



Department of Politics and International Studies

Program Guide 2014-15

- **Political Studies**
- **International Studies**
- **International Political Economy**

CREDIT REQUIREMENTS FOR PROGRAMS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POLITICS AND INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

PROGRAM	Honours*	Major	Minor
Political Studies	60	48	24
International Studies	60	48	24
International Political Economy**	60	48	X
* Grade requirements – To enter or continue in an Honours program, students must normally obtain and sustain a cumulative average of 75%. ** Offered jointly by the Department of Politics and International Studies and the Department of Economics.			

As a student at Bishop's, it is your responsibility to manage your own program to its successful completion. At a minimum, this involves:

1. Ensuring that you are enrolled in the correct components of the program, i.e. Honours, Majors or Minors. Check your transcript.
2. Ensuring that you have taken and passed the required courses for that program (check the on-line Academic Calendar and be aware that some courses have prerequisites).
3. Ensuring that you have taken and passed a sufficient number of the elective courses required by that program. These electives are normally chosen from a prescribed list of courses for each program (check the on-line Academic Calendar).
4. Ensuring that any other requirements of the program (such as going on an exchange abroad) are satisfied.
5. Ensuring that your average grade is high enough to maintain your enrolment in that program. This is important for Honours (check your transcript carefully).
6. Ensuring with the Records Office that any credits earned at other universities are appropriately transferred to your Bishop's program.

General Considerations

- ❑ Not all courses can be offered every year and some courses become full. Give priority to taking your required courses when they become available on the Timetable. This is particularly important if you have a more complex program (such as a double-major) or if you need to spend a semester abroad.
- ❑ Respect administrative deadlines. These can have important consequences, especially “add/drop” deadlines and “withdraw with permission” deadlines for courses. Check your transcript to make sure you are enrolled in the correct courses. If you are enrolled in a course you do not want, then you will get a grade for that course unless you drop or withdraw before the relevant deadline (see the on-line Academic Calendar). There have been cases where students were not aware that they were enrolled in a course and never attended any of the classes. They received a zero in the course which appeared on their transcript and was factored into their average (Check your transcript)!
- ❑ To add a course after Registration you will need the permission of the instructor for that course.
- ❑ If you want to transfer from one program to another (e.g. Major to Honours) or to add another program (such as a Minor) you will need to get a Program Change form from the Records Office. Be aware that you may need a minimum average to transfer into some programs and that a few courses give priority admission to Honours students.

Cross Counting

A maximum of 18 Political Studies credits can be double counted towards the multiple Honours/Majors and Minors in the Department of Politics and International Studies. In addition, the number of Honours/Majors and Minors (POL, INT, IPE) offered through the Department that a student can simultaneously register in to is limited to a maximum of 2 Honours/Majors and 1 Minor.

100-level Courses

- ❑ Normally, all students should take POL100 Politics, Theory and Government and POL101 Introduction to Comparative Politics at their earliest possible opportunity.
- ❑ In general, you should try to take 100-level courses early in your program as these are introductory courses and are often prerequisites for more senior courses. You should not be taking required 100-level courses in your third or fourth year.

400-level courses, Independent Study courses and Honours thesis.

- ❑ Honours thesis and independent study courses are open only to students in the final two years of study and at the discretion of the Department. Please note that there are strict rules governing enrolment in these courses. For those who are interested in either of these options, a copy of the rules can be obtained from the Departmental Secretary (H-201B).
- ❑ Limited resources mean that we normally only offer one 400-level course per term.

The remainder of this guide will provide some tips on navigating your program as well as providing a checklist of required courses for the various programs in the Department.

Honours in Political Studies (60 credit program)

Required Courses:

- POL 100 Politics, Theory and Government
- POL 101 Introduction to Comparative Politics
- POL 228 Classical Political Philosophy I
- POL 229 Classical Political Philosophy II
- POL 361 Techniques of Empirical Research
- ECO 103 Principles of Economics: Macroeconomics

Plus:

- Any two courses in the Canadian Politics division.
- Any two courses in the Comparative Politics division.
- Any two courses in the International Relations division.
- One additional course from the Political Theory division or the Empirical Theory and Methods division.

Plus:

- Two POL courses at the 400 level
- or
- POL 550 Honours Thesis (6 credits)

Plus Free Electives in Political Studies:

- 15 credits

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 average requirement at graduation will automatically revert to the Major program.

Major in Political Studies (48 credit program)

Required Courses:

- POL 100 Politics, Theory and Government
- POL 101 Introduction to Comparative Politics

Plus one of:

- POL 262 Introduction to Political Analysis
- POL 361 Techniques of Empirical Research

Plus one of:

- POL 228 Classical Political Philosophy I
- POL 229 Classical Political Philosophy II

Plus:

- Any two courses in the Canadian Politics division.
- Any two courses in the Comparative Politics division.
- Any two courses in the International Relations division.

Plus Free Electives in Political Studies:

- 18 credits

Minor in Political Studies (24 credit program)

Required Courses:

- POL 100 Politics, Theory and Government
- POL 101 Introduction to Comparative Politics

Plus:

- Any one course in the Canadian Politics division.
- Any one course in the Political Theory division.
- Any one course in the Comparative Politics division.
- Any one course in the International Relations division.

Plus Free Electives in Political Studies:

- 6 credits

Honours in International Studies (60 credit program)

Honours in International Studies involves some required POL courses, some language courses, a semester abroad, and some courses within one of two declared concentrations.

Required Courses (33 credits):

- 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:

- One POL course 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 (27 credits):

Students choose one of two concentrations: “Global Governance” or “Global Culture”

Global Governance Concentration

Nine of:

- BMG 222 International Business Law
- ECO 103 Principles of Economics: Macroeconomics
- ECO 217 International Economics
- ECO 220 Economic Development 1
- ECO 237 Economics and the Environment

- ESG 358 International Environmental Issues
- 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 333 Internationalization of European Public Policies
- POL 335 Politics of Latin America and the Caribbean
- POL 343 Canadian-American Relations
- POL 344 Politics of 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

OR:

Global Culture Concentration:

Nine of:

- DRA 170 Introduction to Film
- ENG 102 Approaches to Media Studies
- ENG 235 Culture Studies: History, Theory and Practice
- ENG 236 Popular Culture
- FIH 240 Art, Popular and Mass Culture
- FIH 314 Colonial and Postcolonial Issues in the Visual Arts
- GER 250 German Civilization and Culture
- GER 383 20th Century German Literature and Culture 1
- GER 384 20th Century German Literature and Culture 2
- HIS 105 The 20th Century World
- HIS 108 Introduction to Indigenous Studies
- HIS 256 Latin America 1800 to the Present
- HIS 284 History of Modern China
- ITA 309 Italian Cinema and Society
- ITA 311 Italian Civilization and Culture
- JSE 150 Japanese Society and Culture
- LIB 100 Introduction to the Study of Western Culture

- REL 100 Western Religions
- REL 101 Eastern Religions
- REL 124 Hinduism: The Many Faces of the Divine
- REL 125 Buddhism: The Middle Way
- REL 126 Judaism: A Covenant with God
- REL 127 Islam: Submission to Allah
- REL 200 Politics and Religion
- 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 above may have one or more prerequisites.

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 beginners 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.*
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 POL241 and POL242 need take only two further courses from the third required list.*
4. *POL 441 or POL 442 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.*

Major in International Studies (48 credit program)

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

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 (18 credits):

Students should choose one of two concentrations: “Global Governance” or “Global Culture”

Global Governance Concentration

Six of:

- BMG 222 International Business Law
- ECO 103 Principles of Economics: Macroeconomics
- ECO 217 International Economics
- ECO 220 Economic Development 1
- ECO 237 Economics and the Environment
- ESG 358 International Environmental Issues
- 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 333 Internationalization of European Public Policies
- POL 335 Politics of Latin America and the Caribbean
- POL 343 Canadian-American Relations
- POL 344 Politics of 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

OR:

Global Culture Concentration:

Six of:

- DRA 170 Introduction to Film
- ENG 102 Approaches to Media Studies
- ENG 235 Culture Studies: History, Theory and Practice
- ENG 236 Popular Culture
- FIH 240 Art, Popular and Mass Culture
- FIH 314 Colonial and Postcolonial Issues in the Visual Arts
- GER 250 German Civilization and Culture
- GER 383 20th Century German Literature and Culture 1
- GER 384 20th Century German Literature and Culture 2
- HIS 105 The 20th Century World
- HIS 108 Introduction to Indigenous Studies
- HIS 256 Latin America 1800 to the Present
- HIS 284 History of Modern China
- ITA 309 Italian Cinema and Society
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- JSE 150 Japanese Society and Culture
- LIB 100 Introduction to the Study of Western Culture
- REL 100 Western Religions
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- REL 127 Islam: Submission to Allah
- REL 200 Politics and Religion
- 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 above may have one or more prerequisites.

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.*
 - b. *Depending on a student's entry-level competence, extra courses at the beginners 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.*
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 POL241 and POL242 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.*

Minor in International Studies (24 credit program)

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 Political Studies and the Department of Modern Languages.

Students who have passed both POL241 and POL242 need take only two further courses from the third required list.

Honours in International Political Economy (60 credit program)

ECONOMICS REQUIREMENTS (30 credits)

Required Courses:

- ECO 102 Principles of Microeconomics
- ECO 103 Principles of Macroeconomics
- ECO 212 Intermediate Macroeconomics I (MAT 191 or MAT 193 is a prerequisite for this course)
- ECO 270 Public Economics

Plus one of:

- ECO 175 Economic Geography
- ECO 217 International Economics
- ECO 220 Economic Development 1
- ECO 251 History of Economic Thought I
- ECO 280 Contemporary Perspectives in Political Economy

Plus Free Elective Courses in Economics:

- 15 credits

POLITICS REQUIREMENTS (30 credits)

Required Courses:

- POL101 Introduction to Comparative Politics
- POL140 Introduction to International Relations
- POL 240 International Political Economy
- POL 361 Techniques of Empirical Research

Plus two of:

- POL 229 Classical Political Philosophy II
- POL 235 American Political Economy
- POL 242 International Organizations
- POL 317 Globalization and the Canadian 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:

- 9 credits

Note that some of these courses may have pre-requisites or, alternatively, require permission from the instructor.

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Major in International Political Economy (48 credit program)

ECONOMICS REQUIREMENTS (24 credits)

Required Courses:

- ECO102 Principles of Microeconomics
- ECO103 Principles of Macroeconomics

Plus one of:

- ECO175 Economic Geography
- ECO217 International Economics
- ECO 220 Economic Development 1
- ECO251 History of Economic Thought I
- ECO270 Public Economics
- ECO280 Contemporary Perspectives in Political Economy

Plus Free Elective Courses in Economics:

- 15 credits

POLITICS REQUIREMENTS (24 credits)

Required Courses:

- POL101 Introduction to Comparative Politics
- POL140 Introduction to International Relations
- POL240 International Political Economy

Plus two of:

- POL229 Classical Political Philosophy II
- POL235 American Political Economy
- POL241 International Affairs
- POL242 International Organizations
- POL317 Globalization and the Canadian State
- POL344 Politics of International Trade and Investment
- POL346 Politics of Global Finance

Plus Free Elective Courses in Politics:

- 9 credits

Note that some of these courses may have pre-requisites or, alternatively, require permission from the instructor.