

POLITICAL SCIENCE (HBA)

Department of Political Science

Politics is about power and Political Science studies the power struggles that lead to policies and issues such as rising tuition and the war in Iraq. Political Science students can explain how bureaucracies work; how great powers rise and fall; the difference between an effective public policy and a misguided one; how to design an unbiased opinion poll; and the factors that shape international decision-making. Political Science students also factor into their analyses philosophical questions, such as who ought to rule? What is legitimacy? Are liberty and equality compatible?

Our department offers students the chance to customize their degrees to their personal interests, to explore the latest topics in politics with the latest teaching methods, and to learn from internationally renowned scholars.

MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR TIME AT UTM!

We want to help you maximize your university experience, so we've pulled together information and interesting suggestions to get you started. As you review the chart on the inside pages, note that many of the suggestions need not be restricted to the year they are mentioned. In fact, activities such as joining an academic society, engaging with faculty and seeking opportunities to gain experience should occur in each year of your study at UTM. Read through the chart and create your own plan using [My Program Plan](#) found at www.utm.utoronto.ca/program-plans

Programs of Study (POSt)

- Specialist Program ERSPE2015 Political Science (Arts)
- Major Program ERMAJ2015 Political Science (Arts)
- Minor Program ERMIN2015 Political Science (Arts)

Check out...

Why does the European Union exist anyway? Find out in POL302Y5, a course that studies the political institutions and processes in Western Europe, with special reference to Britain, France, Germany and Italy.

What can I do with my degree?

The career you choose will depend on your experience and interests. Visit the Career Centre to explore your career options.

Careers for graduates: Public policy analyst; Social policy program officer; Foreign service officer; Immigration and revenue officer; Legislative analyst; Political aide; Lobbyist; Editor; Press officer; Public relations specialist; Communications officer; Human resources specialist; Public opinion analyst; Lawyer.

Workplaces: Government; International organizations; Law firms; Private firms/business; Research organizations.



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MAJOR Program Plan

HOW TO USE THIS PROGRAM PLAN

Read through each year. Investigate what appeals to you here and in any other Program Plans that apply to you.

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	1 ST YEAR	2 ND YEAR
PLAN YOUR ACADEMICS*	<p>Courses offered include POL111H5, 112H5, 113H5 and 114H5.</p> <p>Choose a program of study (Subject POST) once you complete 4.0 credits. Use the Degree Explorer Planner and the Academic Calendar to plan your degree.</p> <p>Start strong and get informed with utmONE and LAUNCH through the Office of Student Transition. Join a RGASC Peer Facilitated Study Group.</p>	<p>Enrol in courses POL200Y5 and POL214Y5. Over the course of your degree, attain 1.0 credits from two of three fields of study in Political Science. View the Academic Calendar for additional degree requirements.</p> <p>Throughout your undergraduate degree:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> use the Degree Explorer to ensure you complete your degree and program requirements. see the Office of the Registrar and the Political Science Academic Counsellor for one-on-one assistance.
BUILD SKILLS	<p>Use the Co-Curricular Record (CCR). Search for opportunities beyond the classroom, and keep track of your accomplishments.</p> <p>Attend the Get Experience Fair through the Career Centre (CC) to learn about on- and off-campus opportunities.</p>	<p>Use the Career Learning Network (CLN) to find postings for on- and off-campus work and volunteer opportunities.</p> <p>Work on-campus through the Work-Study program. View position descriptions on the CLN.</p>
BUILD A NETWORK	<p>Networking simply means talking to people and developing relationships with them. Start by joining the Political Science & Pre-Law Association (PSLA) and attend the PSLA Professor Meet & Greet.</p> <p>Get to know your TA. View the TA Schedule on the Political Science website. Visit the UTM Library Reference Desk.</p>	<p>Do you have a professor you really like or connect with? Ask them a question during office hours. Discuss an assignment. Go over lecture material. Don't be shy! Learn Tips On How to Approach a Professor available through the Experiential Education Office (EEO).</p>
BUILD A GLOBAL MINDSET	<p>Attend events held by the International Education Centre (IEC) to explore different cultures through food, music, and sport or through sight-seeing around the GTA.</p>	<p>Embark on a UTM Abroad Co-Curricular Experience through the IEC. Take advantage of this opportunity to travel with a faculty member and learn about a topic of interest in a unique location.</p> <p>Prefer traveling in Canada? Check out the IEC's UTM Across Canada program.</p>
PLAN FOR YOUR FUTURE	<p>Attend the Program Selection & Career Options workshop offered by the Office of the Registrar and the CC.</p> <p>Check out Careers by Major at the CC to see potential career options.</p>	<p>Explore careers through the CC's Extern Job Shadowing Program.</p> <p>Considering further education? Attend the CC's Graduate and Professional Schools Fair. Talk to professors – they are potential mentors and references.</p>

*Consult the Academic Calendar for greater detail on course requirements, program notes and degree requirements.

3 RD YEAR	4 TH OR FINAL YEAR
<p>Attain at least 2.0 credits at the 300 level.</p> <p>Consider applying for the Research Opportunity Program (ROP) course POL399Y. Visit the EEO website for ROP Course Prerequisites. Attend the RGASC's Program for Accessing Research Training (P.A.R.T.) to enhance your research skills.</p>	<p>Why not gain some hands-on practical work experience? View listings for national and international internship opportunities on the UofT Political Science website.</p> <p>Log on to ACORN and request graduation.</p>
<p>Interested in current events and raising student awareness of key issues? Write for The Medium — the source of news for UTM students. Why not run for PSLA Office and build your skills while getting involved?</p>	<p>Skills are transferrable to any job, regardless of where you develop them. Need to strengthen your presentation skills? Consider a role as a RGASC Facilitated Study Group Leader.</p>
<p>Establish a professional presence on social media (e.g., LinkedIn, Facebook, Twitter or blogs).</p> <p>Learn about local issues! Consider a CSE Alternative Reading Week (ARW) to become engaged with the local community.</p>	<p>Join a professional association. Check out the Canadian Political Science Association (CPSA).</p> <p>Attend the UTM Public Affairs Lecture offered by the Political Science department. Go to a conference such as the CPSA Annual Conference.</p>
<p>Earn credits overseas! Study for a summer, term or year at one of 120 universities. The Political Science department has identified 7 partners who are most relevant to their students. Speak to the IEC for details about Course Based Exchange and funding.</p>	<p>Why not work abroad? Read up on worldwide employment trends and industry outlooks through GoInGlobal. Attend the Go Global Expo. See if you are eligible for International Experience Canada.</p>
<p>What's your next step after undergrad?</p> <p>Entering the workforce? Evaluate your career options through a CC Career Counselling appointment. Create a job search strategy — book a CC Employment Strategies appointment.</p> <p>Considering further education? Research application requirements, prepare for admission tests (LSAT, MCAT), and research funding options (OGS, SSHRC)</p>	<p>Market your skills to employers. Get your resume critiqued at the CC. Attend the CC workshop Now That I'm Graduating What's Next?</p> <p>Write a strong application for further education. Attend the CC's Mastering the Personal Statement workshop.</p>

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Skills developed in Political Science

To be competitive in the job market, it is essential that you can explain your skills to an employer. Visit the Career Centre to learn how to articulate and market the following skills:

Communication: present ideas and data clearly; mediate and negotiate conflicts; public speaking; and listen critically.

Research & quantitative methods: interpret data; develop research designs and models; program and systems analysis; utilize survey research methods; and compare/contrast ideas and information.

Analysis: interpret issues and data; understand components of complex problems; offer relevant perspectives; and synthesize themes from complex issues

Planning & development: make projections; organize people/ equipment/ ideas; logistical thinking; conceptualize and implement projects; and decision making.

Get involved

Check out student organizations on campus. Here are a few:

- UTM Political Science & Pre-Law Association (PSLA)
- UTM Student Union (UTMSU)
- UTM Athletics Council (UTMAC)

For a listing of clubs on campus visit www.utm.utoronto.ca/clubs.

Services that support you

- AccessAbility Services (AS)
- Career Centre (CC)
- Centre for Student Engagement (CSE)
- Experiential Education Office (EEO)
- Health & Counselling Centre (HCC)
- Indigenous Centre (IC)
- International Education Centre (IEC)
- Office of Student Transition (OST)
- Office of the Registrar (OR)
- Recreation, Athletics and Wellness Centre (RAWC)
- Robert Gillespie Academic Skills Centre (RGASC)
- UTM Library, Hazel McCallion Academic Learning Centre (HMALC)

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FUTURE STUDENTS

Admission to UTM

All program areas require an Ontario Secondary School Diploma, or equivalent, with six Grade 12 U/M courses, or equivalent, including English. The admission average is calculated with English plus the next best five courses. The approximate average required for admission is mid- to high-70s. More information is available at utm.utoronto.ca/viewbook.

NOTE: During the application process, applicants will select the Social Sciences admissions category, but will not officially be admitted to a formal program of study (Specialist, Major, and/or Minor) until after first year.

Sneak Peek

What causes war? How can peace be achieved and sustained? Learn the conceptual and theoretical tools needed to address international relations through POL208Y5. Ever wondered how “politics” is constructed and practiced in different countries? Compare the politics of countries and world regions through POL218Y5.

Our faculty members have a diverse and exciting range of research interests and specializations, from international relations to political economy, from environmental politics to the study of conflict and genocide. We pride ourselves on the broad and stimulating range of courses we offer our students.

Student Recruitment & Admissions

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