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

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* Students in any major or honours program must also complete a one-credit lab course – ILT 104.

** 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)

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 Empirical 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)

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 Empirical 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 Electives 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)

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)
- 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 CDC 100 and 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:
   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 and the Département d’études françaises et québécoises.
   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 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.
   d. 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 CDC 100 and ENG 116 are accepted.

2) 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.

3) Students are strongly encouraged to consider taking an International exchange abroad during the course of their degree.

4) The addition of a Minor language concentration (8 courses) to the Major in International Studies is recommended.

Global Governance Concentration
- BMG 222 International Business Law
- ECO 103 Principles of Economics: Macroeconomics
- ECO 217 International Economics
- ECO 220 Economic Development I
- ECO 237 Economics of the Environment
- ESG 358 International Environmental Issues
- HIS 229 Human Rights and Humanitarian Organizations
- POL 170 Introduction to European Politics
- POL 172 Introduction to American Politics
- POL 173 US Government and Public Policy
- 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 235 American Political Economy
- POL 236 Introduction to Middle Eastern Politics
- POL 237 Politics of Japan
- POL 238 Political Economy in Asia
- 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 317 Globalization and the Canadian State
- 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

Global Culture Concentration:
- DRA 170 Introduction to Film
- ENG 102 Approaches to Media Studies
- ENG 352 Canadian Literature and Theories of Globalization
- FIH 240 Art, Popular and Mass Culture
- FIH 314 Colonial and Postcolonial Issues in the Visual Arts
- 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 255  History of Modern Southeast Asia
HIS 256  Latin America 1800 to the Present
HIS 284  History of Modern China
HIS 384  Memory, Truth and Reconciliation
JSE 150  Japanese Society and Culture
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
RSC 127  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-colonialism
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

** Note that some of the courses in either concentration may have one or more pre-requisites. Not all courses are offered on a regular basis and some courses have limitations on enrolment.

Minor in International Studies
(24 credit program)  MININT

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 CDC 100 and 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)  HONIPE

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
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 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  Globalization and the Canadian State  3-3-0
In this course, the effects of the multilateral (World Trade Organization) and continental (North American Free Trade Agreement) trading systems on the Canadian state are analyzed. In particular, the effects of recent economic and technological forces on Canadian political processes and structures and on selected public policies will be examined.
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| 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.                                                                                   |
| 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.  
**Prerequisite:** POL 112                                                                                                             |
| 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.  
**Prerequisite:** POL 100 or permission of instructor.                                                                                   |
| 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 slavery, slavery, genocide, liberty, and the nature of power.  
**Prerequisite:** POL 100 or permission of instructor.                                                                                   |
| 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.  
**Prerequisite:** POL 112 or POL 140                                                                                                    |
| 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.                                                                         |
| 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.  
**Prerequisite:** POL 228 or POL 229, or one course in Philosophy.                                                                         |
| 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.                                                                                       |
| 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.  
**Prerequisite:** POL 101 or POL 140                                                                                                    |
| 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.  
**Prerequisite:** POL 101 or POL 140                                                                                                    |
| 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.  
**Prerequisite:** POL 101 or POL 140                                                                                                    |
| 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.  
**Prerequisite:** POL 101 or POL 140                                                                                                    |
| 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.  
**Prerequisite:** POL 101 or POL 140                                                                                                    |
| 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.  
**Prerequisite:** POL 101 or POL 140                                                                                                    |
| 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.                                                                       |
| 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.  
**Prerequisite:** POL 172 or POL 173 or permission of instructor.                                                                       |
| 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.  
**Prerequisite:** POL 101 or POL 140                                                                                                    |
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.
Prerequisite: POL 140, or permission of instructor

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.
Prerequisite: POL 140, or permission of instructor

POL 243 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, 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

VI: Honours Thesis, Independent Studies, Practicum and Internships

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.