



FACULTY OF ARTS

POLITICAL SCIENCE

Political Science is the systematic study of power, authority, government, and governance that helps us understand and engage in the important processes and institutions that structure our lives.

The Political Science Department offers a wide range of courses that examine such issues as: the nature and structure of government and how they shape political behaviour; relations between nation-states; the movement, of groups of people across state borders; the interactions between 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.

This program leads to a **Bachelor of Arts (3-year, 4-year, or Honours)** with a Major in Political Science. We also offer a **Certificate** in Public Policy & Administration. Students taking an undergraduate degree in another Major may choose to add a **Minor** in Political Science as a secondary area of interest.

SAMPLE CAREERS

Political Science graduates work in the municipal, provincial, and federal government, as research and policy analysts, senior bureaucrats, members of diplomatic and foreign services, customs officers, employment insurance officers, police officers, social workers, community activists, electoral returning officers, program managers, project officers, and communications officers. Some graduates work in legal firms, public opinion research companies, the media, labour unions, and non-governmental organizations (NGOs).

SAMPLE COURSES

Introduction to Political Science 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, a second-year course, 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.

Canadian Politics is a second-year course that offers a general introduction to the study of Canadian politics, including an analysis of political culture, political parties, federalism, continentalism, regionalism and political institutions.

MORE SAMPLE COURSES

- Why Politics Matters
- Global Security
- City Politics
- Politics & Film
- The Canadian State & Indigenous Peoples*
- Reason & Revolution
- Public Administration
- International Organizations
- Social & Political Philosophy
- Politics and the Mass Media
- Public Policy Process

**This course fulfills the Indigenous course degree requirement.*

SAMPLE FIRST YEAR

POL-1011(6) Introduction to Political Science OR a maximum of two of the following Intro half-courses: **POL-1012 The Canadian State & Indigenous Peoples**; **POL-1014 Great Ideas in Political Thought**; **POL-1016 Global Political Issues**; **POL-1018 Issues in Canadian Politics, Government and Democracy**; **POL-1020 Why Politics Matters**

RHET-1102(3) Academic Writing: Social Sciences or other section of Academic Writing (if required)

6 credit hours Humanities. Examples include History and English courses.

18-21 credit hours of Electives, depending on interest. Examples include first-year courses in Economics, Criminal Justice, Environmental Studies, Sociology, and Women's & Gender Studies.

***NOTE:** This sample first year 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 credit hours (five full courses) in your first year.*

“I feel I was well prepared at UWinnipeg, and my education was genuinely applicable to my career. I had the great fortune to have well-versed and intellectually rigorous professors who were accessible and knew me by name.”

Laura Lumsden, BA (Honours) Political Science,
Foreign Service Officer, posted to the Embassy of Canada in Washington, D.C.

REQUIRED HIGH SCHOOL COURSES

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

HOW TO APPLY

For details on application requirements and deadlines, and to apply online, please visit:
uwinnipeg.ca/apply

For more information contact a student recruitment officer at welcome@uwinnipeg.ca or 204.786.9844. In any case where the University's Academic Calendar and this fact sheet differ, the current Calendar takes precedence.

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