

POLITICAL STUDIES

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Program Information

Political Studies examines the dynamics of human interaction in which individuals and groups compete to achieve their goals. The study of politics involves a consideration of the interactions between the individual, the state, government, public affairs and public policy. Political Studies examines the dynamics of these interactions in the context of competing visions, values and interests, particularly in the pursuit of varying public goals, including the quest for political power and the control of government. Politics is thus both a study of conflict between competing interests and a study of how these competing interests achieve compromise and cooperation.

For entry, continuation and graduation requirements for the General Degree, Advanced Degree and Honours Degree, see Basic Faculty Regulations (<https://catalog.umanitoba.ca/undergraduate-studies/arts/#facultyacademicregulationstext>) for the B.A. General, Advanced and Honours Degree Programs.

Major Program

For entry to the Major, the prerequisite is a grade of "C" or better in six credit hours in Political Studies.

A minimum "C" average in all courses that comprise the Major is required to graduate including the higher grade of repeated courses and excluding failed courses.

A maximum of six credit hours in Political Studies courses numbered at the 1000 level may be used towards the 30 credit hours for a General Major or the 48 credit hours for a Single Advanced Major.

Minor (Concentration) Program

For entry to the Minor (Concentration), the prerequisite is a grade of "C" or better in six credit hours in Political Studies.

A maximum of six credit hours in Political Studies courses numbered at the 1000 level may be used toward the 18 credit hours for a Minor.

Honours Program

For entry to the Honours program, see Basic Faculty Regulations (<https://catalog.umanitoba.ca/undergraduate-studies/arts/#facultyacademicregulationstext>) for the B.A. General, Advanced and Honours Degree Programs.

Honours in Political Studies may be taken in combination with the program of Central and East European Studies (<https://catalog.umanitoba.ca/undergraduate-studies/arts/central-east-european-studies/>).

Co-operative Education Options

Students interested in alternating employment terms and academic terms as part of the Single Advanced Major and Single Honours programs in Political Studies may apply to enter the Co-operative Education option upon completion of their second year in the program (min. 48 credit hours complete). The course and grade requirements for entry to this option are the same as those required for entry to the Single Advanced Major and Single Honours programs respectively, as indicated above. Students should refer to the general faculty regulations for Cooperative Options. (<https://catalog.umanitoba.ca/undergraduate-studies/arts/#cooperativeeducationtext>)

Other

Combinations of courses for the Major, Minor and Honours programs, other than those listed above may be permitted by written consent of the department head. Similarly, Honours courses may be taken by students in the General or Advanced Major programs with the written consent of the department head.

Honours courses are open to Honours students and other advanced undergraduate students with written consent of instructor or department head.

Programs

Degree/Diploma	Years to Completion	Total Credit Hours	Has Co-op Option
Political Studies, B.A. Double Honours (https://catalog.umanitoba.ca/undergraduate-studies/arts/political-studies/political-studies-ba-double-honours/)	4	120	
Political Studies, B.A. General (https://catalog.umanitoba.ca/undergraduate-studies/arts/political-studies/political-studies-ba-general/)	3	90	
Political Studies, B.A. Single Advanced Major (https://catalog.umanitoba.ca/undergraduate-studies/arts/political-studies/political-studies-ba-advanced/)	4	120	Yes

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Political Studies, B.A. Single Honours (https://catalog.umanitoba.ca/undergraduate-studies/arts/political-studies/political-studies-ba-honours/)	4	120	Yes
Political Studies Minor (Concentration) (https://catalog.umanitoba.ca/undergraduate-studies/arts/political-studies/political-studies-minor/)		18	