Declare Your Major!

POLITICAL SCIENCE

UNIVERSITY OF WATERLOO
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


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
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
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
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\textsuperscript{th} 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.
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.
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