulness and Contemplative Studies, a one-year Certificate in Human Psychology, as well as Graduate Certificate in Knowledge Mobilization, 15-credit program including practicum.

Within this general framework, we offer an array of courses that apply the psychological approach to a wide range of topics. We emphasize quality of teaching and a close relationship between professors and students. A fundamental concern of the Department is to provide an education that not only prepares students for further training in Psychology and related fields at the graduate level, but also enables them to be active, contributing members to their communities.

## Mission Statement

The Psychology Department dedicates itself to understanding and supporting our shared journey towards a well-lived life. Our approach, therefore, takes seriously the literary voice of others cast across time. We explore the pathways into human condition by cultivating openness to scientific methodology, and to clinical, humanistic, as well as neuropsychological perspectives. Encouraging ways of breaking out of the classroom in the hope of making the lives of others better is as much a part of our mission as conducting a study, reading Plato, or deciphering an fMRI report. Our goal is to nurture within our students an intimacy with the human condition that changes them while, at the same time, providing them with the means of making their communities better.

## Prerequisites

*Note that all prerequisites can be completed at Bishop's.*

All our programs include two Introduction to Psychology prerequisites (PSY 101 and PSY 102). Our Majors/Honours programs also include an Introductory Biology (BIO 196/BIL 196 or BIO 194) prerequisite. These courses must be completed within the first three semesters of study. These prerequisites will be waived for students who have completed CEGEP courses in Psychology (Introductory Psychology and two other Psychology courses) and Human Biology. Our psychology – neuroscience program includes additional science prerequisites; these will be waived for CEGEP science students.

## Psychology Programs

Please note that the complete list of courses to be taken within each program is outlined in the table on the next page.