POLITICAL SCIENCE (POL)  
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**DEGREES/PROGRAMS OFFERED**
- 3-Year BA
- 4-Year BA
- Honours BA
- Certificate in Public Policy and Administration
- Minor
- Master of Public Administration (MPA) – For more information, see Graduate Studies Academic Calendar.

**INTRODUCTION**

The study of Political Science examines power and authority at formal and informal levels – global/international, regional, national, and local. The academic discipline examines the material and non-material (historical, social, ideological, and ideational) forces that shape global/international, regional, national, and local politics. The study of Political Science is divided into a number of separate though overlapping fields, such as global/international politics, political thought, law, public policy and administration, Canadian politics and comparative politics, urban and community politics.

The Department offers the 3-Year BA, 4-Year BA, and Honours degrees, as well as a Master of Public Administration (MPA) in cooperation with the University of Manitoba. Students pursuing any of these degrees may also graduate with a Certificate in Public Policy and Administration. Students whose Major is not Political Science will find that courses in Political Science complement areas in other academic disciplines, such as Criminal Justice, Economics, History, Philosophy and Sociology, as well as in other inter-disciplinary programs, such as Urban and Inner City Studies, Indigenous Studies, Human Rights and Global Studies and Women’s and Gender Studies.

Political Science graduates enter such professional fields as the public service, the legal profession, business administration, political organizations, and teaching. In addition, the pursuit of graduate studies in Political Science can lead to a university academic career.

**REQUIREMENTS FOR A 3-YEAR BA IN POLITICAL SCIENCE**

**ADMISSION REQUIREMENT**

Students must consult with a member of the Department in planning their course of study.

**GRADUATION REQUIREMENT**

90 credit hours

**RESIDENCE REQUIREMENT**

Degree: Minimum 30 credit hours

Major: Minimum 18 credit hours

**GENERAL DEGREE REQUIREMENT**

- Humanities: 12 credit hours in Humanities
- Science: 6 credit hours in Science
- Writing: Minimum 3 credit hours of Academic Writing
- Indigenous: 3 credit hours in designated Indigenous requirement courses

**Maximum Introductory Courses:** Students may use a maximum of 42 credit hours at the 1000 level. Of these, a maximum of 6 credit hours may be below the 1000 level. As a result, students must take a minimum of 48 credit hours at the 2000-level or above in order to not exceed the maximum number of introductory courses.

**Distribution:** Minimum five (5) different subjects

**MAJOR REQUIREMENT**

- Single Major: Minimum 30 credit hours/Maximum 48 credit hours
- Double Major: 30 credit hours in Political Science and specified number of credit hours in the other department/program

**Required courses:**
- 6 credit hours at the 1000 level in Political Science is required, minimum 2.0 GPA
- Maximum 6 credit hours at the 1000 level in Political Science may be counted for degree credit, minimum 2.0 GPA
- 12 to 18 credit hours at the 2000 level in Political Science
- 12 to 24 credit hours at the 3000 level in Political Science

**Combined Major:** Minimum 48 credit hours from two different majors with not less than 18 credit hours from each major subject

**Required course:**
- 6 credit hours at the 1000 level in Political Science is required, minimum 2.0 GPA
- Maximum 6 credit hours at the 1000 level in Political Science may be counted for degree credit, minimum 2.0 GPA
Directed Readings: Students are allowed a maximum of 12 credit hours of Directed Readings toward any Political Science degree.

REQUIREMENTS FOR A 4-YEAR BA IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

ADMISSION REQUIREMENT
Students must consult with the Department Advisor in planning their studies.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENT
Students must have completed at least 30 credit hours in Political Science.

RESIDENCE REQUIREMENT
120 credit hours

Degree: Minimum 60 credit hours
Major: Minimum 30 credit hours

GENERAL DEGREE REQUIREMENT
Humanities: 12 credit hours in Humanities
Science: 6 credit hours in Science
Social Science: 12 credit hours in Social Science
Writing: Minimum 3 credit hours of Academic Writing
Indigenous: 3 credit hours in designated Indigenous requirement courses
Maximum Introductory Courses: Students may use a maximum of 42 credit hours at the 1000 level. Of these, a maximum of 6 credit hours may be below the 1000 level. As a result, students must take a minimum of 8 credit hours at the 2000-level or above in order to not exceed the maximum number of introductory courses.

Distribution: Minimum 3 credit hours from each of 5 different subjects

MAJOR REQUIREMENT
Single Major: Minimum 48 credit hours/Maximum 66 credit hours
Minimum 6 credit hours each from four of the five Areas of Study
48 credit hours in each Major subject as specified by the departments

Required courses: 6 credit hours at the 1000 level in Political Science is required, minimum 2.0 GPA
Maximum 6 credit hours at the 1000 level in Political Science may be counted for degree credit, minimum 2.0 GPA.

POL-2400(6) Canadian Politics
Minimum 18 credit hours at the 2000 level in Political Science
Minimum 24 credit hours at the 3000 level in Political Science
Maximum 18 credit hours at the 4000 level in Political Science

Directed Readings: Students are allowed a maximum of 12 credit hours of Directed Readings toward any Political Science degree.

Students who have obtained at least a 3.0 GPA in previous Political Science courses may substitute a maximum of 18 credit hours at the 4000 level for 3000-level courses.

Students without the required 3.0 GPA must consult the department for permission to take 4000-level courses.

Combined Major: Minimum 60 credit hours from two different majors with not less than 24 credit hours from each major subject

Required courses: 6 credit hours at the 1000 level in Political Science is required, minimum 2.0 GPA
Maximum 6 credit hours at the 1000 level in Political Science may be counted for degree credit, minimum 2.0 GPA.

POL-2400(6) Canadian Politics
Minimum 3 credit hours from each of four different Areas of Study

REQUIREMENTS FOR AN HONOURS BA IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

ADMISSION REQUIREMENT
Students must have completed 30 credit hours with a minimum 3.0 GPA in Honours subject courses (cumulative GPA) and 2.5 GPA (degree GPA) in non-Honours courses.
Students must consult with and have the approval of the Department Chair or the Chair’s designate in planning their course of study.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENT
120 credit hours, with minimum 3.0 GPA in Honours subject courses and 2.5 GPA in Non-Honours subject courses
RESIDENCE REQUIREMENT-
Degree: Minimum 60 credit hours
Honours: Minimum 30 credit hours, including minimum 18 credit hours at upper level (3000/4000) of which a minimum of 9 credit hours at 4000 level

GENERAL DEGREE REQUIREMENT
- Humanities: 12 credit hours in Humanities
- Science: 6 credit hours in Science
- Writing: Minimum 3 credit hours of Academic Writing
- Indigenous: 3 credit hours in designated Indigenous requirement courses

Maximum Introductory Courses: Students may use a maximum of 42 credit hours at the 1000 level. Of these, a maximum of 6 credit hours may be below the 1000 level. As a result, students must take a minimum of 8 credit hours at the 2000-level or above in order to not exceed the maximum number of introductory courses.

HONOURS REQUIREMENT
Single Honours: Minimum 54 credit hours / Maximum 78 credit hours
Minimum 24 credit hours in 4000-level Honours courses
Minimum 6 credit hours from four of the five Areas of Study

Double Honours: Minimum 36 credit hours in each Honours subject
Minimum 24 credit hours in 4000-level Honours courses in Political Science
Minimum 6 credit hours each from three of the five Areas of Study

Honours Thesis: If students opt to do an Honours thesis, they must defend their final written work before a two-member committee.

Required courses: 6 credit hours at the 1000 level in Political Science is required, minimum 2.0 GPA
Maximum 6 credit hours at the 1000 level in Political Science may be counted for degree credit, minimum 2.0 GPA.

POL-2400(6) Canadian Politics

Recommended courses: Students planning to proceed to graduate studies are encouraged to take POL-4225(6)
Scope and Methods in Political Science.

Directed Readings: Students are allowed a maximum of 12 credit hours of Directed Readings toward any Political Science degree.

REQUIREMENTS FOR A CERTIFICATE IN PUBLIC POLICY AND ADMINISTRATION

The Certificate in Public Policy and Administration is a 30 credit hour program designed to complement a Bachelor's degree at the University of Winnipeg. In order to receive a Certificate, students must complete a concentration of courses in the Public Policy and Administration field as part of their Bachelor's program. Further program details may be obtained by contacting the Chair of the Department of Political Science. Students must apply to graduate with a Certificate. Application forms are available from the Convocation Officer. Please call 204.786.9257 to book an appointment with the Convocation Officer.

Certificate Requirements:
- Requirements for the program are as follows:
- Total Credit Hours Required: 30 credit hours
- Required Courses: Students must take 15 credit hours from Category 1 (Required Courses)
- Elective Courses: Students must take 15 credit hours from Category 2 (Elective Courses)

COURSES

Category 1: Required Courses
All Certificate students must take the following courses:

POL-2300(6) Public Administration
POL-2320(3) Government-Business Relations in Canada
POL-3300(3) Public Policy Process

Students must take 1 of the following:

POL-3400(3) Indigenous Politics in Canada
POL-3405(3) Indigenous Politics in Manitoba
POL-3411(3) Indigenous People in Canada & The Law
POL-3415(3) Indigenous Justice & Canadian Law
Category 2: Electives
All Certificate students must take 15 credit hours from this category.

Political Science

Global Politics
POL-3110(3) International Organization
POL-3120(3) International Law

Political Theory
POL-4225(6) Scope and Methods in Political Science

Law, Public Policy and Administration

POL-3305(3) Special Topics in Public Policy
POL-3310(3) Health Care Policy in Canada
POL-3315(3) The Canadian Legal System
POL-3320(3) Women and the Law
POL-4301(3)(6) Administrative Foundations of the Public Sector
POL-4380(6) Special Topics Seminar in Public Administration
POL-4385(3) Special Topics in Public Administration

Canadian and Comparative Politics

POL-3400(3) Indigenous Politics in Canada
POL-3405(3) Indigenous Politics in Manitoba

POL-3411(3) Indigenous People in Canada & the Law
POL-3415(3) Indigenous Justice & Canadian Law
POL-3439(3) Politics in Manitoba
POL-3450(3) Sustainability and Environmental Politics
POL-4415(3)(6) Political Economy and the State

City and Community Politics

POL-2500(3)(6) City Politics
POL-2505(3) Issues in City Politics
POL-3510(3) Interest Groups and New Social Movements
POL-4525(3) Local Public Administration

Economics

ECON-1104(3) Introduction to Economic Theory

International Development Studies

IDS-2110(3) Participatory Local Development

NOTE: Where a prerequisite exists for a course, admission of a certificate student will depend on either i) the student having fulfilled that prerequisite or ii) the relevant department waiving the prerequisite.
A course taken to fulfil Category 1 will not count toward the 15 credit hours required under Category 2 (elective courses).

REQUIREMENTS FOR A MINOR IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

Degree: Students completing any undergraduate degree program are eligible to complete the Minor.
Minor: 18 credit hours in the Minor subject, with a minimum of 12 credit hours above the 1000-level
Residence Requirement: Minimum 12 credit hours in the Minor subject
Required courses: 6 credit hours at the 1000 level in Political Science is required, minimum 2.0 GPA
Maximum 6 credit hours at the 1000 level in Political Science may be counted for degree credit, minimum GPA 2.0.
12 credit hours in Political Science courses at or above the 2000 level
Restrictions: Students cannot declare the same subject as a Major and a Minor.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Prerequisites
Except where otherwise indicated, there are no prerequisites for 2000-level and 3000-level courses in the Department of Political Science; however, for 3000-level courses, a previous course in Political Science would be beneficial. Students enrolling in Honours-level courses in the Department of Political Science must have credit for at least one Political Science course in the relevant Area. For example, students wishing to enrol in Seminar in Global Politics (POL-4100(3)) must have at least 3 credit hours in Area 1, Global Politics. Note: All 4000-level courses require departmental permission.

Changing Degree Programs
Students in the Political Science Major program, or who wish to enter the Political Science Major Program, may transfer from one degree program to another provided requirements are met.

Graduate Studies
The Political Science Department participates in the Master of Public Administration program offered jointly by the Universities of Manitoba and Winnipeg. Interested students are advised to consult this website for details: http://umanitoba.ca/faculties/arts/departments/political_studies/master_pa/index.html. Students may also consult with the Chair of the MPA program.
Courses available for graduate credit (7000 level - GPOL) are included in the Master of Public Administration section of The University of Winnipeg’s Graduate Academic Calendar.

Education Students
For Education students pursuing a Teachable Minor in Political Science, the following courses are recommended: POL-1011(6) Introduction to Political Science; POL-2100(6) Global Politics; POL-2400(6) Canadian Politics.
COURSE LISTINGS

The Political Science Department has organized its courses into five areas of specialization. Courses are listed in numerical sequence by Area of Study. Please use WebAdvisor or the appropriate Timetable on the website to find out which courses will be offered in an upcoming term, or consult with the Political Science Department Chair or Department Assistant.

INTRODUCTORY
POL-1011(6) Introduction to Political Science
POL-1012(3) The Canadian State and Indigenous People
POL-1014(3) Great Ideas in Political Thought
POL-1016(3) Global Political Issues
POL-1018(3) Issues in Canadian Politics, Government and Democracy
POL-1020(3) Why Politics Matters: Themes and Debates

AREA 1
GLOBAL POLITICS
POL-2100(6) Global Politics
POL-3105(3) Global Political Economy
POL-3110(3) International Organization
POL-3115(3) Gender and Global Politics
POL-3120(3) International Law
POL-3121(3) Special Topics in Global Politics
POL-3122(3) China in the Contemporary Global Politics
POL-3130(3) Canada in World Affairs
POL-3135(3) Global Security
POL-4100(3) Seminar in Global Politics
POL-4105(3) Seminar in Global Political Economy
POL-4106(3) The Political Economy of Rising Non-Western States
POL-4110(3) Seminar in International Organization
POL-4120(3) Seminar in Canadian Foreign Policy
POL-4121(3) Special Topics in Global Politics

AREA 2
POLITICAL THOUGHT
POL/PHIL-2200(6) Social and Political Philosophy
POL-2220(6) Politics and Film
POL-3205(3) Reason and Revolution
POL-3210(3) Politics and Art
POL-3216(3) Special Topics in Political Theory
POL-3220(3) Politics of Post-Modernism
POL-3224(3) Research Methods and Project Design
POL-3300(3) Canadian Political Thought
POL-3301(3) Power & Politics: 16C Political Thought
POL-3343(3) Sovereignty & Politics: 17C Political Thought
POL-3355(3) Politics of Love and Sex
POL-3360(3) Violence, Hegemony and the Rise of Mass Politics
POL-3550(3) Liberals, Marxists and Anarchists
POL-3600(3) Liberalism and Social Democracy
POL-4200(3) Feminist Political Thought
POL-4215(6) Seminar in Political Thought
POL-4216(3) Special Topics in Political Theory
POL-4220(6) Liberty and Community in Modern Canadian Political Thought
POL-4225(6) Scope and Methods of Political Science

AREA 3
LAW, PUBLIC POLICY AND ADMINISTRATION
POL-2300(6) Public Administration
POL-2320(3) Government-Business Relations in Canada
POL-3300(3) Public Policy Process
POL-3305(3) Special Topics in Public Policy
POL-3310(3) Health Care Policy in Canada
POL-3315(3) The Canadian Legal System
POL-3320(3) Women and the Law
POL/WGS/BUS-3321(3) Gender & Organizations
POL-4300(3) Administrative Foundations of the Public Sector
POL-4310(3) Equity and Human Resources

POL-4380(6) Special Topics Seminar in Public Administration
POL-4385(3) Special Topics in Public Administration

AREA 4
CANADIAN AND COMPARATIVE POLITICS
POL/UCI/IS-2020(3) Colonization and Indigenous Peoples
POL-2400(6) Canadian Politics
POL-2410(6) Human Rights and Civil Liberties in Canada
POL-2415(3) The Politics of Racism
POL-3400(3) Indigenous Politics in Canada
POL-3405(3) Indigenous Politics in Manitoba
POL-3411(3) Indigenous People in Canada & the Law
POL-3415(3) Indigenous Justice & Canadian Law
POL-3436(3) United States Politics
POL-3439(3) Politics in Manitoba
POL-3450(3) Sustainability and Environmental Politics
POL-3452(3) Gender Issues in Canadian Politics
POL-3455(3) Politics and the Mass Media
POL-3460(3) Provincial Politics in Canada
POL-3470(3) Comparative Federalism & Multi-level Governance
POL-4400(6) Seminar in Canadian Politics
POL-4405(6) Seminar in Manitoba Politics
POL-4410(3) Seminar in Women in Politics
POL-4415(3) Seminar in Political Thought
POL-4440(6) Seminar in Indigenous Political Issues
POL-4445(3) The Politics of Racism in Canada

POL-2400(6) Administrative Foundations of the Public Sector

HONOURS THESIS, DIRECTED READINGS AND GENERAL SPECIAL TOPICS
POL-3030(3) Special Topics in Political Science
POL-3600(6) Directed Readings
POL-3605(3) Directed Readings
POL-4600(6) Directed Readings
POL-4605(3) Directed Readings
POL-4610(6) Honours Thesis

Area 5
CITY AND COMMUNITY POLITICS
POL-2010(3) Politics in the Inner City
POL-2500(3) City Politics
POL-3500(3) Globalization and City Politics
POL-3510(3) Interest Groups and New Social Movements
POL-3520(3) Community Democracy in a Global Age
POL-4500(3) Politics of Urban Development
POL-4520(3) Theories of Urban Poverty
POL-4510(6) Inner City Seminar
POL-4525(3) Local Public Administration

Note:

GPOL-7000-LEVEL COURSES
Course listings for graduate courses (GPOL-7000- level) are now included in the Master of Public Administration section of The University of Winnipeg’s Graduate Studies Academic Calendar.

EXPERIMENTAL COURSES:
POL-3116(3) Global Politics and Migration

Note: The second digit identifies the area number.
COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

All course descriptions for all undergraduate programs can now be found in one large PDF called “All course descriptions” in the “Academic Calendar” section of the University website:

http://uwinnipeg.ca/academics/calendar/index.html