**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.

**MAJOR MAP**

**How to use this map**

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.

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 can help with short-term decisions about courses and experiences, but also help you keep motivated for success.

**Why study in Kingston?**

For over 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 a university with over 20,000 students, a city 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 the experience of a lifetime at Queen’s.

For more information, contact quip@queensu.ca or visit the Program Website.

**QUIP QUEENS UNDERGRADUATE INTERNSHIP PROGRAM**

**PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

- Graduate with 'Professional Internship' on your degree.
- 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**

Planning Logistics

Communications & Marketing

Research/Consulting

Technical Sales

Dynamic Sales

**TOP 5 REASONS to study POLITICS**

1. 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.
3. Diverse group of faculty and teaching fellows who are leading experts in their respective fields.
4. 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.

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9% of alumni work in BANKING & INVESTMENTS

16% of alumni work in EDUCATION

16% of alumni work in GOVERNMENT

16% of alumni work in LAW

**2019-20 major thresholds**

2.5 cGPA

1.9 cGPA

**AUTOMATIC ACCEPTANCE**

min 8 in POLS110

**PENDING LIST**

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.

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Political Studies MAJOR MAP *

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<td>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.</td>
<td>Join teams or clubs on campus such as the Queen's Model UN Team and the Queen's Debating Union (QDU). Consider joining an on-campus political party.</td>
<td>Consider joining professional associations like Canadian Institute of International Affairs and Canadian Public Relations Society. Join groups on LinkedIn reflecting specific careers or topics of interest in Politics.</td>
<td>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.</td>
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| Grappling with program decisions? Go to Majors Night or get some help wondering about career options from Career Services. | Explore different careers of interest by reading books in the Career Services Information Area, such as Careers in International Affairs. For more information check out Career Cruising or by finding and connecting with alumni on LinkedIn. | **What will I learn?** 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 | 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 DOS scholarships |
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* This map is intended to provide suggestions for activities and careers, but everyone’s abilities, experiences, and constraints are different. Build your own Major Map using our online tool.

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