Adding Value to Your Team

A political science education provides students with the conceptual foundations of political theory and an understanding of concepts of power and the state, civil society, development, justice and governance issues. Our program ensures that students acquire both a domestic and international breadth of knowledge and develop their ability to critically analyze political phenomena. Students expand their awareness of global contexts and can choose to specialize their study in specific areas of the world, while acquiring strong analytic and communication skills demonstrated through research papers, policy memos, case briefs and simulated negotiations.

University of Guelph Advantage

Guelph’s Political Science program provides an excellent preparation for a management career in government, non-profit organizations and business, and provides students with a concentrated academic foundation. Prior to their first work term, students have studied Canadian government and politics, research methods, and have completed electives from amongst comparative politics, international politics, law, public administration, gender and politics, international development, and political philosophy.

At the University of Guelph, the Political Science program has a broad focus, with students applying theory to multiple areas including:

- Political thought
- Canadian politics
- Public policy, governance and law
- Comparative politics
- International relations and global studies

Our co-op process responds to your needs. Employers can post, hire and interview throughout the semester and our students are available for 4 or 8-month work terms. The Experience Guelph hiring tool makes hiring Guelph co-op students easy!

Student Strengths

- Excellent critical thinking and analytical skills, developed as students complete extensive research projects, draft policies and debate issues
- Strong leadership and communication skills, developed through education and work experiences
- A comprehensive understanding of politics and governance as it applies to a variety of domestic and international contexts
## Political Science Course Sequencing

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| ONE  | • UNDERSTANDING POLITICS  
      • 4 GENERAL ELECTIVES | • 5 GENERAL ELECTIVES | OFF |
| TWO  | • INTRODUCTION TO CO-OPERATIVE EDUCATION  
      • CANADIAN GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS  
      • POLITICAL INQUIRY AND RESEARCH METHODS  
      • ONE OF: KEY CONCEPTS IN POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY OR POLITICAL THEORY  
      • ONE OF: DEVELOPMENT AND UNDERDEVELOPMENT OR COMPARATIVE POLITICS OR INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS  
      • ONE OF: GENDER AND POLITICS OR PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND GOVERNANCE OR LAW FROM A POLITICAL SCIENCE PERSPECTIVE  
      • 5 GENERAL ELECTIVES | | WORK TERM ONE |
| THREE| **WORK TERM TWO** | • QUANTITATIVE METHODS OF DATA ANALYSIS  
      • 3 POLITICAL SCIENCE ELECTIVES  
      • 1 GENERAL ELECTIVE | • 2 POLITICAL SCIENCE ELECTIVES  
      • 3 GENERAL ELECTIVES |
| FOUR | OPTION A  
      • 3 POLITICAL SCIENCE ELECTIVES AT THE 4000 LEVEL  
      • 3 POLITICAL SCIENCE ELECTIVES  
      • 4 GENERAL ELECTIVES | **WORK TERM THREE** | OFF |
| FIVE | OPTION B  
      • 4 POLITICAL SCIENCE ELECTIVES AT THE 4000 LEVEL  
      • 2 POLITICAL SCIENCE ELECTIVES  
      • 4 GENERAL ELECTIVES | | |

*Based on the 2020/21 Undergraduate Calendar*

Please see the current undergraduate calendar for more information.