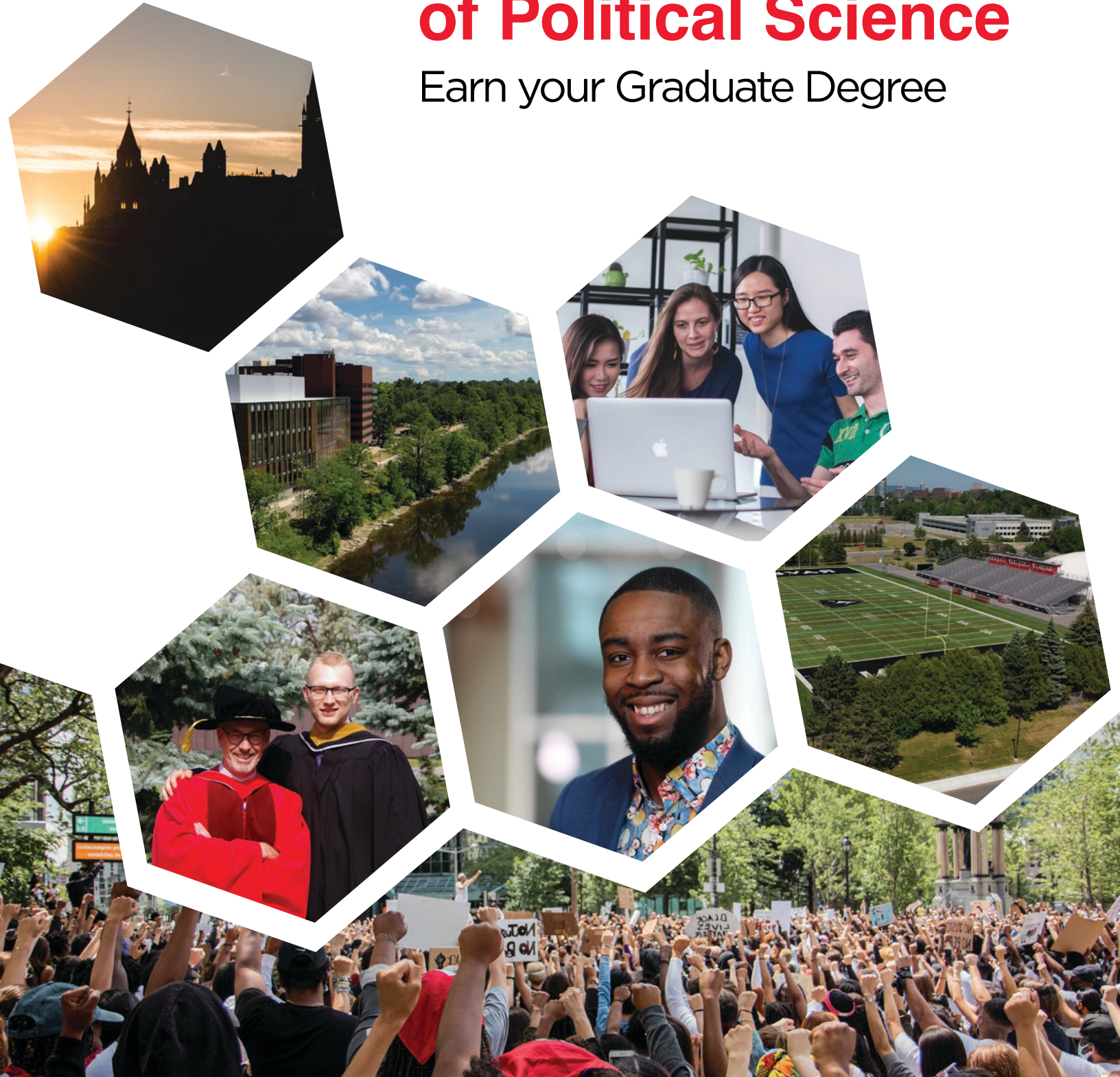


Department of Political Science

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DISCOVER New Opportunities

MA and PhD Programs in Political Science at Carleton University.

The graduate program in Political Science at Carleton University is dynamic, engaging and vibrant. We provide an exciting, experiential learning environment to achieve your MA or PhD. Ours is a large graduate program, with about 10 new PhD students and 25 new MA students joining us every year. In any given year, we have well over 100 graduate students working toward their degrees.

We are a wide breadth department covering six sub-fields of political science: **Canadian Politics, Comparative Politics, Gender and Diversity, International Relations, Political Theory, and Public Policy.** The Political Science department is research intensive and faculty members publish in the top journals and university presses. Many of our faculty members hold research grants that help support our graduate students.

FACT CHECK

According to Maclean's Magazine, Carleton University ranked within the top-five of Canada's best Comprehensive universities in 2020 and 2021. We are one of Canada's top-ranked Political Science departments consisting of thirty-five full-time faculty members with diverse backgrounds and expertise.

The MA program is designed to be flexible to match your particular interests and allow you to satisfy experiential learning objectives. You can select your courses and tailor the program to suit your interests. The MA program allows you to complete your degree in three different ways:

- 5.0 credits of course work
- 4.0 credits of course work and a Major Research Paper (1.0 credits)
- 3.0 credits of course work and a Master's thesis (2.0 credits).

MA students have the opportunity to enrol in our highly successful co-op program to gain practical work experience, which often acts as a bridge into a contract or a permanent government position. Our recent graduates have found full-time employment in several different agencies and departments at both the provincial and federal levels.

Our PhD students are pursuing research on various topics, including development, international security, refugees, cryptocurrencies, and political theory. PhD students complete coursework and take comprehensive exams in their choice of two of the six sub-fields. Our diverse faculty is able to supervise a wide range of research topics. Our recent doctoral students have successfully gained full-time tenure-track positions at the University of Ottawa, Dalhousie University, Thompson Rivers University, York University, and the University of Edinburgh.

The Department of Political Science at Carleton University offers you many options as an MA or PhD student.

For more information, visit our website: carleton.ca/polisci

Our graduate program in Political Science at Carleton is discipline based — we offer a number of opportunities for an interdisciplinary approach to learning. In addition to the Political Economy program, we offer specializations in African Studies and Caribbean Studies.

Our MA students can earn a dual degree at the University of Lucerne in Switzerland.

University of
Lucerne in Switzerland

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Alexandra Wishart

PhD student in Political Science

The experience in Political Science at Carleton University is unlike any other. The faculty, staff, and fellow students offer an enriched and diverse community, push the boundaries, encourage you to innovate, and open your eyes to new perspectives. They can always be counted on to give their time freely. They offer support and guidance, and are available to help navigate the complex course material. Everyone goes above and beyond. If you face institutional challenges, dedicated and caring people are available to ensure you can do your best work.

Some of the most meaningful relationships in my life are with the Carleton student community — my partner being one!



“Noah S. Schwartz
PhD in Political Science
Class of 2021

My time at Carleton opened a world of opportunity and a wealth of possibilities. I studied alongside devoted professors in Political Science who care about teaching, mentorship and professional development, and I had the chance to conduct international research with the support and guidance of the Faculty of Public Affairs and the International Office. Most importantly, I forged friendships and networks that will last a lifetime.



The Faculty of Public Affairs

The Department of Political Science is part of the **Faculty of Public Affairs** (FPA), which brings together academic units that deal directly with government and civil society, with a mission to foster informed citizenship and help build democracy at home and abroad. It is the only Faculty of its kind in Canada and uniquely suited to its location in Canada's capital city.

With over 225 faculty members and 8100 students, the Faculty of Public Affairs attracts students and scholars who seek to interact with and bring positive change to the community and world around them.

The Faculty offers graduate students hands-on research experience through the Carleton University Research Opportunity Program (CUROP). It also offers interdisciplinary courses such as Developing and Managing Your Career (IPAF 3800) and Professional Speechwriting (IPAF 4800).

Read more about the Faculty and its people in **FPA Voices**.

carleton.ca/fpa

Improve Governance & Public Policy
 Build a Better Society
Build Better Democracy
Foster Informed Citizenship
 Address Regional & Global Challenges

Where Can a Graduate Degree in Political Science Take You?

There are many Career Paths you can explore with an MA or a PhD in Political Science!

In addition to those who have secured full-time tenure-track academic appointments, graduates of our programs have gone on to varied careers as diplomats and ambassadors, ministers and deputy ministers, policy analysts, information and communications officers, journalists, lawyers, pollsters, lobbyists, and consultants.

They are employed in the public service at the federal, provincial, and municipal level; non-governmental and international organizations; think tanks and consultancies, and other private sector firms.

Enhance your Skills and Competencies

Research skills: Evaluate information from a range of sources; Apply your knowledge to analyze and interpret numerical data using statistical techniques you've learned.

Analytic skills: Navigate complex political issues and policies logically; Compare concepts, information, contrasting ideas and perspectives, and apply ethical reasoning to problems and issues.

Communications skills: Work on developing your style, write persuasively for a variety of audiences and in a variety of formats — maybe take part in our podcasts.

Teamwork and collaboration: Be part of a team, work collaboratively with others to achieve common objectives; Apply your new found skills to negotiate and prioritize team goals; assess and manage group dynamics with empathy and respect for others.

Global and intercultural fluency: Apply and enhance your skills working in a diverse cultural environment, acknowledging the practices and politics in Canada and throughout the world.



This graph shows outcomes from some students in this sample who have also completed other degrees, including at more advanced levels. Individual experiences and outcomes can differ from those represented here.

Career Services

Career Services assists Carleton students not only in making the transition from school to work, but also in developing their professional skills starting in first year. You can consult with career counsellors, attend career workshops, networking events, and job fairs, find volunteer and employment opportunities, and start mapping your career!

carleton.ca/career



**Donor-Funded Awards
Graduate Student Travel/Research
Bursary**

The Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Affairs (FGPA) provides research and travel funds for graduate students. Funding covers research-related and travel costs to present a paper at a scholarly conference. Other donor-funded awards, graduate funding packages and scholarships are available based on financial need or research interests. Many graduate students are also awarded teaching assistantships.

gradstudents.carleton.ca/awards-and-funding/internal-awards

TA Mentorship Program

The Mentorship Program is designed by FGPA to support all teaching assistants (TAs), especially those new to Carleton, in the performance of their duties. It complements the already ongoing support programs by the Educational Development Centre (EDC). Our goal in the department is to provide incoming TAs (both new and returning) with support in all aspects of the important work of teaching and learning that they perform with undergraduate students. We also wish to establish learning communities within the department which allow TAs to achieve teaching success and instill a sense of confidence and job satisfaction.

carleton.ca/polisci/graduate/ta-information



Ashley Fearnall
MA in Political Science

Carleton offers a fantastic opportunity to expand your knowledge through excellent courses in a range of topics. From politics and pop culture to gender, the environment, political economy, and Canadian institutions. Throughout my MA, I've gained a wealth of knowledge and skills for the workforce, and I'm confident my experience at Carleton will help guide my future career ambitions.



The Carleton University Political Science Podcast — Let the conversation begin

Join PhD candidate Asif Hameed each week as he discusses and brings to light issues that matter with academic experts, offering dynamic perspectives on the current affairs of an ever-changing world — all while completing his PhD in Political Science at Carleton.

carleton.ca/polisci/podcasts



Listen to hosts Peter Andrée, professor in the Department of Political Science at Carleton University and Ryan Katz-Rosene, assistant professor at the University of Ottawa's School of Political Studies, as their team delivers EcoPolitics podcast, offering core content for university students studying environmental politics.



The Carleton Advantage

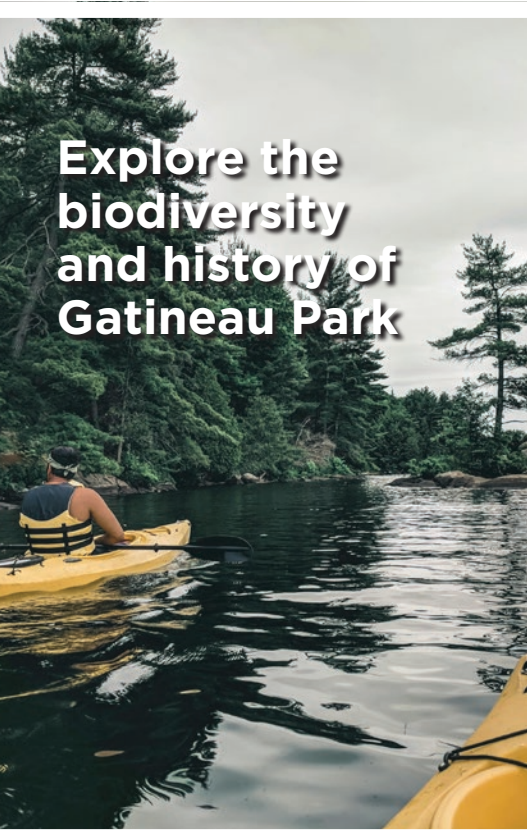
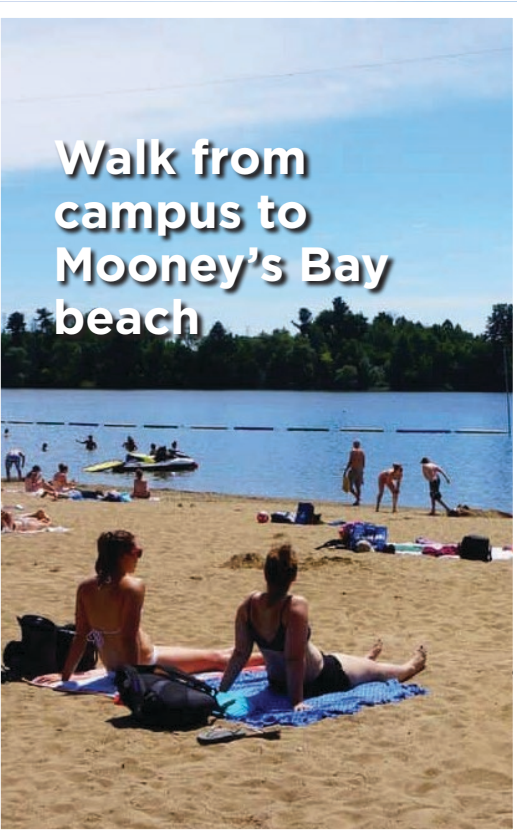
Carleton University, located in Canada's Capital City of Ottawa, is a dynamic and innovative university with a strong commitment to teaching, research, and learning. Our academic programs, location, career focus, experiential learning, and local and global focus provide countless opportunities for learning to happen both inside and outside the classroom.

As a Carleton student, you'll have access to an unparalleled package of academic and co-curricular initiatives to complement and support your university experience, including:

- The Student Experience Office (SEO)
- Centre for Student Academic Support (CSAC)
- Academic Advising Centre
- International Student Services Office (ISSO)
- Paul Menton Centre for Students with Disabilities (PMC)
- Health and Counselling Services
- University Registrar's Office (RO)
- Career Services
- Clubs and Societies
- Carleton Athletics



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Exploring Ottawa

Consistently ranked as one of Canada's most livable and safe cities, Ottawa is part of the spectacular National Capital Region, which spans the Ontario-Quebec border, crisscrossed by the Ottawa, Gatineau, and Rideau Rivers. You can explore the region year-round on foot, bicycle, or skis, along hundreds of kilometres of trails and multi-use paths. And of course, the Rideau Canal — a designated UNESCO World-Heritage site — is just steps from Carleton's campus, so you can paddle or skate to the heart of the city to explore Parliament Hill, our national museums and galleries, and the tastes and sounds of the Byward Market.

Ottawa is also known for its many festivals such as Bluesfest, Tulip Festival, Winterlude, and much more.

A Snapshot

With an area of 2796 km², Ottawa and the greater Ottawa region covers more land areas than Vancouver, Calgary, Edmonton, Toronto, and Montreal combined.

Ottawa has the largest tech park and federal employment node in Canada. It's home to a young, vibrant, entrepreneurial workforce, with a bilingual rate of 44%, and more engineers, scientists, and PhDs per capita than any other city in Canada.

For graduate students who choose to study here, Ottawa offers invaluable research facilities and work opportunities at the numerous agencies, institutions, and businesses located in the city — no matter where your tastes and interests lie, you'll find something here for you!





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