



**Declare Your Major!**

**POLITICAL SCIENCE**



# What is Political Science?

- Political science is the study of power – who has it, how did they get it, what are they doing with it and why, and who is benefitting from it;
- Can be at the core of (and complementary to) many other disciplines, such as economics, business, history, sociology, legal studies, women's studies, geography, etc.;
- To put it another way, *everything* is political in some way or another.

# Our Strengths

- Global Studies
- Politics and Business
- Public Policy & Public Administration

# Majoring in Political Science

➤ 3 year General degree

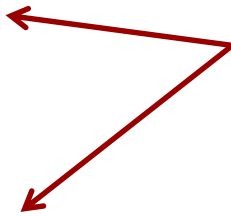
➤ 4 year General degree

➤ 4 year Honours degree

➤ Joint Honours PSCI/ARBUS

➤ Double major (PSCI + ?)

Identical requirements!



# 3 – Year General

➤ Arts Degree Requirements

➤ CAV 60%, MAV 65%

➤ 12 PSCI courses

➤ No more than 2 first year courses

➤ At least 4 courses at 300-level or higher

# 4 – Year General

➤ Arts Degree Requirements

➤ CAV 60%, MAV 65%

➤ 16 PSCI courses

➤ No more than 2 first year courses

➤ PSCI 299 – Political Science Beyond the Classroom

➤ One theory or research methods course (one of PSCI 225, 226, 314, 315, 324, or ARTS 280)

➤ One Civic Engagement experiential pathway 49X course

➤ 2 x 400 level seminars

# Civic Engagement Experiential Pathway for 4-Year General – Choose one!

- *Study Abroad* (497A/B) – Gain international experience and credits towards your PSCI degree;
- *Current Issues in Political Science* (498A) – Follow an issue in the media or community and do independent research to see how a broad concept in political science plays out in contemporary politics and governance;
- *Research Apprenticeship* (498B) – Work with a professor assisting on a research project;
- *Civic engagement* (498C) – Complete a 40 hour paid or unpaid placement in the community related to politics and governance.

# 4 – Year Honours

## ➤ Arts Degree Requirements

➤ CAV 60%, MAV 70%

## ➤ 16 PSCI courses

- No more than 2 first year courses;
- PSCI 299 – Political Science Beyond the Classroom;
- One theory or research methods course (one of PSCI 225, 226, 314, 315, 324, ARTS 280)
- An experiential pathway (co-op, research, or civic engagement)
- At least 2 courses at 400-level unless completing the research pathway where only one additional 400 level seminar is required.



# 4-Year Honours Experiential Pathways

- *Co-op pathway* – Earn while you learn! Complete 4 work terms, alternating with school/academic terms. Must apply in 2A and be accepted by the department. Needs additional 2 x 400 level seminars;
- *Research pathway* (499A and 499B) – Design your own research project and write a thesis! Must also complete 1 additional 400 level seminar;
- *Civic engagement pathway* (study abroad, current issues, research apprenticeship, or civic placement). Must also complete 2 x additional 400 level seminars.

# Joint Honours and Arts & Business

➤ CAV 60%, MAV 70%

➤ 16 PSCI courses

➤ Same requirements as the 4-year Honours

➤ Arts and Business requirements

# Specializations in Political Science

## ➤ Politics and Business

**Key Courses?** Government and Business, Political Economy, Global Business & Development, State & Economic Life, International Trade

**Second Year?** PSCI 231 Government and Business and one of PSCI 255 Comparative Political Economy or PSCI International Political Economy 283; ECON 101 and 102 if necessary

## ➤ Canadian Politics

**Key courses?** Public administration, Public Policy, Rights and Public Policy, Global Social Policy.

**Second year?** PSCI 260 Canadian Politics

# Specializations in Political Science

## ➤ Global Governance

**Key Courses?** World Politics, Globalization, Gender & Global Politics, China & Global Governance, Global Environmental Governance, Transnational Migration

**Second Year?** PSCI 281 World Politics and PSCI 283 International Political Economy

## ➤ International Relations

**Key courses?** World Politics, Critical Security Studies, Foreign Policy, Ethnic Conflict, International Diplomacy

**Second year?** PSCI 281/World Politics and PSCI 282 Foreign Policy

# Minors

➤ Political Science minor

➤ CAV 65%

➤ 8 PSCI courses

➤ No more than 2 first year courses

➤ Two courses at 300-level or above

# Minors

## ➤ International Studies Minor

➤ CAV 65%

➤ 8 courses

➤ INTST 101 or PSCI 150

➤ PSCI 387

➤ Two language or culture courses from the same language/culture grouping

➤ Four electives from the list, with at least two from the 200 level or above

# Minors

## ➤ International Trade Minor

➤ CAV 65%

➤ 8 courses

➤ ECON 101, ECON 102, ECON 231

➤ PSCI 150, PSCI 283, PSCI 402

➤ Two language or culture courses from the same language/culture grouping

# Minors

## ➤ Public Policy and Administration Minor

➤ CAV 65%

➤ 8 courses

➤ ECON 101, ECON 102

➤ PSCI 100, PSCI 260, PSCI 331, PSCI 334

➤ One of (mostly stats courses)

➤ One of (public policy/admin/institutional choices)



# Will I be accepted into the PSCI major?

- You need two PSCI courses (mostly likely PSCI 100 and PSCI 150) with PSCI average of at least 65% for the 3Yr or 4Yr General, or 70% for Honours plan.
- Can I put down co-op?
  - You can, but applications to be in co-op are due November 30<sup>th</sup> in your 2A term (Fall 2018). To be accepted into co-op you need at least three PSCI courses with a 70% average across them.

# HOW TO FORMALLY DECLARE YOUR MAJOR?

- Fill out a **Declare Your Major** form:  
<https://uwaterloo.ca/arts/undergraduate/majors-and-minors/declare-your-major>
- The department will assess your averages, approve (or not), and send the forms to the Registrar's Office at the end of the term

# QUESTIONS?

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