POLITICAL SCIENCE - BACHELOR OF ARTS

Overview

You are passionate about engaging with the complex and contested issues that societies and governments face, and you understand the important role politics plays in creating and resolving them. In this discipline, you will gain insight into the political process and how political systems work. You will take part in debates, discussions, and team-oriented academic activities and have the opportunity to strengthen your skills outside the classroom by participating in MacEwan University's award-winning Model United Nations club. The program will sharpen your critical thinking, research, and communication skills to prepare you for careers in law, diplomacy, public policy, non-governmental sector management, journalism, and more. At the end of the program, you will have the knowledge and skill sets to think critically, but not cynically, about how competing interests are reconciled and collective decisions are made in Canada and around the world.

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The Bachelor of Arts

Faculty of Arts and Science
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MacEwan University's Bachelor of Arts (BA) provides a liberal arts education that allows students to explore a variety of academic disciplines and acquire a broad knowledge base that will prepare them for employment or future post-secondary studies. The degree provides students with breadth, depth, and diversity in the humanities, sciences, social sciences, analytical studies, and fine arts, as well as courses focused on language and literature. BA students study subjects in major and/or minor disciplines and must be familiar with the academic and Faculty regulations and procedures published herein.

General Program Information

The Bachelor of Arts (BA) requires the completion of 120 credits of non-duplicative coursework. The degree provides both breadth and depth while offering students considerable flexibility in designing their program of study.

Students may complete:

- a primary major and a minor;
- a primary major and a secondary major; or
- a major and two minors.

The primary major must be selected from an Arts discipline. A secondary major may be selected from either an Arts or Science discipline.

Students may declare a major when they apply to the BA or enter the program as undeclared and declare a major later. Students must declare their major and minor, or other approved program structure, by the time they have completed 45 credits.

The Arts and Science Academic Advising Office provides information about majors and minors through email and newsletters. Students who require assistance selecting a program of study should contact the Advising Office.

Arts Disciplines

Discipline	Major	Minor	Honours
Anthropology	◉	◉	◉
Classics	-	◉	-
Creative Writing	-	◉	-
Economics	◉	◉	◉
English	◉	◉	◉
Film		◉	
French	-	◉	-
Gender Studies	-	◉	-
History	◉	◉	◉
Indigegogy	-	◉	-
Philosophy	◉	◉	-
Political Science	◉	◉	◉
Psychology	◉	◉	◉
Sociology	◉	◉	◉
Spanish	-	◉	-
Urban Wellness	-	◉	-

Science Disciplines

Discipline	Major	Minor
Applied Statistics	◉	
Biological Sciences	◉	◉
Chemistry	◉	◉
Computer Science	◉	◉
Cybersecurity Studies		◉
Earth and Planetary Sciences		◉
Environmental Sciences		◉
Mathematics	◉	◉
Physics		◉
Planetary Physics		◉
Statistics		◉

Out of Faculty Minors

In addition to minors offered by the Faculty of Arts and Science, Bachelor of Arts students may complete eligible minors offered by other programs across the University. Please refer to the Minor Eligibility page in the Academic Calendar for a list of minors available to BA students.

Laddering a Diploma into the Bachelor of Arts

Students with an accredited diploma can ladder into the Bachelor of Arts (BA) and use some of their diploma coursework towards their degree requirements. If you have questions about the diploma laddering, please visit www.macewan.ca/bastudent or contact artsandscience@macewan.ca.

Preparing for Professional Studies

Students intending to enter professional programs at other universities, such as law and education, can take their pre-professional studies in the Faculty of Arts and Science at MacEwan University. For example, a selection of courses facilitates the transition to an after-degree education program or, if the student prefers, transfer to a Bachelor of Education program after completing as many as 60 credits of coursework. Students are advised to consult the admissions requirements for the universities and programs of their choice and to select their MacEwan University courses accordingly. Completing pre-professional courses at MacEwan University does not guarantee admission to the subsequent professional program. Each professional program requires a separate application, and entry is competitive, not automatic.

Degree Requirements

Breadth Requirements

All Bachelor of Arts degrees require Breadth Requirements. Courses can satisfy both the breadth requirements and requirements for the major(s), minor(s), Honours, or options.

Breadth Element	Description	Credits
Literacy	ENGL 102 and 3 credits in university English (not including ENGL 111, ENGL 108, or ENGL 211), and 6 credits in a single language other than English or 6 credits in world literature (COMP 102 and COMP 103)	12
Humanities	CLAS, HIST, HUMN, or PHIL	6
Sciences	ASTR, BICM, BIOL, BOTN, CHEM, CMPT, EASC, GENE, PHYS, PSYC, SCIE, or ZOOL	6
Social Sciences	ANTH, ECON, GEND, INDG, POLS, PSYC, or SOCI	6
Analytical Studies	LING 101, MATH, PHIL 125, or STAT	3
Fine Arts	AGAD, ARTE, CRWR, DESN, DRMA, INTA, MUSC, THAR, THPR, CLAS 252, or CLAS 353	3

Bachelor of Arts Degree

Program Element	Description	Credits
Primary Major	The Arts major will range from 42 to 60 credits with a minimum 36 credits taken at the senior-level.[1]	42-60
Secondary Major or Minor(s)	Students have the option of completing a second major in an Arts or Science discipline, or one or two minors. Minor courses must be completed at the senior-level.[1]	18-60
Options	Students can choose from Arts and Science courses or up to 21 credits in out-of-faculty options.[2]	Up to 60
	Total Degree Credits Including Breadth	120

1 Multi-disciplinary majors consist of 60-84 junior- and senior-level credits. Students who declare a multi-disciplinary major may pursue a minor but are not required to do so.

2 Students can take up to 3 credits from Physical Activity (PACT), Emergency Communications and Response (ECRP), Travel (TRVL), or Office Assistant (OAAS, OADM, OALS, or OAMS) to fulfill out-of-faculty options.

Bachelor of Arts Honours

Program Element	Description	Credits
Minimum Honour Requirements	Honours requirements are determined by each discipline.	63

Option Courses, Non-Compulsory Honours Courses, and/or a Minor	Students have the option of completing a minor from outside of the Honours discipline. Some disciplines may require a minor.	57
	Total Degree Credits	120

The minimum passing grade for a course at MacEwan University is a D unless otherwise noted next to the appropriate course in the program of study. In the Faculty of Arts and Science, students typically require a minimum grade of C- to use a course as a prerequisite. Please check course descriptions for more information.

Cross-Faculty Course Recognitions

Cross-Faculty course recognition is based on agreements between programs at MacEwan University. Under these agreements, specified courses completed in one program may be recognized toward the requirements of another degree.

These courses are not treated as transfer credit or course equivalents. The original course title and number will continue to appear on the student's transcript and Academic Planning and Progress Report (APPR).

How a recognized course applies toward a student's degree depends on the student's program of study and may be affected by factors such as the year the student declared the program, the year the course was completed, and the specific degree and program requirements in effect.

Out-of-Faculty Course	Course Recognition	Course Used For
ACUP 114	ARTOP 1XX	Options
ACUP 117	ARTOP 1XX	Options; fulfills Humanities Breadth
ACUP 119	ARTOP 1XX	Options
ACUP 124	BIOL 1XX	Options; fulfills Science Breadth
ACUP 127	ARTOP 1XX	Options
ACUP 209	SCIOP 2XX	Options; fulfills Science Breadth
ACUP 215 and ACUP 220	WINL 200	Options
ACUP 303 and ACUP 304	WINL 300	Options
ACUP 320	BIOL 3XX	Options or Biological Sciences program requirements; fulfills Science Breadth
AGAD 300	COSL 300	Options
AGAD 435	WINL 300	Options
ARTE 104	ARTOP 1XX	Options
ARTE 214	ARTOP 2XX	Options; fulfills Humanities Breadth
ARTE 224	ARTOP 2XX	Options; fulfills Humanities Breadth
ARTE 225	ARTOP 2XX	Options
ARTE 234	ARTOP 2XX	Options; fulfills Humanities Breadth
ARTE 304	ARTOP 3XX	Options; fulfills Humanities Breadth
ARTE 314	ARTOP 3XX	Options; fulfills Humanities Breadth
ARTE 324	ARTOP 3XX	Options; fulfills Humanities Breadth
CORR 102	SOCI 1XX	Options; fulfills Social Science Breadth
CORR 104	SOCI 1XX	Options; fulfills Social Science Breadth
CORR 110	SOCI 225	Options or Sociology program requirements; fulfills Social Science Breadth
CORR 120	SOCI 2XX	Options or Sociology program requirements; fulfills Social Science Breadth
CORR 202	ARTOP 2XX	Options
CORR 208	ARTOP 2XX	Options
CORR 214	COSL 200	Options
CORR 218	SOCI 321	Options or Sociology program requirements; fulfills Social Science Breadth
CORR 224	COSL 200	Options
CYCW 100	PSYC 2XX	Options or Psychology program requirements; fulfills Social Science or Science Breadth
CYCW 108 and CYCW 112	SOCI 1XX	Options; fulfills Social Science Breadth
CYCW 114	ARTOP 1XX	Options
CYCW 115	SOCI 2XX	Options or Sociology program requirements; fulfills Social Science Breadth
CYCW 201	PSYC 2XX	Options or Psychology program requirements; fulfills Social Science or Science Breadth
CYCW 204	COSL 200	Options
CYCW 205	SOCI 2XX	Options or Sociology program requirements; fulfills Social Science Breadth
CYCW 206	ARTOP 2XX	Options
CYCW 208	COSL 200	Options
CYCW 211	PSYC 2XX	Options or Psychology program requirements; fulfills Social Science or Science Breadth
CYCW 302	ARTOP 3XX	Options
CYCW 303	ARTOP 3XX	Options
CYCW 339	ARTOP 3XX	Options

CYCW 340	SOCI 3XX	Options or Sociology program requirements; fulfills Social Science Breadth
CYCW 350	SOCI 2XX	Options or Sociology program requirements; fulfills Social Science Breadth
CYCW 360	SOCI 3XX	Options or Sociology program requirements; fulfills Social Science Breadth
CYCW 361	SOCI 2XX	Options or Sociology program requirements; fulfills Social Science Breadth
CYCW 461	ARTOP 4XX	Options
CYCW 466	ARTOP 4XX	Options
DESN 171	ARTOP 1XX	Options; fulfills Humanities Breadth
DESN 271	ARTOP2XX	Options; fulfills Humanities Breadth
ECCS 110	PSYC 1XX	Options; fulfills Social Science or Science Breadth
ECCS 115	ARTOP 1XX	Options
ECCS 160	PSYC 2XX	Options or Psychology program requirements; fulfills Social Science or Science Breadth
ECCS 180	SOCI 2XX	Options or Sociology program requirements; fulfills Social Science Breadth
ECCS 220	COSL 200	Options
ECCS 255	ARTOP 2XX	Options
ECCS 260	SOCI 2XX	Options or Sociology program requirements; fulfills Social Science Breadth
ECCS 270	COSL 200	Options
ECCS 310	SOCI 3XX	Options or Sociology program requirements; fulfills Social Science Breadth
ECCS 355	SOCI 3XX	Options or Sociology program requirements; fulfills Social Science Breadth
ECCS 360	SOCI 3XX	Options or Sociology program requirements; fulfills Social Science Breadth
ECCS 425	SOCI 4XX	Options or Sociology program requirements; fulfills Social Science Breadth
FNCE 201	ECON 2XX	Options or Economics program requirements; fulfills Social Science Breadth
FNCE 301	ECON 3XX	Options or Economics program requirements; fulfills Social Science Breath
FNCE 310	SCIOP 3XX	Options; fulfils Science Breadth
FNCE 404	ECON 4XX	Options or Economics program requirements; fulfills Social Science Breadth
FNCE 407	ECON 3XX	Options or Economics program requirements; fulfills Social Science Breadth
FNCE 408	ECON 4XX	Options or Economics program requirements; fulfills Social Science Breadth
HAPR 101	SCIOP 1XX	Options; fulfills Science Breadth
HAPR 104	ARTOP 1XX	Options
HAPR 114	WINL 200	Options
HAPR 201	ARTOP 2XX	Options
HAPR 212	WINL 200	Options
HEED 110	ARTOP 1XX	Options
HEED 120	SCIOP 1XX	Options; fulfills Science Breadth
HLSC 104	SCIOP 1XX	Options; fulfills Science Breadth
HLSC 105	SCIOP 1XX	Options; fulfills Science Breadth
HLSC 120	BIOL 1XX	Options; fulfills Science Breadth
HLSC 124	BIOL 1XX	Options; fulfills Science Breadth
HLSC 126	BIOL 1XX	Options; fulfills Science Breadth
HLSC 128	BIOL 2XX	Options or Biological Sciences program requirements; fulfills Science Breadth
HLST 150	SCIOP 1XX	Options; fulfills Science Breadth
HLST 210	ARTOP 2XX	Options
HLST 290	SCIOP 1XX	Options; fulfills Science Breadth
INFM 101	ARTOP 1XX	Options
INFM 202	ARTOP 2XX	Options
INFM 208	ARTOP 2XX	Options
INFM 209	ARTOP 2XX	Options
INFM 210	ARTOP 2XX	Options
INFM 260	COSL 200	Options

INTA 210	ARTOP 2XX	Options; fulfills Humanities Breadth
INTA 362	ARTOP 3XX	Options
MGTS 103	STAT 1XX	Options; fulfills Analytical Studies Breadth
MGTS 312	STAT 2XX	Options or Statistics program requirements; fulfills Analytical Studies Breadth
MGTS 352	ECON 2XX	Options or Economics program requirements; fulfills Social Science Breadth
MGTS 401	DATA 3XX	Options
MGTS 417	DATA 3XX	Options
MTST 120	BIOL 1XX	Options; fulfills Science Breadth
MTST 122	BIOL 1XX	Options; fulfills Science Breadth
MTST 125	BIOL 1XX	Options; fulfills Science Breadth
MTST 126	BIOL 1XX	Options; fulfills Science Breadth
MTST 146	SCIOP 1XX	Options; fulfills Science Breadth
MTST 161, MTST 162, MTST 260, MTST 261, and MTST 262	COSL 200	Options
MTST 191, MTST 192, and MTST 291	COSL 200	Options
MTST 292 and MTST 293	WINL 200	Options
MUSC 104	ARTOP 1XX	Options; fulfills Analytical Studies Breadth
MUSC 123	ARTOP 1XX	Options; fulfills Social Science Breadth
MUSC 124	ARTOP 1XX	Options; fulfills Social Science Breadth
MUSC 224	ARTOP 2XX	Options; fulfill Social Science Breadth
PEDS 100	BIOL 1XX	Options; fulfills Science Breadth
PEDS 101	BIOL 1XX	Options; fulfills Science Breadth
PEDS 102	BIOL 1XX	Options; fulfills Science Breadth
PEDS 103	BIOL 2XX	Options or Biological Sciences program requirements; fulfills Science Breadth
PEDS 109	SCIOP 1XX	Options; fulfills Science Breadth
PEDS 200	BIOL 2XX	Options or Biological Sciences program requirements; fulfills Science Breadth
PEDS 203	SCIOP 2XX	Options; fulfills Science Breadth
PEDS 206	BIOL 2XX	Options or Biological Sciences program requirements; fulfills Science Breadth
PEDS 207	BIOL 2XX	Options or Biological Sciences program requirements; fulfills Science Breadth
PEDS 209	ARTOP 2XX	Options; fulfills Analytical Studies Breadth
PEDS 240	SCIOP 1XX	Options; fulfills Science Breadth
PERL 104	ARTOP 1XX	Options
PERL 204	ARTOP 2XX	Options
PERL 207	ARTOP 2XX	Options
PSSC 102	ARTOP 1XX	Options
PSSC 112	ARTOP 1XX	Options
PSSC 121	SOCI 1XX	Options; fulfills Social Science Breadth
PSSC 203	ARTOP 2XX	Options
PSSC 204	ARTOP 2XX	Options
PSSC 212	ARTOP 2XX	Options
PSSC 252	ARTOP 2XX	Options
PSSC 253	ARTOP 2XX	Options
PSSC 272	COSL 200	Options
PSSC 273	COSL 200	Options
SOWK 101	ARTOP 1XX	Options, fulfills Humanities Breadth
SOWK 111	ARTOP 1XX	Options
SOWK 112	ARTOP 1XX	Options
SOWK 203	ARTOP 2XX	Options
SOWK 204	SOCI 2XX	Options or Sociology program requirements; fulfills Social Science Breadth
TAST 101	ARTOP 1XX	Options
TAST 102	ARTOP 1XX	Options
TAST 117	ARTOP 1XX	Options
TAST 129 and TAST 130	COSL 200	Options
TAST 135	WINL 200	Options
THAR 240	ARTOP 2XX	Options; fulfills Analytical Studies Breadth
THAS 101	ARTOP 1XX	Options
THAS 102	SCIOP 1XX	Options; fulfills Science Breadth
THAS 103	SCIOP 1XX	Options; fulfills Science Breadth

THAS 115	ARTOP 1XX	Options
THAS 116	SCIOP 1XX	Options; fulfills Science Breadth
THAS 203	COSL 200	Options
THAS 210	COSL 200	Options
THAS 211	COSL 200	Options
THAS 212	WINL 200	Options
THAS 215	COSL 200	Options
THAS 222	ARTOP 2XX	Options
THAS 223	SCIOP 2XX	Options; fulfills Science Breadth
THAS 233	SCIOP 2XX	Options; fulfills Science Breadth
THPR 205	ARTOP 2XX	Options; fulfills Humanities Breadth
THPR 206	ARTOP 2XX	Options; fulfills Humanities Breadth
THPR 214	ARTOP 2XX	Options; fulfills Analytical Studies Breadth
THPR 224	COSL 200	Options

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Political Science Major

The Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Political Science program requires students to complete 120 credits of non-duplicative coursework. In addition to the Political Science Major, students will complete one of the following:

- one minor,
- two minors, or
- a secondary Arts major

Students are required to complete option courses as well as the major(s) and minor(s). All BA degrees require Breadth Requirements. Courses can satisfy both the breadth requirements and requirements for the major(s), minor(s), or options.

The Political Science Major is 42 to 60 non-duplicative political science credits with a minimum of 36 credits at the senior-level. Students must complete a minimum of 18 POLS credits at the 300-level or 400-level with a minimum of six POLS credits at the 400-level, including POLS 490. Students can complete up to 6 credits of AEPS or URBW to fulfill the General Major Requirements.

POLS 261 cannot be used to fulfill the senior-level POLS requirement.

Bachelor of Arts - Political Science Major

Code	Title	Credits
Specific Major Requirements		
POLS 101	Introduction to Politics	3
POLS 200	Comparative Political Systems	3
POLS 214	History of Political Thought I	3
POLS 215	History of Political Thought II	3
POLS 224	Canadian National Government I	3
POLS 225	Canadian National Government II	3
POLS 244	Introduction to Policy Studies	3
POLS 264	Introduction to Global Politics	3
POLS 389	Introduction to Qualitative Research Methods	3
or POLS 399	Empirical Research Methods in Political Science	
POLS 490	Advanced Study in Political Science	3
General Major Requirements		
Choose 12 to 30 credits from junior-or senior-level POLS, AEPS, or URBW with a minimum of 15 POLS credits at the 300-level or 400-level including a minimum of three POLS credits at the 400-level. Students may complete a maximum of 6 credits of AEPS or URBW.		12-30
Secondary Major or Minor(s)		
Students have the option of completing a second Arts or Science major, or one or two minors. Minor courses must be completed at the senior-level.		18-60
Options		
Students can choose from Arts and Science courses or up to 21 credits in out-of-faculty options.[1]		0-60
Total Credits		**120**

[1] Students can take up to 3 credits from Physical Activity (PACT), Emergency Communications and Response (ECRP), Travel (TRVL), or Office Assistant (OAAS, OADM, OALS, or OAMS) to fulfill out-of-faculty options.

Political Science Honours

The Bachelor of Arts (BA) Political Science Honours degree program requires students to complete 120 credits of non-duplicative coursework. The Political Science Honours program is comprised of 36 credits designated as Specific Honours Requirements (including a 6-credit thesis course), 27 Honours Options, and 57 Options courses taken from outside POLS. Students can complete up to 6 credits of AEPS or URBW to fulfill the General Honours Requirements.

For consideration of admittance/acceptance into Political Science Honours, students must present the following:

1. Completion of a minimum of 45 university-level credits applicable to the program of study, with a GPA of 3.0 or higher
2. 24 of the 45 credits must have been completed in the last 12 months
3. A minimum of six POLS credits completed at the senior-level
4. A minimum GPA of 3.3 across all senior-level POLS courses

Students accepted and enrolled in the Political Science Honours program must maintain a minimum overall GPA of 3.0. As well, students must maintain a minimum GPA of 3.3 across all senior-level POLS courses for each 12 consecutive months following acceptance into the Honours program. Failure to do so will result in the student's program status reverting to a BA Political Science Major.

Students have the option of completing a minor within the requirements of the Political Science Honours program. Minors are comprised of 18 senior-level credits that are counted with the Options. All BA degrees, including Honours, require Breadth Requirements. Courses can satisfy both the breadth requirements and requirements for Honours, minor(s), or options.

Bachelor of Arts - Political Science Honours

Code	Title	Credits
Specific Honours Requirements		**36**
POLS 101	Introduction to Politics	3
POLS 200	Comparative Political Systems	3
POLS 214	History of Political Thought I	3
POLS 215	History of Political Thought II	3
POLS 224	Canadian National Government I	3
POLS 225	Canadian National Government II	3
POLS 244	Introduction to Policy Studies	3
POLS 264	Introduction to Global Politics	3
POLS 389	Introduction to Qualitative Research Methods	3
or POLS 399	Empirical Research Methods in Political Science	
POLS 490	Advanced Study in Political Science	3
POLS 499A	Honours Thesis I	3
POLS 499B	Honours Thesis II	3
General Honours Requirements		
Choose 27 credits from senior-level POLS, AEPS, or URBW courses with a minimum of 12 POLS credits at the 300- or 400-level and a minimum of 3 POLS credits at the 400-level. Students may complete a maximum of 6 credits of AEPS or URBW.		27

Options (may include a minor (18 credits))	
Students can choose from Arts and Science courses or up to 21 credits in out-of-faculty options.[1]	57
Total Credits	**120**

[1] Students can take up to 3 credits from Physical Activity (PACT), Emergency Communications and Response (ECRP), Travel (TRVL), or Office Assistant (OAAS, OADM, OALS, or OAMS) to fulfill out-of-faculty options.

Political Science Minor

The Political Science Minor is available to students in eligible degree programs. Students in the Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science must complete 18 credits in senior-level POLS courses, including 9 credits at the 200-level and 9 credits at the 300- or 400-level. POLS 101 is not included in the minor for these students, although it may serve as a prerequisite for required courses. Students in other degree programs may count POLS 101 toward the minor and must therefore complete 15 credits in senior-level courses, including 9 credits at the 200-level and 6 credits at the 300- or 400-level. All students may apply up to 3 credits in AEPS or URBW toward the minor.

Note: 300- or 400-level POLS courses often require multiple 200-level prerequisites.

Code	Title	Credits
Minor Requirements		
Choose 9 credits from 200-level POLS, and 9 credits from 300- or 400-level POLS. Students can substitute 3 credits of 300- or 400-level AEPS or URBW for POLS. [1]		18
Total Credits		**18**

[1] Students in programs other than the Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science may substitute POLS 101 for one 300- or 400-level POLS course.

Degree Regulations

Students are strongly encouraged to seek advice from the academic advisors about academic planning for completing degree requirements at MacEwan University.

Academic Residency - Credit Requirements

In addition to meeting the University's academic residency requirements, students enrolled in the Bachelor of Arts (BA) must complete the following credits at MacEwan University:

- At least 24 senior-level credits in the major discipline. Of these, at least 12 credits must be at the 300- or 400-level, and all required 400-level courses must be completed at MacEwan University.
- If completing a minor, at least nine senior-level credits in the minor. Of these, at least three credits must be at the 300- or 400-level.

Students who previously completed a MacEwan University credential must complete at least 45 additional credits while enrolled in the BA.

Students who hold a baccalaureate degree from another post-secondary institution must complete at least 60 additional credits at MacEwan University that are applicable to the Bachelor of Arts. At least 45 of these credits must be completed while the student is enrolled in the BA. This requirement also applies to students who began their studies at MacEwan University but subsequently completed a credential at another institution.

Students who interrupt their studies and are required to apply for readmission must comply with the program regulations in effect when they resume their studies.

Breadth Requirements

Courses taken to fulfil major, minor, or option requirements can also satisfy breadth requirements.

Declaration of a Major and a Minor

Bachelor of Arts students may declare a major either at the time of application or after beginning their degree program. By the time students have completed 45 credits, they must have declared a primary major and a minor; a primary major and a secondary major; a major and two minors; or a multidisciplinary major.

Primary majors are selected from Arts disciplines and consist of 42 to 60 junior- and senior-level credits; multi-disciplinary majors consist of 60 to 84 junior- and senior-level credits. Students who declare a multi-disciplinary major may pursue a minor but are not required to do so. Secondary majors can be from an Arts or a Science discipline. Except for those students in an Honours program, a maximum of 60 credits may be completed from any one discipline for credit towards the degree. A major and minor cannot be in the same discipline, and students may not declare more than one out-of-faculty minor. Students can re-declare their major(s) and/or minor(s) if required.

Minors offered by the Faculty of Arts and Science to BA and BSc students consist of 18 senior-level credits. Arts and Science minors offered to students in other degree programs may include up to 3 junior-level credits. Similarly, minors offered by other Faculties or Schools to BA and BSc students may include up to 3 junior-level credits.

Students who complete multiple majors or minors may not be able to finish their degree within eight consecutive fall and winter terms. Depending on the combination selected, students may also need to complete more than 120 credits to satisfy all degree requirements.

Before declaring multiple majors or minors, students are strongly encouraged to consult both an academic advisor in the Faculty of Arts and Science Advising Office and discipline advisors in their intended majors and minors.

Restricted Enrolment Courses

The Faculty of Arts and Science strives to accommodate all students wishing to enrol in a given course when it is appropriate to their own program: however, classes in some courses must, for academic reasons, be restricted in size. If such a course is found to be oversubscribed, priority in registration will be given to those students whose programs may require it (e.g., majors, Honours, and/or minors) and then to other students as space permits.

Graduation Grade Point Average

As part of the Graduation Grade Point Average regulation, Bachelor of Arts students must obtain an overall GGPA of 2.0 or higher, with a minimum GPA of 2.0 on all courses credited toward the major(s) and a minimum GPA of 2.0 on all courses credited toward the minor(s).

Graduation Requirements

Graduation requirements are governed by the date on which students declare their major(s) and minor(s). Students who declare their major(s)

and minor(s) on or before the published deadline are bound by the requirements of the current academic year. Students who declare after the published deadline are bound by the programs of study and degree requirements for the upcoming academic year as published in the MacEwan University Academic Calendar.

Junior- and Senior-Level Courses

Courses numbered from 100 to 199 are considered junior-level and courses numbered from 200 to 499 are considered senior-level.

Major or Minor 300- and 400-Level Requirements

The 300- and 400-level requirements in the major or minor cannot consist solely of project, field placement, and/or individual study courses.

Maximum Individual Learning Courses

The maximum number of credits for individual learning courses, including projects, field placement, internship, work-integrated learning, community-service learning, or independent study (excluding the Honours Thesis), is 15. Specific disciplines may have further restrictions.

Maximum Junior-Level Courses

A maximum of 48 credits at the 100-level are permitted in completion of the BA degree. Additional courses at the 100-level will be declared extra to the 120 credits required to complete the BA degree and will not be counted toward fulfilment of graduation requirements.

Minimum Arts Courses

Students are required to complete successfully a minimum of 72 credits from Arts courses.

Minimum Passing Grade

A minimum grade of D or credit (CR) is required for all Arts degree courses unless otherwise noted next to the appropriate course in the program of study.

Minimum Transfer Grade for Credit

A minimum grade of D is required on any transfer credit granted for the program. Unless otherwise stated, Arts and Science courses require a minimum grade of C- when the course is used as a prerequisite. Transfer credit decisions made by the university are final and cannot be appealed.

Out-of-Faculty Options Requirements

Students may take a maximum of 21 credits from courses offered by a MacEwan University Faculty or School other than Arts and Science. Students completing an out-of-Faculty minor or laddering students who have met the minor requirements with a MacEwan University diploma must complete their degree requirements from courses offered within the Faculty of Arts and Science or from the list of *Cross-Faculty Course Recognitions* in the Academic Calendar. Courses deemed as *Cross-Faculty Course Recognitions* are used to fulfill in-Faculty courses within the BA and do not count as out-of-Faculty options. Fine arts courses taken to fulfil breadth requirements count as in-Faculty credit.

Progression of Studies

Students are responsible for ensuring they meet the prerequisite and/or co-requisite requirements as noted on all courses that may fulfil Bachelor of Arts or Arts Honours program requirements.

Honours Regulations

Overall Requirements

The Honours program of study consists of 63 to 84 credits as determined by the discipline. Students in the Honours program may choose to complete a minor outside of the Honours discipline. Some disciplines may require a minor.

Acceptance to Honours

For consideration of admittance/acceptance into Honours, students must present a minimum of 45 university-level credits applicable to the program of study, with a GPA of 3.0 or higher. They must complete 24 of the 45 credits in the last 12 months; however, exceptions to this rule may occur with the approval of the Honours discipline advisor. Individual departments may have additional requirements noted in their program of study.

Course Load

Students accepted into an Honours program must complete 24-credits in each twelve consecutive months they are in the program. Exceptions to this rule may occur with the approval of the Honours discipline advisor.

Grade Point Average Requirement

Students accepted and enrolled in the Arts Honours program must maintain a minimum overall GPA of 3.0 across all courses in the degree. As well, students must maintain a minimum GPA of 3.3 across a set of courses designated by each discipline for each twelve consecutive months following acceptance into the Honours program. Failure to do so will result in the student's program status reverting to a BA with a major in the previous honours discipline.

Graduation Grade Point Average

In order to graduate, students must obtain an overall GGPA of 3.0 or higher, with a minimum GPA of 3.3 across a set of courses designated by each discipline.

Program Learning Outcomes

Faculty of Arts and Science Degree-Level Learning Outcomes

Thinking about knowledge is at the core of University education and learning within the Faculty of Arts and Science. Students develop capacities to "think-through" - to practice wonder, reflection, and engage in thoughtful inquiry and dialogue. Thinking-through involves questioning beyond the confines of one's immediate personal, social, and disciplinary surroundings. First, knowledge is acquired and understood. Learning moves beyond acquiring information and data to a formally disciplined manner of thinking about knowledge. Next, knowledge is interrogated by asking and answering questions, distinguishing between opinion and knowledge, and developing tools to assess reasons and evidence. Finally, knowledge is synthesized as students develop coherent arguments, and link ideas together beyond what is immediately apparent. Learning is a lifelong creative process of discovery and action that happens beyond the classroom and the degree. Our graduates interact with and contribute to their community by integrating and applying the research and communication skills and ways of knowing developed through their education. Learning outcomes capture the observable knowledge, skills, and abilities graduates acquire that are the foundation of learning.

Graduates will demonstrate their ability to "think-through" by:

i. Analysing puzzles, problems, concepts, and theories.
ii. Conceptualizing questions based on disciplinary knowledge.
iii. Evaluating knowledge within and across disciplines in ways that acknowledge historical, cultural, and social contexts.

Graduates will demonstrate research and scholarship skills by:

iv. Applying appropriate research skills and ethical principles.
v. Interpreting results appreciating the value and limits of conclusions.
vi. Recognizing how research involves an ongoing process of reflection, dialogue, and reassessment.

Graduates will demonstrate diverse skills for communication by:

vii. Conveying complex ideas coherently in a variety of formats.
viii. Appraising information in ways that consider context and audience.
ix. Interpreting the ideas and arguments of others in ways that reflect their knowledge, judgement, and comprehension.

Graduates will demonstrate durable skills necessary for learning beyond their degree by:

x. Collaborating with diverse groups.
xi. Examining different perspectives and challenging biases and preconceptions.
xii. Exploring the continuous impact and limitations of disciplinary knowledge and expertise.

Political Science Major Program Learning Outcomes

Political science students are trained to approach their understanding of the world with reflexivity and openness. Political Science in particular emphasizes the use of analytical concepts, theories, and models to make sense of complicated real-world issues – whether these issues are found in Canada or around the world. The tools used by Political Scientists help order facts and information about the world in a comprehensible and methodologically rigorous way.

Political Science itself is not monolithic and comprises a number of interrelated subfields, each focusing on a different subsection of the political world. Students who complete the degree will obtain a broad understanding of the discipline of Political Science and its related subfields, including: Political Philosophy, Canadian Politics, Comparative Politics, and International Relations.

The foundational knowledge that is required to make sense of complex, real-world issues begins in the lower-level 100 and 200 level courses. In these early year courses, students are taught the analytical and theoretical tools needed to apply general knowledge to case and issue specific areas (300 and 400 level courses). Akin to learning a common language, graduates learn the 'theoretical language' that enables them to engage in meaningful discussions about the nature of politics across the discipline and various stakeholders in the political world – ranging from government, non-government, and other third parties.

PLO 1 – General and Specific Knowledge
The basis of a degree in Political Science is found in the cultivation of knowledge and understanding. Thus, a degree in political science begins with the assumption that it is insufficient to simply 'know' facts – one must know what to do with these facts first and foremost. As Martin Hollis notes, "without adequacy on the level of meaning, our generalisations remain mere statements of statistical probability, either not intelligible at all or only imperfectly intelligible" (Hollis, 183, 2002). Understanding is based on a foundation of knowledge as well as an appreciation for both how information is generated and how it can, and should, be contextualized. Not merely an academic exercise, uncovering the normative underpinnings of the every day yields insights into the hidden processes and legacies of policies that comprise one's daily life. Graduates learn to identify these, often, hidden processes that help make up every day and to question things that are, at times, taken for granted.

The political science degree equips students with both a general understanding of how the world works, but also an in-depth understanding of a limited number of real-world issues and cases. Thus, while the political science degree builds general knowledge, it also encourages specialization as well, particularly through the Honours programme. Above all, students in political science learn that they are connected to a much larger world in ways that they would otherwise not be aware.

PLO 2 – Reflexivity
A key aspect of the cultivation of knowledge is not simply the learning of theories, concepts and models, but rather the cultivation of reflexivity. To this end, by expanding the scope of their knowledge and awareness of issues, students also develop an awareness of the limits of their knowledge. Broadly speaking this involves the development of tools to critically self-assess and self-evaluate one's own knowledge. By extension, students learn to develop new and novel ways to expand their understanding of real-world issues not only by learning which questions need to be asked but how to ask questions in the first place. In learning how to ask questions, a degree in political science cultivates curiosity and appreciation of the complexity of the "every day." Thus, the political science degree is not just about expanding their knowledge but also cultivating an appreciation for the political world, by learning what the limits of their knowledge are and how to push those limits.

In so doing, students cultivate a curiosity that continuously aims to challenge their own worldview and understanding. The Political Science degree encourages the development of these skills not just in the subject matter taught, but in the collaborative environment in which learning takes place.

PLO 3 – Tools to Address Real World Problems
It is not sufficient to simply pose questions, one must be able to answer them as well. As such, the Political Science degree emphasizes methodological diversity. Students learn to conduct empirical research, utilizing both positivist and non-positivist approaches, in order to both explain and understand political events. Through specialized methods training, graduates learn how to approach questions from different angles and learn that there may be multiple solutions to a single problem – depending on the angle that they take. This holistic, and academically rigorous, approach to understanding is vitally important not just for making sense of political events, but for offering novel solutions as well.

PLO 4 – Communication and Engagement
Like most degrees, Political Science emphasizes both written and oral communication skills. Political Science graduates are frequently communicating directly with policy-makers and stakeholders in the political world. The Political Science degree, therefore, trains students to be able to articulate their understanding to a wide range of audiences. In doing so, students come to recognize that people interact, understand, and relate to the world differently depending upon their own backgrounds and experiences. Students learn how to communicate their understanding of the world in a way that is appreciable to people from diverse backgrounds who are not interpreting events from the same

frames of reference. In a sense, political science graduates gain the ability to express, engage, and question opinions and arguments while being able to understand the merits of competing and explanations.

Student Plan

- The student plan provides a suggested course sequence with the minimum number of credits required for the major
- The suggested course sequence depends on course availability, the student's schedule, and the student's choice of minor(s) or secondary major
- It is highly recommended that students complete their Breadth Requirements by the end of year 2
- Students can complete up to 6 credits of AEPS or URBW to fulfill the General Major Requirements

Year 1	Credits
POLS 101	3
ENGL 102	3
Breadth Requirements	24
	30
Year 2	**Credits**
POLS 200	3
POLS 214	3
POLS 215	3
POLS 224	3
POLS 225	3
POLS 244	3
POLS 264	3
Breadth, Option, Minor(s), or Primary or Secondary Major Requirements	9
	30
Year 3	**Credits**
Choose 3 credits (1 course) from the following:	3
POLS 389	
POLS 399	
Choose 6 credits (2 courses) from 300- or 400-level POLS	6
Options, Minor(s), or Primary or Secondary Major Requirements	21
	30
Year 4	**Credits**
POLS 490	3
Choose 3 credits (1 course) from 400-level POLS	3
Choose 3 credits (1 course) from 300- or 400-level POLS	3
Options, Minor(s), or Primary or Secondary Major Requirements	21
	30

Total Credits 120

Expected Course Offerings

Following is a list of expected course offerings for fall 2027, winter 2028, and spring-summer 2028. In addition to the specific courses listed below, Political Science typically offers additional 300- and 400-level courses each year across a range of subfields. Specific topics will vary depending on instructor availability and current events (see the complete list of POLS courses for examples of additional courses that may be offered), but we will ensure that the required courses will be available annually. This list was accurate at the time of publication. For an up-to-date schedule, please check MyStudentSystem before registration opens.

Fall 2027

POLS 101	Introduction to Politics
POLS 200	Comparative Political Systems
POLS 214	History of Political Thought I
POLS 224	Canadian National Government I
POLS 244	Introduction to Policy Studies
POLS 264	Introduction to Global Politics
POLS 316	Political Thought After Nietzsche
POLS 321	Introduction to Public Administration
POLS 343	Environmental Policy and Politics
POLS 368	International Organization
POLS 389	Introduction to Qualitative Research Methods
POLS 390	Topics in Political Science
POLS 444	Topics in Policy Studies
POLS 461	Selected Topics in International Politics
POLS 470	Selected Topics in Comparative Politics
POLS 490	Advanced Study in Political Science

Winter 2028

POLS 101	Introduction to Politics
POLS 200	Comparative Political Systems
POLS 215	History of Political Thought II
POLS 225	Canadian National Government II
POLS 244	Introduction to Policy Studies
POLS 264	Introduction to Global Politics
POLS 361	Conflicts and Civil Wars in International Relations
POLS 362	Pursuit of Peace in Global Politics
POLS 367	Global Media and Politics
POLS 371	Politics in China
POLS 378	Gender and Politics
POLS 389	Introduction to Qualitative Research Methods
POLS 410	Topics in Political Philosophy
POLS 461	Selected Topics in International Politics
POLS 490	Advanced Study in Political Science
POLS 495	Political Science Field Placement

Spring-Summer 2028

POLS 101	Introduction to Politics
POLS 200	Comparative Political Systems
POLS 214	History of Political Thought I

POLS 215	History of Political Thought II
POLS 390	Topics in Political Science

Admission Requirements

Applicants may be admitted to one of the following:

Regular Admission

To be evaluated through the Office of the University Registrar

Applicants must have a minimum overall average of 65 percent, with no course grade lower than 50 percent, in the following high school courses:

1. ELA 30-1
2. Four subjects from Group A, B, C, or D

Notes:

- Applicants are strongly encouraged to present a broad range of subjects in order to benefit from the breadth of learning and to increase flexibility of future program and course choices.
- A maximum of two Group B subjects may be presented; they must be from different disciplines.
- A maximum of one Group D subject may be presented. Group D subjects used for admission must be 5-credit or any credit combination of at least 5 credits (e.g., two 3-credit subjects).
- Mathematics 30-1 or 30-2 is required for a major in Economics.
- Mathematics 30-1 or 31 is required for Economics Honours.
- Mathematics 30-1 or 30-2 is required for a major in Psychology.

Applicants with nine to 23 university-level credits must also present a minimum Admission Grade Point Average (AGPA) of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale. Applicants with 24 or more university-level credits will be considered under Previous Post-Secondary Work.

Mature Admission

To be evaluated through the Office of the University Registrar

Applicants must be Canadian Applicants, 20 years of age or older, and have been out of full-time high school at least one year by the beginning of the intake term. Applicants must have the following:

- ELA 30-1 with a minimum grade of 65 percent (or equivalent)

OR

- Three credits of university-level English, including ENGL 111 from MacEwan University, with a minimum grade of C.

Applicants with nine to 23 university-level credits must also present a minimum Admission Grade Point Average (AGPA) of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale. Applicants with 24 or more university-level credits will be considered under Previous Post-Secondary Work.

Previous Post-Secondary Work

To be evaluated through the Office of the University Registrar

Admission in this category does not imply or guarantee the transfer of any coursework and/or credential unless a block transfer agreement (internal or external) is in effect and published in the calendar by the Office of the University Registrar. In addition, transfer of coursework does not imply or guarantee that an applicant will be admitted.

Applicants must have successfully completed the following from a recognized institution:

- A minimum of 24 university-level credits with a minimum Admission Grade Point Average (AGPA) of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale.

Additional Admission Criteria

All applicants must meet the following:

1. English Language Proficiency

To be evaluated through the Office of the University Registrar

Applicable to all admission categories

All applicants must meet an acceptable level of English language proficiency. We will require official documents such as high school or post-secondary transcripts or proof of successful completion of standardized language evaluation. Full details are available in MacEwan University's academic calendar or online at MacEwan.ca/ELP.

2. Other Admission Criteria

To be evaluated through the Office of the University Registrar

Applicable to all admission categories

Applicants who have been assigned two unsatisfactory academic records within the past five years will not be considered for admission or re-admission to the program until a minimum three years from the date of the assignment of the last unsatisfactory academic record. For the purpose of admission or re-admission, an unsatisfactory record is defined as a transcript with the notation 'required to withdraw' or equivalent.

Political Science Courses

POLS 101
Introduction to Politics
3 Credits Weekly (3-0-0)
This course provides an introduction to a systematic study of the primary institutions and processes of modern government and the discipline of political science. Students explore the significant concepts, methods, approaches, and issues of the discipline, considered necessary for the study of politics. Topics include political power, political authority, sovereignty and the state, the nation, constitutionalism, international relations, political ideology, elections, and electoral systems, democracy, and totalitarianism. Note: this course is the prerequisite for most second year Political Science courses.

POLS 200
Comparative Political Systems
3 Credits Weekly (3-0-0)
This course introduces the concepts, methods and substance of the field of comparative politics, covering selected developed and developing countries. Contemporary politics of the selected countries will be studied in their historical, social, and cultural contexts. Political and governmental institutions and public policies of the selected countries will be examined in relation to their responses to changing domestic and global environments. This is a core course in the field of comparative politics and a prerequisite for most 300- and 400-level courses in the field. *Prerequisites: Minimum grade of C- in POLS 101.*

POLS 214
History of Political Thought I
3 Credits Weekly (3-0-0)
This course introduces students to classical and medieval political thought through the careful reading of primary texts. Authors studied may vary from year to year and section to section, but each is considered somehow representative or thematically significant to the period in question. Names typically examined include Homer, Aristophanes, Plato, Aristotle, Cicero, St. Augustine, and Thomas Aquinas. Note: This is a core course in the field of political philosophy.
Prerequisites: A minimum grade of C- in POLS 101.

POLS 215
History of Political Thought II
3 Credits Weekly (3-0-0)
Building upon the skills and knowledge acquired in POLS 214, this course introduces students to modern political thought through the careful reading of primary texts. Authors typically include some of the following: Machiavelli, Hobbes, Locke, Rousseau, Kant, Hegel, Mill, and Nietzsche. Authors may vary from year to year and section to section, but each is considered somehow representative or thematically significant to the period in question. Note: This is a core course in the field of political philosophy.
Prerequisites: A minimum grade of C- in POLS 214.

POLS 224
Canadian National Government I
3 Credits Weekly (3-0-0)
POLS 224 and 225 are the core courses in the field of Canadian politics, introducing students to the institutions, processes, concepts and important issues of this subject area. Topics include the Constitution and federalism, region and province, French Canada and Quebec, Indigenous peoples, ethnicity, immigration and multiculturalism, gender, class, and Canada's role in the world.
Prerequisites: Minimum grade of C- in POLS 101.

POLS 225
Canadian National Government II
3 Credits Weekly (3-0-0)
POLS 224 and 225 are the core courses in the field of Canadian politics, introducing students to the institutions, processes, concepts and important issues of this subject area. The topics of POLS 225 include the political process, political parties, elections and representation, Parliament, the executive, bureaucracy, the judiciary, and fiscal, economic and other policy issues in Canada.
Prerequisites: A minimum grade of C- in POLS 224.

POLS 244
Introduction to Policy Studies
3 Credits Weekly (3-0-0)
This course introduces students to the process and practice of policy making in modern governments. It examines the key actors, institutions and dynamics involved in policy making. It covers different aspects of policy making, including government agenda-setting and decision making, the tools governments use to address pressing societal issues and achieve their goals, and how governments implement and evaluate those policies. Particular attention is paid to the changing context in which policy making occurs and the current challenges and opportunities policy makers face.
Prerequisites: A minimum grade of C- in POLS 101 or second-year standing.

POLS 261
Asia Pacific Political Systems
3 Credits Weekly (3-0-0)
The purpose of this survey course is to introduce students to the political systems of ten Asia-Pacific countries: China, including Hong Kong and Taiwan, Brunei; Indonesia; Singapore; Malaysia; The Philippines; Japan; South Korea; Thailand; and Vietnam. This dynamic region of the world exhibits a range of political systems, from constitutional monarchies to one-party dominant states. This course emphasizes the linkages between the economic and political development and the cultural catalysts and obstacles to both processes. The processes of regional and global economic integration of the countries in the region are discussed.
The course explores other topics such as the following: constitutional development, legislature, political executive, judiciary, political culture and socialization, political parties and pressure groups, public opinion and the mass media, public enterprises and bureaucracy; and foreign policy. Note: This course does not count toward the senior level credit requirement for the major/minor or honours.

POLS 264
Introduction to Global Politics
3 Credits Weekly (3-0-0)
This course introduces students to the study of global politics.
Topics include the theories of international relations, the dynamics of interaction among states and non-state actors, the nature of power, globalization, foreign policy, war and peace, international political economy, international organizations, and international law.
Prerequisites: A minimum grade of C- in POLS 101, or second-year standing.

POLS 265
Introduction to Global Politics II
3 Credits Weekly (3-0-0)
This course examines major issues in the global political economy and global governance. Topics include the theoretical approaches to international political economy, international trade, global finance, multinational corporations, international development assistance, North-South relations, migration, the UN and global governance, international law, regional integration, the environment, international terrorism, and human rights.
Prerequisites: Minimum grade of C- in POLS 264.

POLS 304
Topics in European Politics
3 Credits Weekly (3-0-0)
This course focuses on the analysis of selected issues in European Politics. It includes theoretical, empirical, institutional, and policy analysis, as well as a research component. For detailed information concerning the current course offering please consult the department. Note: This course can be taken up to two times, provided the course topic is different.
Prerequisites: A minimum grade of C- in POLS 200.

POLS 307
Continental Political Thought
3 Credits Weekly (3-0-0)
This course carefully examines the major themes that develop within the tradition of 19th and 20th century Continental Political Thought beginning with German Idealism and ending with Existentialism. Authors to be studied may include Immanuel Kant, G.W.F. Hegel, Friedrich Nietzsche, and Martin Heidegger.
Prerequisites: Minimum grades of C- in POLS 214 and 215, or consent of the department.

POLS 308
Political Thought of the Enlightenment
3 Credits Weekly (3-0-0)
This course introduces students to the central works in political philosophy of the Enlightenment. In studying classic texts from the French, British, and American Enlightenments, the course further aims to discern, within these texts, the intellectual sources of liberal modernity. Students study the work of some of the following: Thomas Hobbes, John Locke, Adam Smith, Jean-Jacques Rousseau, Montesquieu, Benjamin Constant, The Federalist, Thomas Jefferson and Alexis de Tocqueville.
Prerequisites: Minimum grade of C- in POLS 214 and POLS 215.

POLS 309
Ancient Political Philosophy
3 Credits Weekly (3-0-0)
This course carefully examines one or more of the classic texts of ancient political philosophy. The course is organized around a major concern of ancient political philosophy. Potential topics include the nature of political community, sources of civic virtue, rhetoric, classic natural right, and the relationship of philosophy to politics. Addressing these topics entails the careful study of major texts by some of the following: Plato, Xenophon, Aristotle, Cicero, Lucretius and St. Augustine.
Prerequisites: Minimum grades of C- in POLS 214 and 215, or consent of the department.

POLS 315
Contemporary Liberal Thought
3 Credits Weekly (3-0-0)
This course is devoted to the exploration of contemporary liberal political thought. It covers selected readings from recent liberal philosophers and their critics, as well as considering debates about the values of liberalism in their application to public issues such as distributive justice, multiculturalism, and religion in society.
Prerequisites: Minimum grade of C- in POLS 214 and 215, or consent of the department.

POLS 316
Political Thought After Nietzsche
3 Credits Weekly (3-0-0)
This course focuses on the close reading of selected texts in 20th century thought that attempt to come to grips with Nietzsche's fundamental criticism of enlightenment rationality as the foundation for a democratic political order. Special attention is paid to those authors, largely German, who chart an alternative course to French postmodernism. Authors to be discussed may include: Edmund Husserl, Martin Heidegger, Leo Strauss, Hans-georg Gadamer, Hannah Arendt, Reinhold Neibuhr, Emmanuel Levinas, and Alasdair MacIntyre.
Prerequisites: Minimum grades of C- in POLS 214 and POLS 215, or consent of the department.

POLS 321
Introduction to Public Administration
3 Credits Weekly (3-0-0)
This course explores the theoretical foundations and contemporary practice of public management and governance in Canada. This includes identifying institutions and processes through which public administration is conducted and assessing how public servants contribute to democratic governance. Major themes and debates within the field are discussed as well as the practical issues public servants face and the changing environment within which they work. The course primarily focuses on the federal government, but includes discussion of public administration in provincial, municipal and Indigenous governments.
Prerequisites: A minimum grade of C- in POLS 244 or URBW 289.

POLS 324
Topics in Canadian Politics
3 Credits Weekly (3-0-0)
This course is devoted to the detailed study of a single topic area in Canadian politics. Examples of topic areas include democracy and democratic reform, electoral politics and political parties, Canadian political thought, the Charter of Rights and judicial review, public policy, political cleavages in Canada, the politics of environmentalism, local government, and media and politics. Students may take this course up to two times provided the topic is different in each offering.
Prerequisites: Minimum grades of C- in POLS 224 and 225, or consent of the department.

POLS 327
Politics of Identity in Canada
3 Credits Weekly (3-0-0)
This course is devoted to the exploration of the role of identities in Canadian politics. Among the core areas of interest in this area are questions about the relationship of indigenous peoples to the state, the role and cultural influence of the country's earliest settlement groups, regional and provincial sources of identity, ethnicity, immigration and multiculturalism, gender, socio-economic class and emergent forms of politically salient identity, and Canadian national identity.
Prerequisites: Minimum grades of C- in POLS 224 and POLS 225.

POLS 329
Canadian Federalism
3 Credits Weekly (3-0-0)
This course is devoted to the systematic study of the evolution, institutions, challenges, and theoretical underpinnings of the Canadian federal system.
Prerequisites: Minimum grades of C- in POLS 224 and POLS 225.

POLS 330
The Canadian Constitution I: The Constitution Act, 1867 and Indigenous Constitutional Issues
3 Credits Weekly (3-0-0)
This course is devoted to the exploration of the foundation of Canada's legal and constitutional system, the Constitution Act, 1867, Indigenous-state constitutional issues, and the role and impact of these aspects of Canada's constitution in the country's politics and culture. Note POLS 330 and POLS 331 may be taken in any order. Students cannot receive credit for both POLS 326 and POLS 330.
Prerequisites: Minimum grades of C- in POLS 224 and 225 or consent of the department.

POLS 331
Canadian Constitution II: The Constitution Act, 1982, Charter of Rights, & Constitutional Change
3 Credits Weekly (3-0-0)
This course is devoted to the exploration of the Constitution Act, 1982 (which includes the Charter of Rights and Freedoms), issues, processes, and debate around major constitutional change in Canada, and the role and impact of these aspects of the country's constitution in its politics and culture. Note POLS 330 and POLS 331 may be taken in any order. Students cannot receive credit for both POLS 326 and POLS 331.
Prerequisite: Minimum grades of C- in POLS 224 and 225 or consent of the department.

POLS 343
Environmental Policy and Politics
3 Credits Weekly (3-0-0)
This course offers an examination of environmental issues in Canada, one of the most rapidly-developing policy fields in the last half century. The course focuses on a range of issues related to the natural environment by exploring the salient actors in environmental politics, the institutions and processes used to develop environmental policies, and how environmental issues are defined and understood by different political ideologies.
Prerequisites: A minimum grade of C- in POLS 244 or URBW 289.

POLS 344
Fundamentals of Policy Analysis
3 Credits Weekly (3-0-0)
This course applies economic concepts and techniques to practical policy problems that governments face, including the provision of public goods and the regulation of private individuals and businesses. Students will learn how to conduct different types of economic analyses that assist governments in deciding when and where to address a problem and how to choose between different solutions. This course provides students with an entry point to the profession of policy analysis. Note: Students can only receive credit for one of ECON 344 or POLS 344.
Prerequisites: A minimum grade of C- in POLS 244 or ECON 101 or consent of the department.

POLS 345
Issues in Globalization and Governance
3 Credits Weekly (3-0-0)
This course offers a comprehensive study of some of the major issues in the areas of Globalization and Global Governance. Topics include: Global Governance theory, the Global Political Economy, Global Security Challenges, the Global Financial System, the Global Civic Ethic, Poverty and Globalization, UN Reform, and the Global Environmental Challenge.
Prerequisites: Minimum grade of C- in POLS 264.

POLS 349
Topics in Global Politics
3 Credits Weekly (3-0-0)
The course covers current controversial issues in global politics. Selected topics include the international political economy, the international strategic system, global challenges, and international relations theory.
Prerequisites: A minimum grade of C- in POLS 264.

POLS 351
Municipal Politics and Local Governance
3 Credits Weekly (3-0-0)
Local government is often given less attention by leaders, scholars and the public even though it is the level of government that affects them most directly. This course immerses students in the world of municipal politics and local governance to increase knowledge and engagement with how municipal politics operates in Canada and Alberta, while addressing broader questions about the role local governance plays in politics and political science. The course will be of interest to students seeking a background in different areas of political science, including policy making, urban wellness and Canadian politics, as well as disciplines in arts and science, design, community and health studies and business.
Prerequisites: A minimum grade of C- in one of POLS 244, URBW 289, or POLS 224.

POLS 357
The Third World in Global Politics
3 Credits Weekly (3-0-0)
This course assesses challenges facing the Third World in the global economy. Students focus on the specific constraints faced by the developing countries in the era of globalization, while assessing opportunities and options for overcoming the structural constraints. The institutional underpinnings of the Third World movement - the non-aligned movement and the group of 77 - as well as the specific regional and interregional responses to globalization are analyzed.
Prerequisites: Minimum grade of C- in POLS 200 or POLS 264.

POLS 361
Conflicts and Civil Wars in International Relations
3 Credits Weekly (3-0-0)
Large-scale violence associated with interstate and intrastate conflict and war continues to have undeniable relevance for all of humanity. Given the rise of ethnic conflicts in Europe and proliferation of advanced weapons technology worldwide, providing answers to pressing questions about the onset and escalation of war is imperative in the aftermath of the Cold War. This course examines the theoretical and empirical knowledge on the causes of interstate wars and civil wars.
Prerequisites: Minimum grade of C- in POLS 264.

POLS 362
Pursuit of Peace in Global Politics
3 Credits Weekly (0-0-3)
A dominant feature of the post-World War II international system is the willingness of states and international organizations to intervene, often forcefully, to manage conflicts. This course examines the theoretical and empirical foundations of the study of conflict management since the end of the Second World War.
Prerequisites: Minimum grade of C- in POLS 264.

POLS 363
Issues in Transatlantic Security
3 Credits Weekly (3-0-0)
This course examines contemporary and historical issues in transatlantic security, with a specific focus on the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and the transatlantic security relationship. Major themes covered in this course are the founding of NATO, its purpose in the Cold War and Post Cold War eras, and contemporary challenges facing the alliance today. Contemporary challenges that will be explored include: burden-sharing; collective defence; the '2% debate;' dynamics of military operations; NATO expansion; Canada and the Alliance; and, the challenges facing NATO following the Russian invasion of Ukraine.
Prerequisites: A minimum grade of C- in POLS 264.

POLS 364
International Political Economy
3 Credits Weekly (3-0-0)
This is a critical examination of the conjunction of a series of market and political issues in international affairs, including the major facets of globalization. The course uses major theoretical perspectives to explain the intersection of states and markets in the global economy. Topics include: the global trading system, foreign direct investment, foreign portfolio investment, international debt problems, the impact of the international financial institutions, North-South relations, and balancing development with environmental protection.
Prerequisites: A minimum grade of C- in POLS 264.

POLS 365
Canadian Foreign Policy
3 Credits Weekly (3-0-0)
This course is an overview of major developments in Canadian foreign policy since the end of the Second World War. This course assesses Canada's foreign policy priorities, paradigms, and sources. Topics examined include: Canadian security at home and abroad; Canadian civil-military relations; Canada as an international actor; Canada and the global economy; and the role of international and non-governmental organizations in shaping Canadian foreign policy.
Prerequisites: A minimum grade of C- in POLS 264.

POLS 367
Global Media and Politics
3 Credits Weekly (3-0-0)
This course introduces students to the international news media landscape in order to increase their understanding of the global information environment and the techniques used by political scientists to analyze it. The course examines broadcast, print, and online news media with reference to historical and contemporary political events. Students learn and apply research methods of content and discourse analysis in order to identify patterns and particularities in the messaging of media outlets throughout the world. Topics include media bias, journalistic ethics, news media's connection to state power, cultures of political communication, and freedom of the press throughout the world.
Prerequisites: A minimum grade of C- in either POLS 200 or POLS 264.

POLS 368
International Organization
3 Credits Weekly (3-0-0)
This course examines the theoretical and empirical evolution of International Organizations. The course includes an active learning component, using simulation of the United Nations and/or other intergovernmental organizations. It deals with global governance as well as specific issue-areas such as human rights, peace, disarmament, development, and the environment. Students cannot receive credit for both POLS 368 and POLS 468.
Prerequisites: A minimum grade of C- in POLS 264 or consent of the department.

POLS 370
American Politics
3 Credits Weekly (3-0-0)
This course provides a comprehensive overview of the American political system through the study of the institutional framework of the three separate federal branches, the motivation behind its organization, and the way political actors' and political institutions' interaction are shaped by this organizational structure. This course is appropriate for political science majors who wish to gain a foundation and a better understanding of American politics.
Prerequisites: A minimum grade of C- in POLS 200 or consent of the department.

POLS 371
Politics in China
3 Credits Weekly (3-0-0)
This course examines Chinese politics in its historical, cultural, social, and global settings. The focus of this course is on the responses of China's political system to its domestic and international challenges in the modern time.
Prerequisites: Minimum grade of C- in POLS 200 or POLS 261 or POLS 263.

POLS 373
Politics in India
3 Credits Weekly (3-0-0)
This course examines the Indian political system in its historical, cultural, social, and global settings. The responses of India's contemporary political system to its domestic and international challenges are studied in combination with the impact of India's colonial experience.
Prerequisites: Minimum grade of C- in POLS 200 or POLS 261 or POLS 263.

POLS 375
Politics of East Asia
3 Credits Weekly (3-0-0)
This course provides comparative studies and analyses of politics of East Asia. Focused topics include politics of China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Japan, and Korea. Comparisons and analyses cover a variety of subjects such as political institutions and processes, ideologies, and public policies.
Prerequisites: A minimum grade of C- in POLS 200 or consent of the department.

POLS 376
Issues in Development Studies
3 Credits Weekly (3-0-0)
This course provides an understanding of the core theoretical and practical development-related issues confronting countries in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. It presents the contending development theories, while focusing on the significant development challenges facing the developing countries - both domestic and global.
Prerequisites: A minimum grade of C- in POLS 200 or POLS 264.

POLS 378
Gender and Politics
3 Credits Weekly (3-0-0)
This course examines politics and policy from a gendered lens, through an exploration of the gendered assumptions and underpinnings of contemporary and historical political issues. This course explores topics that include: gender and its relationship to the state, including the construction and regulation of gendered bodies; gendered representation in decision-making, political violence, and more. This course uses 'gender' as a conceptual anchor to better understand how gendered assumptions have served as a basis for political organization and to reveal the boundaries that exist between public and private life. At its foundational level, this course interrogates political power, both theoretically and empirically, from a gendered lens.
Prerequisites: A minimum of C- in a 200-level course in Political Science.

POLS 389
Introduction to Qualitative Research Methods
3 Credits Weekly (3-0-0)
This course is an introduction to qualitative research methods in political science. Students will learn to undertake both positivist and interpretivist research in political science. In addition to learning formal methods, students apply these methods by learning to conduct primary data collection, including: designing surveys, conducting semi-structured elite interviews, and undertaking ethnographic research to address questions related to Political Science.
Prerequisites: A minimum grade of C- in POLS 101 and 6 credits of 200-level POLS *(*https://calendar.macewan.ca/course-descriptions/pols/*) courses.*

POLS 390
Topics in Political Science
3 Credits Weekly (3-0-0)
This course examines a substantive topic or topics of relevance to Political Science. The topic for the course varies and is announced prior to registration. This course may be taken up to two times provided the course topic is different.
Prerequisites: A minimum grade of C- in a 200 level course in Political Science.

POLS 398
Independent Study
3 Credits Total (0-0-45)
This course permits an intermediate-level student to work with an instructor to explore a specific topic in depth through research or directed reading in primary and secondary sources. The student plans, executes and reports the results of their independent research or study project under the direction of a faculty supervisor. To be granted enrollment in the course, the student must have made prior arrangements with a faculty member willing to supervise the student's project.

POLS 399
Empirical Research Methods in Political Science
3 Credits Weekly (2-1-0)
This course is a general introduction to empirical research methods in Political Science. Students learn the logic and working assumptions behind empirical research in Political Science, and gain practice with those methods to ask and answer specific research questions in Political Science using a statistical software.
Prerequisites: A minimum grade of C- in POLS 101 and 6 credits of 200-level POLS *(*https://calendar.macewan.ca/course-descriptions/pols/*) courses.*

POLS 410
Topics in Political Philosophy
3 Credits Weekly (0-0-3)
This is a seminar course for students interested in advanced study of specialized areas of political philosophy. This course is devoted to the detailed study of a single topic. Examples of topics include the following: virtue and politics, theories of the State, the limits of reason, and problems of political community. Students may take this course up to two times provided the topic is different.
Prerequisites: Minimum grades of C- in POLS 214 and POLS 215, or consent of the department.

POLS 424
Advanced Topics in Canadian Politics
3 Credits Weekly (0-0-3)
This is a seminar course for students interested in advanced study of specialized areas of Canadian politics. This course is devoted to the detailed study of a single topic area. Examples of topic areas include democracy and democratic reform, electoral politics and political parties, Canadian political thought, the Charter of Rights and judicial review, political cleavages in Canada, the politics of environmentalism, and the media and politics in Canada.
Prerequisites: A minimum grade of C- in POLS 225.

POLS 426
Canadian Law and Politics
3 Credits Weekly (0-0-3)
This course is devoted to the systematic study of the issues, history, and scholarly commentary associated with law, politics, and the judicial process in Canada. The course includes consideration of topics such as legal theory, judicial politics and issues of judicial selection and appointment, the implications of rights review for democracy, and core cases in constitutional litigation. The course concludes with student participation in a simulated legal case on a constitutional issue.
Prerequisites: A minimum grade of C- in one of POLS 326, POLS 330, POLS 331, or POLS 329, or consent of the department.

POLS 444
Topics in Policy Studies
3 Credits Weekly (0-0-3)
This is a seminar course for students interested in specialized topics within policy studies. The course provides an in-depth and detailed examination of a single topic. Students will develop expertise in a specific area that can build a foundation for graduate studies or employment. Potential topics include public governance, theories of the policy process, specific policy dynamics such as networks, learning or agenda-setting and policy areas like climate change, health, social or economic policy. The instructor chooses the topic in any given semester. Students can take this course up to two times, provided the course topic is different.
Prerequisites: A minimum grade of C- in POLS 244.

POLS 461
Selected Topics in International Politics
3 Credits Weekly (0-0-3)
This course focuses on selected contemporary topics in the sub-fields of international relations. Students undertake a detailed analysis of a specific topic. The instructor chooses the topic in any given semester. Students can take this course up to two times, provided the course topic is different.
Prerequisites: A minimum grade of C- in POLS 264.

POLS 464
International Relations Theory
3 Credits Weekly (0-0-3)
This is a seminar course for students who are interested in the history and theory of International Relations (IR). It considers IR as comprising a set of ways of both thinking about and ordering the world, and examines how certain styles of thought have become dominant over others. In doing so, it explores contemporary and historical debates in the field around issues like: the place of history in IR; universalist v. particularist theories; and the push to globalize and decolonize the field. In the process, students will learn about how key western and non-western thinkers have tried to understand major international processes such as: war and peace, globalization and trade, and north-south relations.
Prerequisites: A minimum grade of C- in POLS 264.

POLS 470
Selected Topics in Comparative Politics
3 Credits Weekly (0-0-3)
This course focuses on the analysis of advanced topics in Comparative Politics. It includes theoretical, empirical, institutional, and policy analysis, as well as a research component. For detailed information concerning the current course offering please consult the department. Note: This course can be taken up to two times, provided the course topic is different.
Prerequisites: Minimum grade of C- in POLS 200.

POLS 471
Comparative Development
3 Credits Weekly (0-0-3)
This seminar compares politics of two developing countries: China and India. The course addresses the distinctive developmental issues and common political challenges facing both countries and distinctive developmental issues in each of these countries. Theoretical perspectives on political development are examined.
Prerequisites: Minimum grade of C- in any of POLS 371,373, 375 and 376.

POLS 490
Advanced Study in Political Science
3 Credits Weekly (0-0-3)
This course focuses on the analysis of selected issues in the fields of Canadian Politics, Comparative Politics, International Relations, Policy Studies, or Political Philosophy. It includes a detailed research component. This is a required course in the Political Science major. Note: This course may be taken up to two times provided the course topic is different.
Prerequisites: Minimum grades of C- in POLS 200, POLS 214, POLS 215, POLS 224, POLS 225, POLS 264, and either POLS 244 or POLS 265, or consent of the department.

POLS 495
Political Science Field Placement
3 Credits Total (0-0-125)
This course allows students to bridge the gap between the theory and practice of politics. Students are assigned to a public, private, or non-profit organization where they apply their knowledge of political science and use their skills, including research, analysis and communication, to work on projects or tasks within their partner organization. Note: This course does not fulfill the 400-level requirement for the major and minor.
Prerequisites: Third-year standing and consent of the department.

POLS 498
Advanced Independent Study
3 Credits Total (0-0-45)
This course permits a senior-level student to work with an instructor to explore a specific topic in depth through research or directed reading in primary and secondary sources. The student plans, executes and reports the results of their independent research or study project under the direction of a faculty supervisor. To be granted enrollment in the course, the student must have made prior arrangements with a faculty member willing to supervise the student's project.
Prerequisites: Consent of the Department.

POLS 499A
Honours Thesis I
3 Credits Total (0-0-45)
Under the direction of a faculty supervisor registered students conduct a research project culminating in a written Honours Thesis and formal presentation of research findings. This course is restricted to, and required of, students in the Honours Political Science Program. Students complete both POLS 499A and POLS 499B in consecutive terms to attain credit for this course.
Prerequisite: Registration in the Honours Program and consent of the department.

POLS 499B
Honours Thesis II
3 Credits Total (0-0-45)
Under the direction of a faculty member, students conduct a research project culminating in the Honours Thesis and formal presentation of research findings. Note: This course is restricted to, and required of, students in the Honours Political Science program. Students complete both POLS 499A and 499B in consecutive terms to attain credit for this course.
Prerequisites: Registration in the Honours Program and consent of the department.