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BACHELOR OF ARTS (HONORS)

POLITICAL SCIENCE

Take a deeper dive into topics like state-society relations at every level; modes of power; critical colonialism and race studies; democracy at the polls and in the streets; gender politics; theories of citizenship, rights and justice. Write an Honors essay on a research area that reflects your interests!

OFFERS COURSES IN...

- Canada, China, U.S., Middle East, Europe
- Indigenous politics
- International relations
- Environment and energy
- Populism
- Gender
- Media
- Ethnicity and nationalism
- Global governance
- Research methods
- Social justice

COURSE REQUIREMENTS FOR YOUR MAJOR

Complete your major requirements and test out different classes. *Design your academic plan — you're in control!*

POLITICAL SCIENCE HONORS COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

Note: POL S 101 is the prerequisite for most 200-level POL S courses

- Six courses at the 200-level, of which five must be from:
 - POL S 201 - Introduction to Indigenous Politics
 - POL S 211 - Introduction to History of Political Theory
 - POL S 212 - Introduction to Contemporary Political Theory
 - POL S 224 - Canadian Government
 - POL S 225 - Canadian Politics
 - POL S 235 - Introduction to Comparative Politics
 - POL S 250 - The Politics of Gender
 - POL S 261 - International Relations
- Two POL S courses at the 300- or 400-level
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- POL S 399 - Third Year Honors Seminar
- POL S 499 - Fourth Year Honors Essay

To verify your Honors and BA Common Requirements, check the University Calendar and speak to an advisor.

WHAT CAN I DO WITH A POLI SCI HONORS DEGREE?

I COULD BE A... policy advisor, politician, lawyer, reporter, social media co-ordinator, foreign service officer, professor or political strategist.

OR WORK IN... government, party politics, business, international development, media, Indigenous policy, education and human rights.

TOP 5 REASONS TO STUDY POLI SCI

- 1 Apply political ideas, ideals, and information to real-life events. You'll get ready to offer solutions to crucial local, national, and global issues!
- 2 Take your study of governments and politics to a model United Nations, European Union Council, or Parliament. Or help host the popular U of A High School Model United Nations.
- 3 Take Honors courses with a student cohort, and complete your degree with your Honors essay — an original research project supervised by a professor.
- 4 Do an internship in Washington, DC, or study in historic Cortona, Italy, two of the many opportunities to go abroad.
- 5 Gain professional experience, network, and consider career options in a full-time paid Arts Work Experience.

WE ARE ALL TREATY PEOPLE

The University of Alberta respectfully acknowledges that we are situated on Treaty 6 territory, traditional lands of First Nations and Métis people.

STUDENT SUPPORTS

These are services that enable you to pursue academic and personal success.

- Academic advising
- Student Ombuds
- Indigenous Student supports
- Academic support
- Health & Wellness
- Campus Food Bank
- Libraries
- International Student supports
- Accessibility resources
- Financial aid & awards
- Professional & career development
- Mental health supports

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ENHANCE YOUR HONORS DEGREE

ADD A CERTIFICATE IN:

Globalization and Governance; Peace and Post-Conflict Studies; European Studies.





CONNECT TO EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING:

Arts Work Experience, Study Abroad, Undergraduate Research Initiative, Internships, Community Service-Learning.

BA HONORS POLI SCI DEGREE GUIDE

Your University experience is about what happens inside and outside of the classroom. This map is a tool to help you complement your academics with hands-on learning outside of the classroom and take advantage of student activities. Each new step will help you explore your options, take measured risks, and inform your next step. Being informed and engaged leads to a richer journey throughout your degree and beyond!

LEGEND

-  GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE
-  GAIN EXPERIENCE
-  SEEK OUT CONNECTIONS
-  NAVIGATE COURSES

EARLY DEGREE

Expand your career options, be proactive and get involved in campus life.



Check out the films and talks offered during International Week, or attend a China Institute event. Intro courses with Indigenous content to provide insight into global and Canadian politics.



Learn more about Indigenous peoples, perspectives, and worldviews.



Apply to Arts Work Experience, or International Student Work Experience, for paid, professional experience and stronger transferrable skills.



Gain valuable resources with a part-time or summer job. Check the SU Volunteer Registry for opportunities to contribute to the community.



From 400+ student groups, pick one that fits your interests, talents, or identities. You'll be a member of the PSUA!



Use academic resources, like financial aid, Academic Success Centre, Accessibility Resources, U of A International and First Peoples' House.



MID-DEGREE

Take risks, try new things, ask for and offer help to people you know and people you meet.



Apply for student awards that recognize superior performance in Canadian politics, political theory, and public policy courses, among others.



Participate in student government at any level — Political Science, Arts, the Students' Union. You might be a voting representative on a department or Arts faculty council.



Study abroad in Cortona or an e3 program for guaranteed credit. You can apply for funding.



Submit a paper for publication in the Political Science Undergraduate Review, and be on its editorial team.



LATE DEGREE

Develop and revise your career story based on your values, interests, and what you learn.



Let the Career Centre help you craft a targeted resume and make effective use of social media to prepare for your next steps.



Improve your French in Quebec or France. Do a U of A-supported internship in Washington, D.C.



Seek a faculty advisor for your Honors essay. You could have a chance to do funded research for or with a professor.

