

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 ^{^*}	Major [^]	Minor
Political Studies	60	48	24
International Studies	60	48	24
International Political Economy**	60	48	X

[^] *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)

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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 Quantitative 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 Quantitative 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.
 - e. To count as language courses, culture courses in Modern Languages should be taught in the language being credited. For students pursuing English as the language option, English-language courses coded ESL as well as two of CDC 100, CDC 201 or ENG 116 are accepted.
- 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.
- To count as language courses, culture courses in Modern Languages should be taught in the language being credited. For students pursuing English as the language option, English-language courses coded ESL as well as two of CDC 100, CDC 201 or ENG 116 are accepted.

- 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 215	Introduction to International Business
ECO 103	Principles of Economics: Macroeconomics
ECO 217	International Economics
ECO 125	Economic Development I
ECO 237	Economics of the Environment
ESG 350	Environmental Justice
ESG 358	International Environmental Issues
HIS 229	Human Rights and Humanitarian Organizations
POL 170	Introduction to European Politics
POL 175	Introduction to U.S Politics
POL 230	The Politics of Sport
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 236	Introduction to Middle Eastern Politics
POL 237	Politics of Japan
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 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
RSC 200	Politics and Religion
RSC 310	The Religious Right in the United States

Global Culture Concentration:

DRA 170/ENG 170	Introduction to Film
ENG 102	Approaches to Media Studies
ENG 228	Introduction to Post-Colonial Literature
ENG 352	Canadian Literature and Theories of Globalization
FIH 240	Art, Popular and Mass Culture
FIH 246	Public Art and Monuments
FIH 314	Colonial and Postcolonial Issues in the Visual Arts
FRA 250	French Cinema
FRA 353	Littératures migrants de la francophonie
GER 250	German History in Recent German Films

GER 270	Introduction to German Film
GER 271	East German Cinema
GER 289	History and Memory in Berlin
GER 290	(De)Constructing Identity in Vienna
HIS 105	The 20th Century World
HIS 108	A Global History of Indigenous Peoples
HIS 228	Remembering Atrocities: Truth and Reconciliation in Global Context
HIS 255	History of Modern Southeast Asia
HIS 256	Latin America 1800 to the Present
HIS 269	First Nations/Settler Relations in Canada
HIS 277	South: The Making of the Third World
HIS 284	History of Modern China
HIS 291	Women in the Islamic World
JSE 150	Japanese Society and Culture
LIB 370	Social Movements and Social Change in Brazil
POL 354	United Nations Practicum 2
RSC 100	Western Religions
RSC 101	Eastern Religions
RSC 124	Hinduism: The Many Faces of the Divine
RSC 125	Buddhism: The Middle Way
RSC 126	Judaism: A Covenant With God
RSC127	Islam: Submission to Allah
RSC 200	Politics and Religion
RSC 302	Of Latter-day Saints and Modern-day Prophets: New Religious Movements
SOC 190	Introduction to Post-colonial Study
SOC 207	Sociology of Indigenous-Settlers Relations
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
SPO 360	Development through Sport

Minor in International Studies (24 credit program)

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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.

To count as language courses, culture courses in Modern Languages should be taught in the language being credited. For students pursuing English as the language option, English-language courses coded ESL as well as two of CDC 100, CDC 201 or ENG 116 are accepted

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)

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ILT 104 Information Retrieval and Evaluation Skills
for the Social Sciences

(1-credit lab)

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 217	Business and Government
POL 241	International Affairs
POL 242	International Organizations
POL 317	Canadian Welfare 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)

MAJIPE

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 217	Business and Government
POL 241	International Affairs
POL 242	International Organizations
POL 317	Canadian Welfare 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 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 312 Federalism in Canada 3-3-0
Federalism is an essential yet often misunderstood element of Canadian politics. This course will examine the meaning and purpose of federalism and consider the historical evolution of Canadian federalism, alongside its key institutional features. It will subsequently address the topics of constitutional design, national unity, and the place of Quebec within Canada's federal framework as well as how major policy issues are shaped by Canada's division of powers. Finally, the course will move beyond federal-provincial relations to examine how federalism affects gender politics, Canada's indigenous peoples, and the governance of large urban areas.
Prerequisite: POL 112

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 Canadian Welfare State 3-3-0
The course will focus on the 20th century development and expansion of the Canadian welfare state, as well as the subsequent global period of welfare state

retrenchment, or scaling back of the welfare state. More recently, increased socioeconomic inequality, changing labour market patterns such as the gig economy, and questions surrounding social solidarity amidst growing ethnocultural diversity have placed pressures on existing social policy arrangements. In addition, the COVID-19 pandemic has led some to question long-held assumptions about welfare state politics. This course will consider how such challenges are affecting the Canadian welfare state, with frequent comparisons to other advanced democracies.

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 18th and 19th 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 170 Introduction to European Politics 3-3-0

A comparative analysis of European political history, economy, culture, and politics. This course will be offered only on an occasional basis.

POL 175 Introduction to U.S. 3-3-0

An examination of the political system in the United States. Topics will include U.S. political institutions and the Constitution, as well as the socioeconomic bases of U.S. politics, political ideology and culture, parties, interest groups, and elections.

Antirequisite: POL 172 or POL 173

POL 201 Contemporary Political Ideologies 3-3-0

A critical examination of the nature and role of ideologies in contemporary politics. Conservatism, liberalism, socialism, communism, fascism and other relevant ideologies in theory and practice will be covered.

POL 217 Business and Government 3-3-0

This course examines the multifaceted relationships between business and government. It focuses on the ways that business seeks to engage with public policy and governance, as well as the role of 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 the global economy and looks at the response of business to challenges faced in the public policy process.

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'

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 236 /**RSC 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 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 101 or POL 112 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 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 Quantitative 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.

VI: Honours Thesis, Independent Studies, Practicum and Internships**POL 259 Topics in Politics and International Studies 3-3-0**

The United States and Canada share many political similarities, but one important difference is how elections are conducted in the two countries. This course will focus on public engagement in electoral politics, how elected representatives are chosen, and the institutional incentives that constrain politicians once in office. While voters in both countries are increasingly skeptical towards politicians and the electoral process, elections remain an indispensable mechanism for selecting who governs and ensuring political accountability. By comparing the two countries, broader insights can be drawn about the capacity of each system to improve its responsiveness and inclusiveness in the context of representative democracy.

POL 300 International Studies Internship 3-3-0

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 POL 242 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.