



# THE UNIVERSITY OF WINNIPEG

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## Politics

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Politics is a fundamental aspect of all organized societies. Whether we are conscious of it or not, politics affects our lives on a daily basis and in a vast number of ways. Its effects are so widespread that we can hardly hope to understand what goes on in our society -- or any other society in the world -- without some understanding of its politics.

The study of politics examines the historical, ideological and economic forces that shape our lives. It considers such problems as relations between nation-states as well as between the state and society, the nature of power and authority, and the impact of such things as political parties, interest groups, social classes and other societal organizations. The study of politics can help us to understand many of the important processes and institutions that affect our lives.

Politics faculty at The University of Winnipeg are committed to high quality instruction and mentoring interaction with our students. You can choose from a wide variety of courses within the following five streams: Global Politics; Political Thought; Law, Public Administration, and Public Policy; Canadian and Comparative Politics; City and Community Politics.

This programs leads to a **Bachelor of Arts (3-year, 4-year, or Honours)** with a Major in Politics. We also offer Certificates in Public Policy and Administration.

Students taking a 4-year degree in another Major may choose to add a Minor in Politics as a secondary area of interest.

### SAMPLE CAREERS

Graduates may find employment in local, provincial, or federal government offices. Jobs in these areas include: research and policy analysts, senior bureaucrats, members of Canada's diplomatic and foreign services, customs officers, employment insurance officers, police officers, social workers, community activists, electoral returning officers, program managers, project officers, communications officers. They may also find work in the fields of international law and organization, teaching, journalism, public relations and public administration. They are valued as management consultants in public opinion research or in law enforcement services, labour unions, political parties and non-governmental organizations (NGOs). Many lawyers and business people also find that a degree in politics provides them with valuable background knowledge.

### SAMPLE COURSES

**Introduction to Politics** is a first-year course that presents a systematic study of government and politics, aimed at providing students with some of the conceptual, theoretical and methodological tools needed to explain and understand political phenomena.

**Global Politics** is a second-year course that studies the use and distribution of national power at the international level, the shifts of that distribution in world politics and the causes and consequences of such shifts.

**Politics and Film** is a second-year course that allows students to see films, not simply as entertainment, but as complex cultural creations that embody political and social meaning.

**Public Administration** is a second-year course that begins with organization theories and proceeds to such areas as leadership, decision making, policy planning, and budgeting. It will also examine the relationship

between public administration and politics.

**Sustainability and Environmental Politics** examines the measures and implications of the concept of sustainability applied to areas such as: green politics and capitalism, international impacts, urbanization and the welfare state.

### **MORE SAMPLE COURSES**

- Canadian Foreign Policy
- Canada in World Affairs
- International Law & Organization
- Global Political Economy
- Government-Business Relations
- Perspectives on Human Security
- Social & Political Philosophy
- Canadian Political Thought
- Violence, Hegemony and the Rise of Mass Politics
- City Politics
- Community Democracy in a Global Age
- Canadian Politics
- Provincial Politics & Aboriginal Politics in Canada
- Reason & Revolution
- Interest Groups and New Social Movements
- Liberals, Marxists and Anarchists
- Women & the Law

### **U OF W DEPARTMENTS OFFERING COURSES RELATED TO POLITICS**

Several University of Winnipeg departments offer courses that will be of interest to students pursuing a Politics degree. They include: Indigenous Studies, Business and Administration, Conflict Resolution Studies, Philosophy, Criminal Justice, Economics, Geography, Global College, Urban and Inner-city Studies, and the Institute of Urban Studies.

### **SAMPLE FIRST YEAR**

*NOTE: This sample is representative of the courses you may take. For many of our programs, you may choose another set of courses and still be well on your way to a degree. Also, for most programs, you do not have to take 30 credits hours (five full courses) in your first year.*

- POL-1011(6) Introduction to Politics
- RHET-1102(3) Academic Writing: Social Sciences or any other section of Academic Writing (if required)
- 6 credit hours Humanities
- 15 credit hours Electives, depending on interest. Examples are first-year courses in Economic (Micro & Macro), Anthropology, Conflict Resolution Studies, Criminal Justice, Environmental Studies, Geography, Psychology, Sociology, or Women's & Gender Studies.

### **REQUIRED HIGH SCHOOL COURSES**

Students must meet The University of Winnipeg's general admission requirements. No specific courses are required.

### **HOW TO APPLY -- Domestic Student**

Apply online at [uwinnipeg.ca](http://uwinnipeg.ca) or pick up an Application for Admission from your high school counsellor's office or the Admissions Office at The University of Winnipeg. To meet the Scholarship deadline, you will need to submit your application and a \$80 application fee by **March 1st**.

### **HOW TO APPLY -- International Student**

Apply online at [uwinnipeg.ca/index/intl-apply](http://uwinnipeg.ca/index/intl-apply) and submit all official documents by mail. To meet Scholarship deadline, submit application, fee and documents by **March 1st**. The international application fee is \$100, which includes a one-time courier fee.

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