Political Science: MA, PhD

Political Science is a research intensive and teaching oriented department, offering students a dynamic and engaging environment. Our faculty pursue a wide range of research interests, are widely published, and are active in obtaining grant funding from SSHRC and other sources. The department also has a strong track record in helping graduate students obtain research funding of their own, including SSHRC, OGS, and Trillium. Many of our faculty engage in field work in a number of regions, including Africa, Latin America, Asia, Oceania and the Pacific, the United States, Canada, Europe, and the Middle East.

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Program

MA Program: The MA program revolves around the theme of Rights, Justice, Citizenship, and Identity while allowing flexibility for students to pursue their various interests. Within the broader framework of Rights, Justice, Citizenship and Identity, the Department has particular strengths in Public Policy and Administration and Global Justice and Politics and offers a number of courses related to those topics.

Our broad range of course offerings and options to complete the degree (course-based, Major Research Paper or thesis) allows students to tailor their experience towards their future employment or academic goals.

PhD Program: The PhD program offers students the opportunity to pursue studies in six fields:

- Canadian Politics
- Comparative Politics
- Gender, Race, Indigeneity, and Sexuality
- International Relations
- Law and Politics
- Public Policy and Governance

Students are required to major in one field and minor in another.

The PhD program is designed both for students interested in pursuing academic positions and also for students interested in working in research capacities in the public, non-profit or private sectors.

The department also participates in collaborative MA & PhD specializations in International Development Studies, with students obtaining a specialization in International Development Studies along with a degree in Political Science.

Admission Requirements

Masters Application Requirements:

- A four-year Honours BA degree with a minimum B+ (77-79%) GPA

PhD Application Requirements:

- A MA degree in Political Science with at least an A- GPA for consideration
- Methodology course is necessary for admission
- Students are expected to have an adequate working knowledge of a language in addition to English, if needed for their particular course of study
- Students with a MA in a field of Social Science other than Political Science are also encouraged to apply. If accepted, they will be expected to successfully complete additional qualifying courses during their first two semesters in the program

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN:

- Rights, Law and Justice
- Public Policy, Governance, and Administration
- International Development
- Gender and Identity
- Comparative and Global Politics

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:

- Policy Analyst
- Strategic Consultant
- Communications Specialist
- Lecturer
- Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) coordinator

Application Deadline:

Deadline to apply and upload all documents: January 18, 2021

Please apply at least two weeks prior to the above deadline to ensure sufficient time to upload your required documents. It can take up to five days after you apply before you gain access to upload.
Departmental Graduate Faculty with Research Areas

**Dennis Baker:** Law & politics, judicial decision-making, constitutionalism, criminal justice policy-making & federalism

**Ryan Briggs:** Political economy of poverty alleviation, foreign aid projects, politics of electricity in low income countries

**Jordi Diez:** Comparative politics, Latin American politics, comparative public policy, social movements, gay & lesbian rights

**Steffi Hamann:** International Development, Political Economy, Comparative Politics, Food Security, sub-Saharan Africa

**Mark S. Harding:** Law and politics, Canadian politics, rights documents, constitutional theory, political institutions

**Carmen Ho:** State provision of social welfare, health policies for women and children, international social policy factors in Southeast Asia

**Candace Johnson:** Gender, women, feminist theory, contemporary political theory, human rights & development, health policy & politics & Latin American studies

**Craig Johnson:** Urbanization, international development, land & resource governance, South & Southeast Asia, & climate change

**Edward Koning:** Immigration, immigrant integration, welfare state & European politics

**Theresa Lee:** Twentieth-century continental political thought, human rights & ethics, modern Chinese political thought & comparative political thought

**Leah Levac:** Public engagement, marginalized publics & intersectional policy analysis

**David MacDonald:** Comparative indigenous politics Canada, Australia, USA, New Zealand, Holocaust & genocide studies, US foreign policy, New Zealand foreign policy, international relations, international politics of western settler states, multiculturalism & racial & ethnic studies

**Tim Mau:** Public administration, public management / leadership / local government

**Andrea Paras:** Humanitarian NGOs, humanitarian intervention, human rights, religion & secularism & Tibetan exile politics

**Kate Puddister:** Law and politics, Canadian politics, criminal justice

**Troy Riddell:** Judicial politics, constitutional politics, criminal justice, rights & liberties

**Byron Sheldrick:** Canadian political economy, law & politics, welfare state restructuring & social democracy

**Julie Simmons:** Public policy, public administration, federalism & intergovernmental relations & democratic governance

**Tamara A. Small:** Digital politics, Canadian politics, political communication, Canadian political parties & elections

**Adam Sneyd:** Commodities, corporate social responsibility, political economy, poverty & Africa

“Continuing my education at the University of Guelph exposed me to a number of opportunities to develop research skills while connecting with the community. The support I’ve received from peers, staff, and faculty within the Political Science department has helped me achieve goals that seemed unimaginable this early in my academic career.”

Melanie Davis, MA POLS

**David Snow:** Law & politics, assisted reproductive technologies, public policy, and federalism

**Ian Spears:** Conflict/conflict resolution, politics of Africa, Palestinian-Israeli conflict, development & violence & international relations

**Deborah Stienstra:** Public services and people with disabilities, women’s experiences and economic restructuring, intersections between disability, race/ethnicity and Aboriginality, access and inclusion in telecommunications policy

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