Political Science @ UTM

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Politics + Science?

• Study of social relationships
• Systems of government
• Human behavior
• Key concepts
  • Power
  • Conflict
  • Justice
  • Equality

“POLITICAL SCIENCE MEANS YOU WANT TO BE A POLITICIAN, RIGHT?”

CRY
Introductory Courses

POL 111 CANADA IN COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVE
POL 112 DEMOCRACY IN THEORY AND PRACTICE
POL 113 IDEAS AND IDEOLOGIES
POL 114 POLITICS IN THE GLOBAL WORLD
The Program

Specialist

Joint-Specialist with Economics or History

Majors

Minors
What else?

• International Relations
• Environmental Politics and Global Governance
• International Law
• Urban Politics
• Multiculturalism, Gender, and Diversity
• Media and Politics
Anything fun?

- PSLA
- MODEL UN
- PUBLIC AFFAIRS LECTURE
- STUDENT AWARDS
- ROPS & RESEARCH PAPER
How to get started

**Plan Your Academics**

- **1st Year**: Courses offered include POL111H5, 112H5, 113H5 and 114H5.
  - Choose a program of study (Subject PEO) once you complete 4.0 credits. Use the Degree Explorer Planner and the Academic Calendar to plan your degree.
  - Start strong and get informed with utmONE and LAUNCH through the Office of Student Transition. Join a RGASC Peer Facilitated Study Group.
  - Use the Co-Curricular Record (CCR). Search for opportunities beyond the classroom, and keep track of your accomplishments.
  - Attend the Get Experience Fair through the Career Centre (CC) to learn about on- and off-campus opportunities.
  - 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.
  - Get to know your TA. View the TA Schedule on the Political Science website. Visit the UTM Library Reference Desk.
  - 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.

- **2nd Year**: Enrol in courses POL200YS and POL214YS. 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.
  - Throughout your undergraduate degree:
    - 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.
  - Use the Career Learning Network (CLN) to find postings for on- and off-campus work and volunteer opportunities.
  - Work on-campus through the Work-Study program. View position descriptions on the CLN.

**Build Skills**

- Attend the Program Selection & Career Options workshop offered by the Office of the Registrar and the CC.

**Build a Network**

- Explore careers through the CC’s Extern Job Shadowing Program.

- 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).
If you want to be a

**Major**
- Students enrolling at the end of first year (4.0 credits) must obtain a CGPA of at least 2.00 and a mark of at least 65% in 1.0 POL credit.
- Students applying to enrol after second year (8.0 credits) must obtain a CGPA of at least 2.30 and a mark of at least 70% in each of 2.0 POL credits.

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Want More?
• **Norma Dotto, Academic Counsellor**
  
  • Virtual Office Hours through Zoom  
    • Wednesday 10:00-12:00pm and 1:30-3:00pm

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• Course and program counselling  
• Special consideration administration for missed tests and late assignments  
• Course prerequisite checks  
• Subject POSIts requests  
• Program checks and graduation assessments  
• Academic integrity administration