## **Political Studies**

Politics is about power – who has it and how it is exercised by nation-states, individuals, groups, classes, or political parties, and how different interests are reconciled in and between communities. Political Studies is also concerned with the institutions created to govern communities, as well as with political practices such as voting habits or protests, and how rules, behaviours, and cultures are created in societies. Since power in society is often dependent upon material resources, political scientists also study the distribution of wealth, both within and between nations.

# REASONS to study POLITICS

- Course topics examine facets of political theory as well as national and international politics.
- 2 Learn to think critically about the distribution of power and resources.
- Diverse group of faculty and teaching fellows who are leading experts in their respective fields.
- Learn how ideological and physical distributions inform systems of governance, political behaviour, and public policies.
- 5 Students are encouraged to consider taking part in an exchange program in their third year.

#### Alumni Story

Erin Tolley earned her PhD from Queen's in 2013. She is currently working on a book which examines how race affects the media's portrayal of candidates in Canadian politics. Her article, "Do Women 'Do Better' in Municipal Politics? Representation Across Three Levels of Government" appeared in the Canadian Journal of Political Science.

### **TOP ALUMNI JOBS**

of alumni work in BANKING & INVESTMENTS

16% of alumni work in EDUCATION

16% of alumni work in GOVERNMENT

16% of alumni work in LAW

## 2023-24 Plan Thresholds

Thresholds are made on a competitive basis and are updated annually. To see the thresholds for all programs as well as the latest information, please visit quartsci.com/planselection

Interested in finding out how to augment your degree with Experiential Learning? Learn what opportunities and resources are available for you on the Experiential Learning website. You can also reach out to the team directly at <a href="mailto:ass.el@queensu.ca">ass.el@queensu.ca</a>.

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2023-2024

## Political Studies MAJOR MAP

BACHELOR OF ARTS (HONOURS): MAJOR, JOINT HONOURS, MINOR

	1ST YEAR	2ND YEAR	3RD
GET THE COURSES YOU NEED	In first year you will have the chance to explore the foundations of Political Studies along with some electives.  Attend Majors Night in the Winter term to learn more about Plan options.  Interested in getting a head start in learning and working in a digital world? Take ASCX 150 and develop future-ready skills!	Start going deeper into the discipline of Political Studies, while considering a minor and/or certificate such as Global Action and Engagement. Learn more about Certificates and Internship options.  Want to make sure your academics are where you want them to be? Visit SASS (Student Academic Support Services) and the Writing Centre for some help.  Develop your entrepreneurial skills by participating in the Dean's Changemaker Challenge (ASCX 200/300).	A chang of inter explore with an are on t courses
GET RELEVANT EXPERIENCE	Join teams or clubs on campus such as the Queen's Pre-Law Society and Queen's Debating Union (QDU). Consider joining an on-campus political party.  Apply to be a 1 <sup>st</sup> year intern with the AMS or ASUS. Look in the AMS Clubs Directory for more ideas.	Look into summer jobs by talking to the department or Career Services about work through SWEP or Work-Study.  Consider applying to positions in student services or the Alma Mater Society. Write an article for publications related to politics such as Politicus or Inquire.	If interes Student Considerinternsh or a one with on Consider government
GET CONNECTED WITH THE COMMUNITY	Volunteer on- or off-campus with different community organizations, such as the Queen's International Affairs Association (QIAA).  Participate in events such as Queen's Model Parliament (QMP) and Queen's Model UN (QMUN). Volunteer with The Journal, Queen's student-run newspaper.	Get involved with the Political Studies Department Student Council (DSC). Continue volunteering at clubs and extracurriculars. Consider contributing to University affairs by applying to serve on Arts and Science Faculty and University Senate Committees. Attend the annual Women in International Security conference.	Do targe careers ( Queen's networki at events Attend ta Help org conferer
GET THINKING GLOBALLY	Prepare for work or studies in a multi-cultural environment by taking QUIC's Intercultural Competency Certificate, and research possible immigration regulations.  Speak to a QUIC advisor to get involved in their programs, events, and training opportunities.	Is an exchange in your future? Start thinking about where you would like to study abroad. Apply in January for a third year exchange through the International Programs Office.  Consider taking a language course as an elective.	Build yegetting by pracskills w
GET READY FOR LIFE AFTER	Grappling with program decisions? Go to Majors	Explore different careers of interest in the	Start fo

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#### How to use this map

**GRADUATION** 

Use the 5 rows of the map to explore possibilities and plan for success in the five overlapping areas of career and academics. The map just offers suggestions – you don't have to do it all! To make your own custom map, use the My Major Map tool.

Career Services <u>Information Area</u>. For more

information check out **Career Cruising** or by

finding and connecting with alumni on LinkedIn.

Night or get some help wondering about career

options from Career Services.



#### RD YEAR

hance to start grouping courses in areas nterest, or to keep it more general and plore many areas of Political Studies. Meet h an Academic Advisor to make sure you on track and have planned out your arses for next year.

terested, apply for an Undergraduate lent Summer Research Fellowship (USSRF). sider applying to do a 12-16 month QUIP rnship between your third and fourth year; one semester unpaid internship, for credit, on of the department's internship partners.

sider running for office in student ernment (ASUS, AMS).

argeted networking with alumni working in ers of interest by joining the LinkedIn group en's Connects. Check out Career Services vorking workshops. Connect with professors rents or workshops hosted by the DSC.

nd talks in departmental speaker series. organize QMP, QMUN, or related erences.

ild your intercultural competence by tting involved with other cultures or practicing or improving your language lls with QUIC.

rt focusing on areas of interest. Research acation requirements for careers of erest. If needed, prepare to take any juired tests (like the LSAT or GRE) and get p thinking about Grad School from Career vices

#### 4TH OR FINAL YEAR

In fourth year you will have the chance to participate in research-based courses that can lead to **Graduate School** or to your future career path. Make sure to finish up all your courses for your major and your optional minor and/or certificate(s).

Interested in working on a real-world problem with an actual client? Take ASCX 400 and develop your consulting and project-management skills.

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Investigate requirements for full-time jobs or other opportunities related to careers of interest.

Assess what experience you're lacking and fill in gaps with volunteering, clubs, or internships – check out the Career Services skills workshop for help.

Consider joining professional associations like Canadian Institute of Global Affairs and Canadian Public Relations Society.

Join groups on LinkedIn reflecting specific careers or topics of interest in Politics.

International students interested in staying in Canada can speak with an <u>International Student Advisor</u>.

Apply to jobs or future education, or make plans for other adventures. Get help from Career Services with job searching, resumes, interviews, Grad School applications, or other decisions.

Apply in the fall for SSHRC and OGS scholarships if applying to grad school in Ontario.

Apply for the <u>Queen's Career Apprenticeship:</u> <u>Kingston (QCA:K)</u>.

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A degree in Political Studies can equip you with:

- Knowledge to identify patterns in current affairs based on understanding of different political systems and cultures
- Oral and written communication to write clear, succinct briefing notes and reports, and give engaging, effective presentations
- Research knowledge of various domains in politics to find reliable sources of information and to organize the investigation of a problem
- Problem solving to apply different theoretical perspectives (qualitative and quantitative) to reveal multiple dimensions of an issue
- Resource and time management to manage multiple long-term projects
- Logical reasoning to analyze concepts and assess arguments used in debates about law and policy

#### Where can I go?

A degree in Political Studies can take your career in many directions. Many students choose to continue their academic inquiry with a Master's. Our students are equipped with a strong foundation for careers in:

- Campaign management
- Diplomatic service
- Foreign affairs
- Human resources
- International trade
- Public relations
- Research
- Social work

Taking time to explore career options, build experience, and network can help you have a smooth transition to the world of work after graduation.

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Get started thinking about the future now - where do you want to go after your degree? Having tentative goals (like careers or grad school) while working through your degree can help with short-term decisions about courses and experiences, but also help you keep motivated for success.

#### Get the help you need

Queen's provides you with a broad range of support services from your first point of contact with the university through to graduation. At Queen's, you are never alone. We have many offices dedicated to helping you learn, think and do.

Ranging from help with academics and careers, to physical, emotional, or spiritual resources - our welcoming living and learning environment offers the programs and services you need to be successful, both academically and personally. Queen's wants you to succeed! Check out the **Student Affairs** website for available resources.



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- Learn about current advances, practices and technologies in business and industry.
- Test drive a career, earn a competitive salary, and get real world experience.

**ELIGIBILITY** 

- 2nd or 3rd Year Students
- Minimum GPA of 1.9

WHY QUIP?

- Gain a year of career-related work experience.
- Build network connections.
- Receive support from Queen's staff in job search and during internship.

#### SAMPLE PAST INTERNSHIPS



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For 175 years, our community has been more than a collection of bright minds – Queen's has attracted students with an ambitious spirit. Queen's has the highest retention rates, the highest graduation rates, and one of the highest employment rates among recent graduates. We are a research intensive university focused on the undergraduate experience. The BBC has identified Kingston as one of the GREATEST UNIVERSITY TOWNS in the world – and it is often awarded the safest city in Canada. It is a university city at the core; just a quick drive

Tuick drive than you to Toronto, Montreal, Ottawa and even New York. A university with more clubs per capita than any other university in Canada, and a city with more restaurants per capita than any other city in North America you will have London / 7 hrs CANADA **Oueen's** the experience of a Beijing / 15 hrs lifetime at Queen's Dubai / 14 hrs - and graduate Calgary / 4 hrs Vancouver / 5 hrs with a degree that is globally Halifax / 2 hrs San Francisco / 5.5 hrs recognized Toronto Denver/3 hrs among New York / 1.5 hrs UNITED the best. STATES Dallas / 3.5 hrs Atlanta / 2 hrs Rermuda / 2 hrs