



POLITICAL SCIENCE UNDERGRADUATE HANDBOOK

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There are many different sources of information and support that are available to you as you plan your academic program. They can help you to make choices about the courses you take, find the appropriate academic and wellness supports, explore career opportunities, and clarify policies and procedures. This program handbook is a reference to some key sources of information and resources that can help you throughout your program. Keep in mind that it is a guide but not a substitute for personal contact between yourself and your academic adviser.

DEPARTMENT ADVISORS

The most important resource at your disposal is the Department of Political Science **Undergraduate Advisor**. The advisor can help to guide you in planning your program, including setting goals and selecting courses, to ensure you are able to successfully meet your degree requirements for graduation. The Department also has a faculty **Supervisor of Undergraduate Studies**, whom you can also consult if you have questions or are seeking advice about your program.

The departmental adviser can help you with:

- Reviewing your program, program elements, and/or course selection
- Course overrides for registration in restricted courses
- Course equivalences and substitutions
- Information on internships and placements
- General academic and career questions
- Opportunities for graduate studies

UNIVERSITY ADVISORS

The **Academic Advising Centre's** (AAC) primary focus is to support undergraduate and special students in achieving academic success. The AAC offers advising sessions for students who are experiencing academic difficulty, need assistance understanding their academic audit, want to ensure they are fulfilling their degree program's academic requirements or have been placed on Academic Warning (AW).

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ADVISORS

The **International Student Services Office** (ISSO) offers services and programs that contribute to positive international experiences for all Carleton students. They are dedicated to helping international and exchange students adjust to life in Canada and get the most out of their student experience.

The ISSO supports and encourages Carleton students in gaining international exposure both locally and abroad through volunteer opportunities, international internships and co-op, and participation in exchange or study abroad programs. The ISSO also hosts regular events and workshops to help keep you informed and connected in making the transition to Carleton and in planning for international exchange opportunities.

THE UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM

MAJORS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

You may have applied directly to Political Science as your major when you were admitted to Carleton, or you may be thinking about adding Political Science as your major or switching into it from another program at Carleton. The requirements for the major are designed to give you a broad introduction to the study of politics as well as the opportunity to gain depth in a subfield or concentration of particular interest to you.

Students can enrol in one of three different Political Science majors.

MAJOR

Your **major** is recorded on your transcript and BA diploma when you graduate. Your major specifies the course credits you are required to take in a specific discipline and defines the main focus of your undergraduate program. The credits you take in your major are used to calculate your Major CGPA.

MINOR

A **minor** is a set of credits in a program other than your major. It introduces you to or extends your knowledge in that specific discipline. A minor requires between 4.0 and 5.0 credits.

BA Honours In this [four-year program](#), students study and debate politics in Canada and abroad, international relations, as well as political theory and methodology. In addition to introductory courses, specialized seminars with limited enrolment allow students to focus on specific topics or issues, such as electoral trends, new forms of political activism, or international conflicts. Students have the option of completing an Honours Research Essay in their final year. Students in the BA Honours program must complete at least 9.0 credits in Political Science, plus an additional 11.0 credits in electives, for a total of 20.0 credits to graduate. [Note that most courses offered in the Political Science program are worth 0.5 credits]

BA 3-Year This [three-year program](#) provides foundational knowledge of politics in Canada and internationally, as well as in political theory or methodology. The program teaches you to probe a variety of sources for information, to make critical assessments of your findings, and to present them orally or in writing. Note that this program is not normally sufficient to continue to a graduate degree. Students in this program must complete at least 6.0 credits in Political Science, plus an additional 9.0 credits in electives, for a total of 15.0 credits to graduate.

BA Combined Honours This [four-year program](#) allows students to combine the BA Honours Program with another discipline, such as Law, Economics, or English. Students will study the same aspects of political science as those in the BA Honours, but they will become experts in two disciplines, rather than one.

MINORS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE AND OTHER PROGRAMS

Students registered in other degree programs at Carleton may register for the [Minor in Political Science](#). The Minor includes an introduction to political science as well as selected political science courses in your area of interest.

If you're majoring in Political Science, you may choose to do a minor in another program that reflects your interests, builds your passions, and prepares you for future opportunities. A minor usually consists of a cohesive set of 4.0 credits from one program and count toward your electives. A list of programs that offer minors can be found on the [Admissions website](#). Students should consult the specific program of the minor for more details, including the courses that can be included.

DID YOU KNOW?

In addition to your major, you can add up to two additional program elements, i.e., minors and/or concentrations, to your degree program

CONCENTRATIONS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

As an undergraduate student in Political Science, you may choose to declare a **concentration** in an area of specialization that you are interested in or feel passionate about. A concentration enables you to enhance your degree by selecting a group of 2nd, 3rd, and 4th year courses that are thematically related. The concentration provides you with a 'road map' that will help you choose the best courses for your interests. It also gives you a chance to develop specific expertise, knowledge and/or practice in a subfield of political science. Students normally add a concentration to their program at the end of first year, prior to beginning their second year of study. However, you can add a concentration later in your program as well.

CONCENTRATIONS

A *concentration* requires you to take 3.5 credits in a specialized area of study. These credits also count toward the requirements for the political science major, so students do not typically need extra time to finish their degrees if they choose to include a concentration.

The program offers concentrations in eight different fields:

CANADIAN POLITICS

This concentration encompasses the study of federal and provincial political institutions, including Parliament, the public service, political parties, elections, federalism and the courts, and important themes and questions in Canadian politics and public policy. These may include Settler-Colonial/Indigenous relations, national unity, political economy, environmental politics, and broader social relations such as gender, race, and class. Students explore how our political system works, recent and proposed reforms of some of its prominent features, as well as deeper questions about what it means to be Canadian in a globalized and networked society.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

The International Relations (IR) concentration addresses world politics at multiple levels of analysis – from history-defining decisions to the forces that influence our personal choices. IR is an intellectually diverse field of study that addresses some of the most dramatic and controversial global issues of the day. Students explore the theory and practice of how political power shapes the way the world works – or doesn't work. Students debate topics such as war and conflict, wealth and poverty, foreign policy and national security, human rights and climate change, and more.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND POLICY ANALYSIS

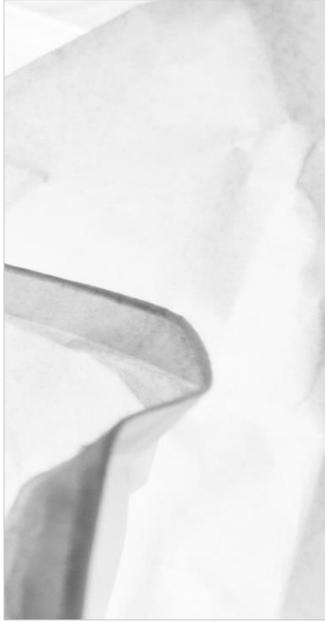
The Public Affairs and Policy Analysis (PAPA) concentration involves students in public policy analysis, public management, and the political processes that influence their application in practice. Students can choose from a variety of courses on public administration and policy, media, and public opinion, as well as on substantive policy areas, such the environment, migration, and social policy. This concentration also includes courses on research techniques and methods and equips students with the skills to effectively participate in analytic jobs that are at the heart of much organized public activity.

COMPARATIVE POLITICS AND AREA STUDIES (GLOBAL NORTH)

In this concentration, students learn about the political systems of the higher-income countries of the world, commonly referred to as the Global North. Comparative Politics explores similarities and differences in the institutions, political cultures, and political economies of states and equips students with tools to understand how citizens relate to their governments in different political contexts. Students can explore and debate such topics as democracy and authoritarianism, elections, political communications, populism, gender, race and

ethnicity, sexuality, and political representation from the perspective of countries in the Global North.





COMPARATIVE POLITICS AND AREA STUDIES (GLOBAL SOUTH)

The study of Comparative Politics – Global South introduces students to the political systems of the low- and lower-middle-income countries. Students address questions about the sources of inequality in the global political economy, how states become developed and what development means. Topics explored include the similarities and differences in the institutions, political cultures, and political economies of these states. Students debate and explore issues such as democracy and authoritarianism, elections, political communications, populism, gender, race and ethnicity, sexuality, social movements, and political representation in states of the Global South.

NORTH AMERICAN POLITICS

The study of North American Politics explores the evolving relationships among three countries of the North American region: Canada, the United States, and Mexico. Students investigate the political, social, economic, and cultural processes that define the North American region, the similarities and differences between the three countries, and how they relate to each other. The courses in this concentration introduce students to Indigenous peoples and politics in North America; debates about trade, the environment, defence and border control; comparative public policies and other vital issues.

GENDER AND POLITICS

The study of Gender and Diversity considers the role of gender in politics; the intersectionality of gender and other identities, such as race, ethnicity, and sexual orientation; political representation and gendered political behaviour; and the dynamic relationship between identity and perceived difference in political life. As a field that has been profoundly influenced by feminist scholarship, Gender and Diversity includes an ongoing conversation about which research methods are appropriate for the study of actors located at various locations of political hierarchies – and indeed raising critical questions about those hierarchies.

POLITICAL THEORY

This concentration allows students to engage with many of the most enduring questions in political thought from antiquity to the twenty-first century. Students consider how different texts in the classical, modern, and contemporary Western tradition have grappled with these issues and learn how debates and often intense disagreements about these questions have informed political reflection and practice through the ages. Students also deliberate on whether Western political thought remains vibrant and relevant in an increasingly diverse and globalized world that challenges established ways of thinking about politics.

DID YOU KNOW?

A concentration is formally recognized when you graduate. This means that you can graduate from Carleton University with, for example, a Bachelor of Arts with Honours in Political Science with a Concentration in International Relations.

More information and answers to frequently asked questions about concentrations are found on the [Political Science Concentrations](#) webpage.

For the complete list of courses for each concentration, please consult the current [Undergraduate Calendar](#).

ELECTIVES AND BREADTH REQUIREMENTS

Electives are credits that are *not* included in your major area of study – in this case, that do not count toward your Political Science requirements. They are courses in subjects from other disciplines that you are interested in or passionate about. Elective credits enable you to tailor your degree to give you greater breadth in your studies or pursue a specific area that complements your major. For example, Political Science majors are often also interested in taking courses in Legal Studies, History, Communications, or Psychology. Others may want to become fluent in a second (or third) language or pursue their enthusiasm for Art History or Architecture!

Free electives are *any* approved credit courses – including courses from your major subject, political science – that may be taken to make up the total number of elective credits you need for your degree program. Note that if you take free electives in political science, these credits do not count toward your Major.

The number of different elective credits you need depends on the degree program you're registered in. Students in the BA Honours program are required to take at least 11.0 elective credits, of which no more than 3.0 may be in Political Science. Students in the BA (3-Year) program must take at least 9.0 elective credits, of which no more than 3.0 may be in Political Science.

BREADTH REQUIREMENT

Most BA students at Carleton must also fulfil the **breadth requirement** as part of their degree. The purpose of the breadth requirement is to enable you to engage in a variety of topics throughout your program and receive a well-rounded arts education. To graduate, you are required to complete 3.0 breadth credits, including 1.0 credit from each of three of the four Breadth Areas (see the box to the right which lists the Breadth Areas and some subjects for each). These credits count toward the total elective credits that are required for your degree program.

LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT

BA Honours students in Political Science are required to demonstrate proficiency in a second language other than English. This is normally done by completing 1.0 credit in one language offered at Carleton, through the [French Department](#), [School of Linguistics and Language Studies](#) or the [College of Humanities](#). These credits can count toward your non-political science electives and may also be used towards a minor in that language. For students in the Canadian concentration, French must be used to satisfy the language requirement.

If you already have second language skills and wish to be considered for an exemption from taking language courses, you may apply to the Undergraduate Advisor. More information about the language requirement and the application for exemption can be found on the Department of Political Science [Language Requirement webpage](#).

BREADTH AREAS & SELECTED SUBJECTS

I: CULTURE AND COMMUNICATION

American Sign Language, Art History, Communication and Media Studies, Comparative Literary Studies, English, Film Studies, French, Journalism, Music, Languages

II: HUMANITIES

African Studies, Archaeology, Canadian Studies, Child Studies, Critical Race Studies, Disability Studies, European and Russian Studies, History, Human Rights, Humanities, Indigenous Studies, Latin American and Caribbean Studies, Linguistics, Philosophy, Religion, South Asian Studies, and Women's and Gender Studies

III: SCIENCE, ENGINEERING, AND DESIGN

Architecture, Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Earth Sciences, Engineering, Environmental Science, Food Science and Nutrition, Health Sciences, Industrial Design, Information Technology, Mathematics, Neuroscience, Statistics, Physics

IV: SOCIAL SCIENCES

Anthropology, Business, Cognitive Science, Criminology and Criminal Justice, Economics, Environmental Studies, Geography, Global Politics, International Affairs, Law, Migration and Diaspora Studies, Political Management, Psychology, Social Work, Sociology, Anthropology

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

One of the great strengths of Carleton University is the many different types of hands-on learning opportunities that are available to students. Experiential learning is the application of what you learn in the classroom to real-world experiences and can enhance your learning and your employability skills once you graduate.

Experiential learning opportunities can be classroom-based, such as simulations, case studies, and field trips, while others are based in the community or workplace. They can be international or closer to home. Below are some of the community-based and workplace opportunities to gain real-world experience alongside your studies.

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH

Are you interested in acquiring or honing your research skills? There are several Undergraduate Research Opportunities to work on research projects, either independently or with a faculty supervisor.

Honours Political Science majors in their final year choose to do an individual research project which counts as 1.0 credit toward their major:

- [PSCI 4908 – Honours Research Essay](#) is individual research that results in a major essay, completed under the supervision of a faculty member. Students must have a Political Science CGPA of 9.00 to be eligible.

The **Faculty of Public Affairs** offers two specific programs for undergraduate students to gain research experience:

- [IPAF 4900 – Research Mentorship](#) is a 0.5 credit course that enables you to gain research skills and experience by collaborating with a professor on their research project.
- [Carleton University Research Opportunity \(CUROP\)](#) is a summer undergraduate research internship program that enables students to work on a research project of their choosing in collaboration with a faculty member.

Carleton also offers a paid research internship:

- [Internship-Carleton University Research Experience for Undergraduate Students \(I-CUREUS\)](#) offers students an opportunity to gain hands-on research experience by working on a faculty-supervised research project. Students can sign up for one term or for both and complete up to 150 hours of paid research.

CO-OPERATIVE EDUCATION OPTION

Co-op work terms provide you with an opportunity to integrate the theoretical and practical aspects of undergraduate studies in Political Science. Students may be placed in government, not-for-profit, private, or voluntary sector organizations.

Students in the [Political Science co-op program](#) normally alternate between study terms and paid, full-time work terms that are directly related to your program of study. The first co-op work term occurs after you have completed second year. Students typically take an additional year to complete the three required co-op work terms and fulfill the academic requirements of their program.

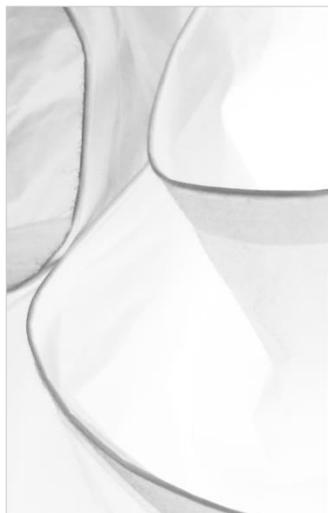
You can apply directly into the co-op program from high school or during your first year of study at Carleton. Co-op students must maintain an overall CGPA of 9.5 and full-time study throughout the program. The Co-op program is administered by [Carleton's Co-op Office](#).

DID YOU KNOW?

A full-time student is one who is registered in at least 1.5 credits per academic term.

A full course load is 2.5 credits in the fall or winter terms, and 1.0 in the early or late summer terms.

DOMESTIC & INTERNATIONAL INTERNSHIPS



Internships involve unpaid or volunteer work at a chosen organization. While internships do not involve taking academic courses, they may include written assignments and may also allow you to earn credits toward your degree. Credit-based internship programs for Political Science students are described below.

PSCI 3906/07 Internship Placement in Political Science

This is a one- or two-term unpaid internship that students can do with an organization whose activities relate to politics. The internship is intended to be part-time, about 3 hours per week, during a regular academic term. Students are responsible for identifying the host organization. Examples of eligible organizations include government departments, interest groups, or international organizations. Students work under the supervision of a faculty member and must complete a research paper related to their internship.

The internship is open to students with third-year Honours standing, a declared major in Political Science, and a major CGPA of 9.0 or higher. For more information, check the [PSCI 3906/3907](#) webpage.

The Washington Centre Internship

This is two-term program for undergraduate and graduate political science students to spend either the fall/winter or summer term in Washington, DC. Students spend 4.5 days per week in internships set up and monitored by The Washington Center, and take a course from professionals in the field. In addition, there are events such as site visits, Congressional briefings and lectures by eminent international visitors which round out the experience.

Students also must take one of the following prerequisite courses PSCI 2200, PSCI 3200 or PSCI 3201. For more information about this program, check the [The Washington Centre Internship](#) webpage.

GINS 3930/3931 International Internship

This is a one- or two-term, full-time summer internship that can help you gain real-world international experience, develop contacts in your field and build your resume to market yourself for future career opportunities. Political Science undergraduate students can work internationally for academic credit – GINS 3930 is half a credit for a 6-week internship, GINS 3931 is a full credit for a 12-week internship and are counted toward your elective requirements.

Students should have achieved second-year standing and a CGPA of 6.5 or higher to be eligible. For more information about the program and requirements, check out the [GINS 3930/3931](#) International Internship webpage.

INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE: STUDY ABROAD

An international exchange allows students to pursue the equivalent of full-time study at one of Carleton's many partner universities around the world. Students pay tuition to Carleton while on exchange and can transfer credits toward their Carleton degree. You may go on exchange in either the Fall or Winter term, or both.

To do an exchange, you should have at least 2nd year standing, a CGPA of 7.0 or higher, and enough credits remaining in your degree to study full-time at the partner institution. Carleton University also offers many other opportunities to study, intern or volunteer abroad beyond the Exchange Program. These programs are administered by the [International Student Services Office \(ISSO\)](#). For more information, check out the Political Science [International Exchange website](#).

A NOTE ON CREDIT TRANSFERS

Students already enrolled in a degree program at Carleton may obtain credit for courses taken at other recognized post-secondary institutions, including Canadian and international institutions, under certain conditions, such as the International Exchange or through a Letter of Permission. Please consult with the Department Advisor for more details.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS AND REGULATIONS

YOUR ACADEMIC AUDIT

If you're not sure whether you need to take specific courses, check your academic audit! Your audit is your 'road map' to academic success. It tells you the courses you are required to take to complete your degree at Carleton, including for your Political Science major, your concentration, and other program elements such as a minor. It will list any of the requirements you have left, as well as break down the courses into categories so you can see which ones you still need to fulfill. You can view your audit any time by logging in to Carleton Central, and following the 'my audit' link.

The audit can tell you information such as:

- Your degree title and requirements
- Year-standing (first, second, third or fourth)
- Any minors or concentrations you have added to your degree
- Courses you've previously taken or ones you are currently registered in, along with the grade for the completed courses
- Your Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA)
- Your academic standing

DID YOU KNOW?

Your year-standing is not based on how long you have been studying but rather on how many credits you have earned. Check out [this chart](#) to determine your year standing.

Keep in mind that your *audit* is different from your *transcript*. Your audit is not an official document. It lists all courses taken, but not all courses necessarily included towards your CGPA(s). To obtain an official or unofficial copy of your transcript, you can contact the Registrar's Office or [submit a request](#) online.

THE GRADING SYSTEM

Your standing in a course is the letter grade you earned at the end of the course. To convert a letter grade to a grade point, you can consult the grading system table provided on the [Academic Advising CGPA](#) website.



Your Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) is used to evaluate your academic performance. It's calculated to determine your standing Overall (this includes all courses counting towards your degree) and in your Major (this includes only courses required for your Major), as well as minors, concentrations, and specializations.

To determine your CGPAs, you can check your audit. Your Overall CGPA is the top number in the SUMMARY section of your audit and your Major CGPA is the top number in the MAJOR REQUIREMENTS section of your audit.

For more information about CGPAs, including how to calculate them, and other grading-related questions, please consult the [Academic Advising CGPA](#) website.

REDUCED COURSE LOAD

The maximum course load for degree students is 5.0 credits over the fall and winter terms (or 6.0 with an 'Overload'). Many students, for a variety of reasons, choose to take a reduced course load. When deciding whether to take a reduced course load, students are strongly encouraged to discuss their academic goals and commitments outside of class with an Advisor at the Academic Advising Centre. The Advising Centre's [Reduced Course Load](#) website offers more information and some things to consider when deciding on your course load.

DID YOU KNOW?

If you need assistance reading your audit, you can get help at the [Academic Advising Centre](#) website or you can watch the [myAudit Video Demonstration](#), or you can contact the Political Science advisor.

ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE EVALUATION (APE)

The Academic Performance Evaluation (APE) is an annual assessment of your academic status. The assessment is made at the end of the winter term if you have completed at least 4.0 credits and is based on your overall CGPA and major CGPA.

A status of **Good Standing** means that you have met the academic standards for your program and are eligible to continue in it.

A status of **Academic Warning** means that your performance does not meet the academic standards of the program. You may continue in your degree program, but you must clear the Academic Warning by achieving a Good Standing assessment at the next Academic Performance Evaluation. If you are unable to clear the Academic Warning, you may be suspended.

The minimum CGPA requirements for good standing in Political Science are:

BA Honours		BA – 3-Year Degree	
Credits Completed	Minimum CGPA	Credits Completed	Minimum CGPA
0.0 to 5.0	Overall 4.00	0.0 to 5.0	Overall 3.00
5.5 to 10.0	Overall 4.50, Major 5.50	5.5 to 10.0	Overall 3.50, Major 3.50
10.5 to 15.0	Overall 5.00, Major 6.00	10.5 to 15.0	Overall 4.00, Major 4.00
15.5 or more	Overall 5.00, Major 6.50	15.5 or more	Overall 4.00, Major 4.00
Graduation	Overall 5.00, Major 6.50	Graduation	Overall 4.00, Major 4.00

For more information about [Academic Performance Evaluations](#), or to discuss your APE, please consult the [Academic Advising Service](#).

If you are not sure about your APE or would like some guidance on how you can clear a warning, you can also contact the Political Science Undergraduate Advisor.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Department of Political Science has detailed program information and resources for students on its [Undergraduate website](#), including a list of [FAQs](#) that can guide you through your program.

ACADEMIC SUPPORT AND DEVELOPMENT

ACADEMIC SERVICES

The [Centre for Student Academic Success](#) (CSAC) can help you to hone your university skills through its writing services and consultations, one-on-one learning support sessions, and a wide range of workshops each term, such as:

- Academic integrity
- Academic reading
- Balancing work, school, and life
- Managing procrastination
- Test and exam preparation
- Time management

Explore the [CSAC](#) website for a full list of resources they offer. Learning support and resources to help you succeed in online courses are available at [Carleton Online](#), including getting started with Carleton's new learning management system, Brightspace.

The [Paul Menton Centre](#) provides academic support for students with disabilities, including workshops. [MacOdrum Library](#) also offers a wide range of services for students with disabilities.

If you're looking for [research support](#) or getting started with an assignment, [MacOdrum Library](#) has some invaluable self-serve resources for you, including subject guides and course guides for Political Science. You can also get [research help](#) by consulting with the Political Science subject specialist or chatting online with a librarian.

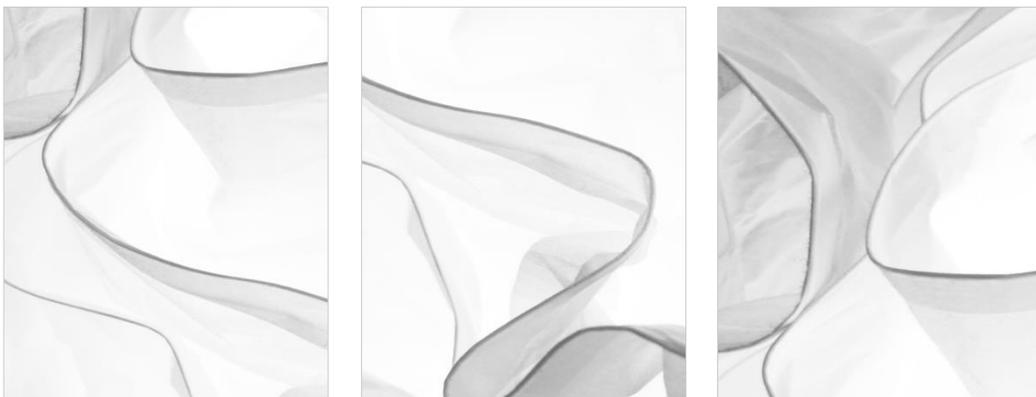
Carleton's [Current Students](#) portal is a great place to start familiarizing yourself with the wide range of academic resources and student support services offered by the University.

CAREER SERVICES

It's never too soon to start thinking about your post-graduation plans, and [Career Services](#) is right there to support you with a wide range of programs, workshops, and opportunities. You can explore your career options and networking based on your degree or program, including further education after graduation, get job search support, and find out about opportunities to get practical experience and hone your skills.

Career services offers regular workshops, career fairs, and networking events throughout the year, and you can also meet or chat individually with a career counsellor.

You can access many of the services, including job postings, by logging into [mySuccess](#) through your [Carleton Central](#) account.



YOUR HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Carleton University offers a wide range of health and wellness programs and services for students, both on campus and online. A good place to start is by exploring some of the following resources:

Campus Supports for Students

There are many other offices on campus that support students and can help you cope with stress, or a crisis should it arise. We all work together and will often refer students to other offices as appropriate. Please note that all offices observe strict confidentiality.

- [Awards and Financial Aid](#)
- [Campus Safety Services](#)
- [Equity and Inclusive Communities](#)
- [Spirituality Centre](#)
- [Student Affairs](#)
- [Ombuds Services](#)

[Mental Health and Well-Being](#)

Discover the tools and resources Carleton offers to help understand, manage, and improve your mental health and well-being while at university.

[Health and Counselling Services](#) (HCS)

Medical services, counselling, and health promotion tools are available to all Carleton students through this campus service. HCS has a full team of physicians, registered nurses, and other health professionals who deliver outpatient care, and certified counsellors for confidential personal counselling.

[All People, All Pathways](#)

Carleton University has partnered with the Community Addictions Peer Support Association (CAPSA) to offer weekly support meetings for students affected by substance use and addiction. All People All Pathways is a peer support group facilitated by individuals with lived or living experience with substance use and addiction. Find out more about joining the student group [here](#), as well as information on other support groups and resources that are available.

Part of a balanced lifestyle includes incorporating some physical exercise into your day. The benefits of exercise for stress management are well documented. Check out the wide range of programs and facilities available to you through the [Department of Recreation and Athletics](#).

You can also get involved in campus extra-curricular activities to relieve stress and have some fun! Find out more about the leadership development and community service learning opportunities available to you at the [Student Experience Office](#) and find out more about how you can get involved in [clubs and societies](#).

SELECTED CARLETON CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

**GET
INVOLVED!**

[Carleton Political Science Society](#)

[Carleton International Relations Society](#)

[Carleton University Debate and Speech](#)

[United Nations Society](#)

APPENDIX – POLITICAL SCIENCE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS, COURSE SELECTIONS, AND SAMPLE WORKSHEETS

All students entering their **first year** in a Political Science major are *required* to take two introductory courses:

- PSCI 1100 [0.5 credit] Democracy in Theory and Practice
- PSCI 1200 [0.5 credit] World Politics

In addition, students are strongly advised to take one of the Department's [First Year Seminars](#) (FYSM), or alternatively, a FYSM offered by another department. FYSM are small classes (usually with 30 students) designed to give students the opportunity to discuss and research topics of interest in a core subject area.

The department also offers two additional, optional 1000-level courses:

- PSCI 1500 [0.5 credit] Technology, Nature, Power
- PSCI 1501 [0.5 credit] Politics of Migration

In **second year**, you will be ready to take some of the foundational courses in the discipline of political science. These are courses that develop your knowledge of the main fields or specializations within the discipline. Some are mandatory for all students in the major, while others are required for specific concentrations and/or as prerequisites for higher level courses. You should check your audit carefully to ensure you are taking the correct courses that are required for your program. The lists of courses for each concentration can be found in the [Undergraduate Calendar](#).

Depending on the degree program you are registered in, you will be required to take some of or all these mandatory foundational courses:

- Research Methods
 - PSCI 2701 [0.5] Introduction to Research Methods in Political Science
 - PSCI 2702 [0.5] Quantitative Research Methods in Political Science
- Political Theory:
 - PSCI 2301 [0.5] History of Political Thought I
 - PSCI 2302 [0.5] History of Political Thought II

DID YOU KNOW?

The Political Science Department archives [course outlines](#) from past years so you can look them over before making your course selections.

Students pursuing a **BA Honours** degree are also required to take two courses (1.0 credit) in Canadian Politics, and an additional two courses (1.0 credit) in Comparative Politics and/or International Relations.

Once you are in your **third and fourth years**, you will have the opportunity to choose from courses that build on specific fields within the discipline and include a wide range of specialized topics. You will have a great deal more choice and freedom in selecting these courses. If you decide to add a concentration to your degree, you will need to select some of your senior courses from a particular group to fulfil the concentration requirements.

Students in the **BA Honours** program must take 2.0 credits in PSCI courses at the 3000-level or above, and another 2.0 credits at the 4000-level. In the **BA degree**, students must take 2.0 credits in PSCI courses at the 3000-level or above.

The attached worksheets can guide you in your course planning over the course of your program.

Remember, the [Undergraduate Advisor](#) in the Department is there to answer your questions and help you plan your program so reach out!

POLITICAL SCIENCE BA HONOURS SAMPLE WORKSHEET

	PSCI MAJOR CREDITS	ELECTIVE CREDITS	TOTAL CREDITS
First Year	<p>1.0 credit in the following <i>required</i> courses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PSCI 1100 [0.5] Democracy in Theory & Practice • PSCI 1200 [0.5] World Politics 	<p>3.0 credits in Electives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Of which at least 0.5 credit should be in each of three <i>breadth areas</i>, for a total of 1.5 credits • And an additional 1.5 credits in electives (which may be used to fulfil the language requirement* for BA Honours, and/or count toward a minor, if selected) <p>1.0 credit in Free Electives, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A first-year seminar in Political Science is strongly encouraged: FYSM 1611 [0.5] • PSCI 1500 [0.5] Technology, Nature, Power • PSCI 1501 [0.5] Politics of Migration 	5.0
Second Year	<p>2.0 credits in the following <i>required</i> courses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PSCI 2301 [0.5] History of Political Thought I • PSCI 2302 [0.5] History of Political Thought II • PSCI 2701 [0.5] Introduction to Research Methods in Political Science • PSCI 2702 [0.5] Quantitative Research Methods in Political Science <p>1.0 credit in Canadian Government and Politics is <i>required</i>, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PSCI 2002 [0.5] Canadian Politics and Civil Society • PSCI 2003 [0.5] Canadian Political Institutions <p>1.0 credit in Comparative Politics and/or International Relations is <i>required</i>, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PSCI 2101 [0.5] Comparative Politics of the Global North • PSCI 2102 [0.5] Comparative Politics of the Global South • PSCI 2601 [0.5] International Relations: Global Politics • PSCI 2602 [0.5] International Relations: Global Political Economy 	<p>1.0 credits in Free Electives, such as (one of these may be required if you have selected a concentration in Public Affairs, Gender and Politics, or North American Politics):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PSCI 2200 [0.5] Introduction to U.S. Politics • PSCI 2401 [0.5] Public Affairs Analysis • PSCI 2500 [0.5] Gender and Politics 	5.0
Third Year	<p>2.0 credits in PSCI 3000-level or above courses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Courses selected may be used to fulfil requirements for a concentration 	<p>3.0 credits in Electives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Of which at least 0.5 credit is in each of three <i>breadth areas</i>, for a total of 1.5 credits • Plus, an additional 1.5 credits in electives (note that electives may be used to fulfil the language requirement for BA Honours, and/or count toward a minor, if selected) 	5.0
Fourth Year	<p>2.0 credits in PSCI 4000-level courses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Courses selected may be used to fulfil requirements for a concentration • Eligible students may choose PSCI 4908 [1.0] – Honours Research Essay 	<p>2.5 credits in Electives</p> <p>0.5 credit in Free Electives</p>	5.0
TOTAL CREDITS	9.0	11.0	20.0

*Departmental language requirement must be met (credits can count toward electives)

POLITICAL SCIENCE BA (3-YEAR) SAMPLE WORKSHEET

	PSCI MAJOR CREDITS	ELECTIVE CREDITS	TOTAL CREDITS
First Year	<p>1.0 credit in the following <i>required</i> courses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PSCI 1100 [0.5] Democracy in Theory & Practice • PSCI 1200 [0.5] World Politics 	<p>3.0 credits in Electives</p> <p>1.0 credit in Free Electives, <i>such as</i>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A first-year seminar in Political Science is strongly encouraged: FYSM 1611 [0.5] • PSCI 1500 [0.5] Technology, Nature, Power • PSCI 1501 [0.5] Politics of Migration 	5.0
Second Year	<p>1.0 credit in the following <i>pairs</i> of courses is <i>required</i>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PSCI 2301 [0.5] History of Political Thought I <i>and</i> • PSCI 2302 [0.5] History of Political Thought II <p style="text-align: center;"><i>OR</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PSCI 2701 [0.5] Introduction to Research Methods in Political Science <i>and</i> • PSCI 2702 [0.5] Quantitative Research Methods in Political Science <p>2.0 credits in PSCI courses at 2000-level or above <i>such as</i>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PSCI 2002 [0.5] Canadian Politics and Civil Society • PSCI 2003 [0.5] Canadian Political Institutions • PSCI 2101 [0.5] Comparative Politics of the Global North • PSCI 2102 [0.5] Comparative Politics of the Global South • PSCI 2601 [0.5] International Relations: Global Politics • PSCI 2602 [0.5] International Relations: Global Political Economy • PSCI 2200 [0.5] Introduction to U.S. Politics • PSCI 2401 [0.5] Public Affairs Analysis • PSCI 2500 [0.5] Gender and Politics 	<p>2.0 credits in Electives</p>	5.0
Third Year	<p>2.0 credits in PSCI courses at 3000-level or above</p>	<p>1.0 credit in Electives</p> <p>2.0 credits in Free Electives, <i>such as</i>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional PSCI courses at the 3000-level or above 	5.0
TOTAL CREDITS	6.0	9.0	15.0

NOTE: Concentrations are open to students in the Political Science B.A. program, though it may be difficult to meet the requirements of the Concentrations within the 15.0 credits required for the degree, so that courses extra to the primary degree may have to be taken.

COMBINED HONOURS BA WITH POLITICAL SCIENCE SAMPLE WORKSHEET

	PSCI MAJOR CREDITS	ADDITIONAL CREDITS	TOTAL CREDITS
First Year	1.0 credit in the following <i>required</i> courses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PSCI 1100 [0.5] Democracy in Theory & Practice • PSCI 1200 [0.5] World Politics 	Requirements for second major must be met Sufficient free elective credits to make a total of 20.0 credits, including the departmental language requirement.	4.0
Second Year	2.0 credits in the following <i>required</i> courses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PSCI 2301 [0.5] History of Political Thought I • PSCI 2302 [0.5] History of Political Thought II • PSCI 2701 [0.5] Introduction to Research Methods in Political Science • PSCI 2702 [0.5] Quantitative Research Methods in Political Science 		3.0
Third Year	2.0 credits are <i>required</i> in Canadian Government and Politics and/or Comparative Politics and/or International Relations, of which at least 1.0 credit is at the 3000-level or above		3.0
Fourth Year	2.0 credits at the 4000-level, which may be satisfied by either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PSCI 4908 [1.0] Honours Research Essay and 1.0 credit in 4000-level seminars or • 2.0 credits in 4000-level seminars 		3.0
TOTAL CREDITS	7.0	13.0	20.0

MINOR PROGRAM IN POLITICAL SCIENCE SAMPLE WORKSHEET

PSCI Major Credits		Additional Credits	TOTAL CREDITS
First Year	1.0 credit in the following <i>required</i> courses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PSCI 1100 [0.5] Democracy in Theory & Practice • PSCI 1200 [0.5] World Politics 	Requirements for the major discipline(s) and degree must be satisfied.	1.0
Second Year	1.0 credit in PSCI at the 2000-level 1.0 credit in PSCI at the 2000-level or above		1.0
Third & Fourth Year	1.0 credit in PSCI at the 3000-level or above		1.0
TOTAL CREDITS	4.0		4.0