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1. ** ADVISING AT MCGILL **

Many sources of information are available to you in planning your academic program, exploring career opportunities, and clarifying policies and procedures. *This brochure has been prepared as a reference guide and not as a substitute for personal contact between yourself and your academic adviser.*

**SOURCES OF INFORMATION**

There are four primary sources of information available to students at McGill: departmental advisers ([https://www.mcgill.ca/politicalscience/undergrad](https://www.mcgill.ca/politicalscience/undergrad)), advisers in Arts OASIS ([http://www.mcgill.ca/oasis/](http://www.mcgill.ca/oasis/)), personnel at Service Point ([http://www.mcgill.ca/students/servicepoint/](http://www.mcgill.ca/students/servicepoint/)), and consultants in the Brown Student Services Building ([http://www.mcgill.ca/studentservices/](http://www.mcgill.ca/studentservices/)). Advisers will assist you in the proper selection of courses so that you may develop the academic program most suitable to your educational needs and consistent with the academic requirements of your program and the university.

**DEPARTMENTAL ADVISERS**

The most important function of departmental advisers is to advise and assist students in realistic and meaningful program planning. Departmental advisers are responsible for the degree programs administered by their departments. (Please note that only very routine matters can be handled by email).

Departmental advisers will assist students with:

- Academic advice during U-1 to U-3 years
- Reviewing program and/or course selection
- General academic and career questions
- Course permits to register for restricted courses
- Graduation recommendations for the completion of departmental program requirements

The current list of Political Science Advisors and their advising schedules can be found at: [https://www.mcgill.ca/politicalscience/undergrad](https://www.mcgill.ca/politicalscience/undergrad).

Information and emails for Political Science Faculty members can be found at: [https://www.mcgill.ca/politicalscience/people](https://www.mcgill.ca/politicalscience/people)

Contact information for Political Science administrative staff can be found at: [http://www.mcgill.ca/politicalscience/contact](http://www.mcgill.ca/politicalscience/contact)
The mission of the Faculty of Arts Office of Advising and Student Information Services (OASIS) is to ensure the integrity and coherence of the Arts undergraduate degree. They provide advice and support to Faculty of Arts students regarding their academic trajectory, from entry to graduation. They do so valuing principles of fairness, accessibility, respect, engagement, confidentiality and collaboration with key stakeholders.

The Faculty advisers in Arts OASIS responsibilities include

- Outreach to students in difficulties (academic, personal, health)
- Academic Standing (satisfactory/probationary/unsatisfactory)
- Freshman Advising
- General information on Faculty and University Policies and Procedures
- Graduation (procedures and problems)
- Graduation confirmation for degree requirements and preparation of graduation confirmation letters
- Degree Planning
- Readmission after an absence or unsatisfactory standing
- Disciplinary issues/plagiarism (contact the Assoc. Dean of Arts, Student Affairs)
- Career advising
- Study-away approval
- Interfaculty transfer approval
- Managing academic decisions

The Arts OASIS Faculty advisers are experts in the rules, regulations, and requirements pertaining to specific degree programs. They provide ongoing advice and guidance on degree planning. They offer help managing academic situations during periods of personal, financial, or medical problems, by working with students to identify various possibilities and strategies for making informed decisions.

The Arts OASIS Faculty advisers are also responsible for approving course selection for students registered in their first of four years in the Arts Freshman program (students with 97-120 credits to complete). See https://www.mcgill.ca/study/2019-2020/faculties/arts/undergraduate/programs/bachelor-arts-ba-freshman-program-general for more information on the General Arts Freshman program.

For urgent matters, it is preferable that students come in person to the Arts OASIS information counter (Dawson Hall, Room 110), or telephone at 514-398-1029. If the Faculty adviser assigned is not available, students will still be able to meet with one of the other Arts OASIS Faculty advisers. To reach a general advisor in Arts OASIS, please email adviser.arts@mcgill.ca
STUDY AWAY/EXCHANGE ADVISING
Dawson Hall, Room 110
http://www.mcgill.ca/oasis/away

Studying away from McGill is a wonderful opportunity, the benefits of which can go far beyond academic learning. The opportunity to study at another university can add significant dimensions to students’ undergraduate education by enabling them to develop broader perspectives in their fields of study, enhancing skills in cross-cultural communication and critical thinking applicable to everyday life, and providing them with a chance for personal growth. Please see http://www.mcgill.ca/oasis/away for further information.

Students can also visit the Arts OASIS Service Counter, Ground Floor of Dawson Hall, and ask to speak with the Study Away Coordinator. Questions concerning study away/exchange issues can be also be dealt with via email (studyaway.arts@mcgill.ca) or via phone at (514) 398-1029.

Please note that the current advising hours and contact information for the Course Equivalency advisor for the Department of Political Science can be found on the Political Science advising schedule located at: http://www.mcgill.ca/politicalscience/undergrad.

2. STUDENT SERVICES

In addition to Departmental and Faculty advisers, McGill offers a wide array of student services as follows (in alphabetical order):

a. Academic Resources
   http://www.mcgill.ca/students/academicresources/

If you are struggling with a language, looking to brush up on your essay-writing, or do not know how to prepare for that looming final, you can find all the resources you need at their website. Some of the services they offer are:

- Academic advising
- Reading & study skills
- Writing skills
- Research skills
- Language skills
- Mature & re-entry student skills

b. Arts Internship Office
   http://www.mcgill.ca/arts-internships/

The Faculty of Arts Internship Office assists returning undergraduate and graduate students who wish to pursue short-term internship opportunities (8 to 12 weeks) before completing their studies. All returning students in the Faculty of Arts are welcome to attend their events, visit their office during drop-in hours, or make an appointment to meet with an advisor who can help them identify internships suited to their educational and career objectives.
The Internship Office assists students who wish to find their own internships. It also endeavors to build long-term partnerships with organizations in Canada and abroad in order to establish unique internship opportunities for Arts students. These positions are advertised throughout the year. Their website also provides students with access to internship postings and a database of over 600 host organizations with preexisting internship programs.

c. **CaPS (Career Planning Services)**
   https://www.mcgill.ca/caps/
   The McGill Career Planning Service (CaPS) assists students in their career development and search for permanent, part-time, and summer jobs, as well as internships, by providing workshops, individual advising, a comprehensive job posting service, and an extensive Career Resource Centre.

d. **Campus Life and Engagement**
   http://www.mcgill.ca/cle/
   Campus Life & Engagement works with individuals and groups across campus to enhance and grow student support in a variety of key areas.

e. **Faculty of Arts Undergraduate Research**
   http://www.mcgill.ca/arts-undergraduate-research/
   This website serves as a portal to provide information to Faculty of Arts students on new initiatives to support the involvement of undergraduate students in research and to showcase the achievements of students.

f. **Information Systems and Technology Customer Service - ICS**
   http://www.mcgill.ca/it/
   ICS offers a wide variety of seminars for students, provides information about McGill's computer labs, offers assistance in accessing McGill's computer network via modem and can provide you with access to electronic mail and internet.

g. **International Student Services**
   https://mcgill.ca/internationalstudents/
   McGill is home to more than 10,000 international students, who make up over 27 per cent of our student population. The Staff at International Student Services works hard to provide international undergraduate, graduate, visiting and exchange students with a host of non-academic services and resources. International Student Services (ISS) supports the growth, progress, and success of international students at McGill, and aims to ease their transition to a new school, a new home and a new country. Browse their site for information about health insurance, applying to study in Canada, language support and more.
h. **Libraries**  
http://www.mcgill.ca/library/

Library services include orientation lectures and tours, instructional seminars for students, as well as assistance in using research facilities.

Sandy Hervieux, the Political Science liaison librarian, is happy to provide help with research questions. Contact her by e-mail at sandy.hervieux@mcgill.ca or 514-398-1087 for a consultation. Also, check out the library's Research Guide at: http://www.mcgill.ca/library/find

i. **McGill Writing Centre**  
http://www.mcgill.ca/mwc

Refine your academic writing skills or learn to write for a specific professional audience with courses offered by the McGill Writing Centre (MWC). As a student in one of the MWC’s courses or workshops, you’ll learn essential skills, strategies, and techniques that will help you to succeed both at university and in any number of professions.

j. **Office of the Dean of Students**  
https://www.mcgill.ca/deanofstudents/

The Dean and Associate Dean of Students are just two members of a collaborative team that is committed to supporting student personal & academic success. They oversee student rights and responsibilities, academic integrity, academic advising, the student disciplinary process, and student recognition.

k. **Office for Students with Disabilities**  
https://www.mcgill.ca/osd/

The OSD works with students who have documented disabilities, mental health issues, chronic health conditions, or other impairments. These may be temporary, permanent, or episodic.

l. **PSSA Mentorship Program**  
http://www.mcgillpssa.ca/

The Political Science Student Association Mentorship program pairs up U0 and U1 Students with U2 and U3 students. A mentor provides advice, suggestions, and information about the ins and outs of the Political Science department and about internships and other extra-curricular activities. The PSSA will do its best to match mentors and mentees based on areas of interest, origin, language preferences and more.

m. **Service Point**  
http://www.mcgill.ca/students/servicepoint/

Service Point is McGill’s integrated administrative service centre for students. Located on the ground floor of the McLennan Library Building in the heart of the downtown campus, Service Point will address a wide variety of students’ needs such as:

- Admissions
- Late course withdrawals/registration errors and problems
• Student Exchanges
• Student accounts/fee-related issues, Tuition
• Distribution of international student health cards
• Issuance of student ID cards
• Letters confirming registration
• Exams (final exams, deferred and supplemental exams, exam conflicts, special arrangements for final exams, re-reads)
• Minerva helpdesk and resource centre
• Issuance of official student transcripts
• Student record modifications/corrections (e.g., coding of repeated courses)
• Minerva PIN resets
• Convocation Services

You can contact Service Point via email at servicepoint@mcgill.ca, or via phone at (514) 398-7878.

n. Student Wellness Hub
https://www.mcgill.ca/wellness-hub/

The Student Wellness Hub is a renovated space, with increased staff, clinicians and medical professionals, for any and all health and wellness needs that you may have. It is located in the Brown Building. It integrates physical and mental healthcare and ensures that students have access to the right care at the right time.

It has consolidated and expanded Health Services, Counselling and Psychiatric Services, so students won’t have to restart if or when they go between units. Students also won’t have to guess which service is right for them.

The Wellness Hub’s four main components are:

1. The Hub Reception Area a and Professionals’ Offices: for appointments with a doctor, nurse, dietitian, counsellor, psychiatrist or Access Advisor

2. The Hub Commons: for relaxation before an appointment, with monitors that display a number showing which student is currently being served at reception

3. The Hub Health Living Annex: for health promotion, outreach

4. The Local Wellness Advisors: who work in strategic locations around the university and connect students to Hub services.
3.  DEPARTMENTAL PROGRAMS

The Department offers the following undergraduate programs:

- Major Concentration
- Minor Concentration
- Honours
- Joint Honours

POLITICAL SCIENCE FIELDS

Our department divides its course offerings into the following fields:

- Canadian Politics
- Comparative Politics (Developed Areas and Developing Areas)
- International Politics
- Political Theory

REGISTERING FOR MAJORS AND MINORS

Details of the Political Science major, honours, joint honours and minor program requirements can be found in this Political Science Program guide. This document is located on the Political Science website at https://www.mcgill.ca/politicalscience/undergrad/ugformsanddocs and on the program audit forms which are available at: http://www.mcgill.ca/politicalscience/undergrad/ugformsanddocs/.

It is recommended that U-1 students select their major(s) and minor(s) before they register for their first term’s courses, so that they start working toward an academic goal right away. Please consult http://www.mcgill.ca/students/courses/plan/changes/ for further information on declaring majors and minors.

REGISTERING FOR HONOURS OR JOINT HONOURS

With the exception of students pursuing an Honours Program in Political Science, all students register in the Major Concentration in U-1. At the end of the first year in the program (U-1), students with strong records (i.e., a Political Science average of at least 3.30 or higher and a CGPA of at least 3.0 or higher) may register for the Honours program. Students must maintain a 3.30 political science average throughout their program and fulfill the appropriate requirements for the Honours or the Joint Honours programs (these requirements are listed later in this booklet). Joint Honours students should register early, i.e., in their U-1 year. Before graduation, the department reviews students’ records to determine whether the requirements for graduation with Honours or Joint Honours have been met.

4.  COURSE SEQUENCES AND PREREQUISITES

All upper-level Political Science courses have prerequisites. U-1 students are advised to take introductory courses (200 level) in more than two fields. Those students who have already completed the 200-level prerequisite for courses may take 300 or 400-level courses. In U-2 and U-3 students should concentrate in at least two fields, without specializing too narrowly. To take a 300-level or 400-level course in a certain field, students should first take a 200-level course in the same field. Some courses require additional prerequisites - see the current class schedule located at https://horizon.mcgill.ca/pban1/bwckschd.p_disp_dyn_sched).

Please note that 200-level courses are lecture courses and are usually comprised of two lectures and one conference section, the latter usually conducted by a Teaching Assistant. Most 300 and 400-level courses have three hours of lectures per week, but many also have conference sections.
5. **IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON ARTS PROGRAMS AND B.A.**

A) **HOW IS THE BA STRUCTURED?**

If you need 97 or more credits to complete your degree requirements (4-year degree), you are automatically registered in the Freshman program and are expected to select one of the Freshman program concentrations from the Registration Menu on Minerva. For more information, refer to [http://www.mcgill.ca/oasis/students/new](http://www.mcgill.ca/oasis/students/new)

If you need 96 or fewer credits to complete your B.A. degree requirements (3-year degree), you must select your programs at the time of registration.

To recognize the diversity of student’s interests, the programs in the Faculty of Arts are based on a multi-track system which includes a major concentration complemented by at least one minor concentration. This system allows you to design your BA using one of the following combinations:

i) major concentration (36 credits) + minor concentration (18 credits) + electives (36 credits)

ii) major concentration (36 credits) + major concentration (36 credits) + electives (18 credits)

iii) major concentration (36 credits) + minor concentration (18 credits) + minor concentration (18 credits) + electives (18 credits)

Within all options, at least two concentrations **must** be in different academic units (i.e., in different disciplines)

*Please see [http://www.mcgill.ca/oasis/programs](http://www.mcgill.ca/oasis/programs) for further details.*

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** No course may fulfill the requirements for more than one program or concentration requirement (no “double counting”).

B) **BA HONOURS AND JOINT HONOURS PROGRAMS**

The Political Science Honours program demands a high degree of specialization, and requires you to satisfy specific departmental and Faculty Honours requirements while maintaining a good academic standing. It is designed to prepare you for graduate study. In addition to the completion of the Honours requirements, students must complete at least a Minor Concentration in an academic unit other than the one in which the Honours requirements are satisfied.

If you want to study at the Honours level in two disciplines, you can combine Joint Honours program components from any two Arts disciplines. For a list of departments that have Joint Honours programs, please consult [http://www.mcgill.ca/oasis/resources/departmental-advising-information](http://www.mcgill.ca/oasis/resources/departmental-advising-information). Note: A Minor program is **not** required for students doing Joint Honours.
C) **COURSES IN OTHER FACULTIES**

The following regulations apply to students in the Faculty of Arts who wish to take courses outside the Faculties of Arts and of Science:

- Regardless of their minimum credit requirement towards their Bachelor of Arts degree, students are allowed to take a maximum of 12 credits in ELECTIVE courses at faculties other than the Faculties of Arts and of Science. Any course taught at McGill University may be used towards this maximum with the exception of Continuing Studies courses.

- **Distance Education/Online Courses:**
  It is the Faculty of Arts policy that students are permitted a maximum of 6 such elective credits towards their degree. These courses cannot be used for credit towards Political Science programs. Please see [https://www.mcgill.ca/oasis/away/transferring-credit](https://www.mcgill.ca/oasis/away/transferring-credit) for further details.

D) **TRANSFER CREDITS FROM OTHER UNIVERSITIES (INCLUDING EXCHANGE PROGRAMS)**

- Information on transferring credits, as well as information on the Independent Study Away and the McGill Student Exchange Program can be found at [http://www.mcgill.ca/oasis/away](http://www.mcgill.ca/oasis/away).

- Information about the Quebec Inter-University Transfer Agreement (CREPUQ) can be found at [https://www.mcgill.ca/oasis/away/application-process/inter-university-transfer-iut-including-online](https://www.mcgill.ca/oasis/away/application-process/inter-university-transfer-iut-including-online), All McGill students who wish to study away at another Quebec university must use the IUT application form on the CREPUQ website ([https://mobilite-cours.crepuq.qc.ca/4DSTATIC/ENAccueil.html](https://mobilite-cours.crepuq.qc.ca/4DSTATIC/ENAccueil.html)).

- The current Course Equivalency advisor for the Department of Political Science can be found on the Political Science advising schedule located at: [http://www.mcgill.ca/politicalscience/undergrad](http://www.mcgill.ca/politicalscience/undergrad).

**TRANSFER STUDENTS:** This term refers to students who took classes at other universities before coming to McGill.

If you were granted a lump sum of transfer credits as "TRNS XXX" upon your admission to McGill Faculty of Arts, you may wish to have these credits articulated in order to use them towards program requirements. Please consult the Arts OASIS site at [https://mcgill.ca/oasis/students/new/university-transfer](https://mcgill.ca/oasis/students/new/university-transfer) for instructions. Once you have completed all the steps, submit the online Transfer Credit Articulation web form located at [https://mcgill.ca/student-records/articulation](https://mcgill.ca/student-records/articulation) so that your request will be processed.

Please note that it is not necessary to complete the Transfer Credit Articulation form for every university-level course that you took prior to being admitted into McGill - only for courses that will count towards the completion of your programs at McGill.

**CURRENT MCGILL STUDENTS WHO ARE TAKING COURSES ABROAD:** This is a two-step process. The first step is to check the course equivalency database ([https://nimbus-ssl.mcgill.ca/exsa/search/searchEquivalency](https://nimbus-ssl.mcgill.ca/exsa/search/searchEquivalency)) to see if equivalency has been established before.

If POLI course equivalency exists then the second step is to submit a MINERVA transfer credit assessment form.
If course equivalency does not exist, then you must first submit a request for equivalency on the course equivalency database and upload a syllabus for each course (https://nimbus-ssl.mcgill.ca/exsa/search/searchEquivalency). If it is a POLI course, the Political Science Course Equivalency Advisor will determine equivalency. If there is no specific course equivalency in McGill’s Department of Political Science, but the course is POLI in nature, then the advisor will choose POLI 2XX, 3XX, 4XX depending on the level (please note that POLI XXX credits cannot count towards Political Science programs). Requests which are non POLI related (e.g., law, economics, sociology, etc.) will be rejected. Please note that equivalency needs to be submitted before you take the course at the local university you are visiting. In light of this, it is strongly recommended that you submit your course equivalency request early so as to avoid unnecessary problems.

NB: Please note that the courses entered on your Minerva Transfer Credit Assessment form will be approved as “elective credit only”. If a student wishes to use a course completed at another university towards the completion of a McGill program requirement, it is the student’s responsibility to contact the department that administers the program of study and follow the program audit procedures explained on their website. Please see https://www.mcgill.ca/oasis/advising/departmental-advising-information for a list of Departmental Program advisers in the Faculty of Arts.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:**

The total number of transfer credits cannot exceed more than one-third of the program requirements. Courses accepted for transfer credits must have grades of at least C or the equivalent.

- **Major Concentration**
  - Political Science Courses
  - maximum 12 POLI transfer credits

- **Minor Concentration**
  - Political Science Courses
  - maximum 6 POLI transfer credits

- **Honours**
  - Political Science Courses
  - Complementary Courses
  - maximum 15 POLI transfer credits
  - maximum 3 Non-POLI transfer credits

- **Joint Honours**
  - Political Science Courses
  - maximum 12 POLI transfer credits

**E) SUMMER COURSES**

- McGill offers three summer sessions over the summer (May-June; June-July and July-August).

- The Faculty of Arts allows a maximum of 12 credits per summer, but no more than 6 credits per summer session.

- Information on Summer Studies at McGill can be found at: [http://www.mcgill.ca/summer/](http://www.mcgill.ca/summer/)

Information on Summer Studies outside of McGill can be found at: [http://www.mcgill.ca/oasis/away](http://www.mcgill.ca/oasis/away)
F) **INTERNSHIPS**

We encourage students to seek out internships on their own as a means of gaining practical work experience and enriching their educational background.

General Information on Internships is available from the Faculty of Arts Internship Office (Leacock Building, Room 307). For more information on the Faculty of Arts Internship Program please see www.mcgill.ca/arts-internships.

G) **600-LEVEL COURSES**

With rare exceptions, 600-level courses are limited to graduate students. As a result, **a maximum of TWO undergraduate students per 600-level course may be permitted to enroll**. An Arts undergraduate student normally will only be permitted to take 600-level courses if s/he meets the following conditions:

1. A minimum CGPA of 3.30
2. The student is in U-3 or higher
3. Student is in the Major, Honours or Joint Honours program (preference will be given to students in the latter two programs)
4. Written approval from the professor teaching the course

600-level courses are **NOT** open to Political Science Minor students.

A copy of the approval form can be obtained by emailing the Political Science Undergraduate Coordinator at della.maharajh@mcgill.ca.

The Faculty of Arts permits a maximum of 6 credits at the 600-level towards the B.A.

H) **SATISFACTORY/UNSATISFACTORY COURSES**

The Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory (S/U) option is an alternative course-specific grading scheme that lets undergraduate students take courses outside their areas of specialization without fear of decreasing their GPAs. Courses with final grades of “S” or “U” are not included in GPA calculations and **do NOT count towards major, honours, joint honours and minor requirements** (they count for elective credit only).

Students can designate one elective course to be graded under the S/U option each term, and can use the S/U grading option for up to 10% of their total McGill credits. **It is up to the student to ensure that s/he does not exceed the overall number of S/U credits permitted. No checks will be made until the time of graduation, and excessive S grades at that time will prevent graduation.**

Students who have inadvertently selected a required course for the S/U option must complete a substitute course which has been approved by their adviser to fulfill the program requirements. For further details, consult [http://www.mcgill.ca/students/courses/plan/s-u](http://www.mcgill.ca/students/courses/plan/s-u)
i) REQUESTING LETTERS OF REFERENCE

Graduate schools, professional schools, and employers usually require letters of reference, most often from some of your instructors. The following are suggestions for when and how to request them.

1. Ask the instructors of those courses in which you have demonstrated your best work. The letter writer is asked to answer based upon written and oral work they have observed and evaluated. Other things being equal, you will have had more opportunity to demonstrate your ability clearly in a small class. However, even in a very large class the teacher can, at a minimum, give your percentile ranking.

2. Make it easy for the instructor to write a letter. Ask for all letters at the same time and preferably at least four weeks prior to the deadline date, if possible.

Bring the following:

a) name, title, address of the persons/institutions to whom the letters are to be mailed;

b) the program to which you are applying or the job you are seeking, together with information about them (unless obvious);

c) deadline boldly marked at the top of the packet;

d) a brief memo, including some or all of the following about yourself: i) courses and grades ii) CGPA; iii) short CV or note on outside interests, job experience, extracurricular activities at McGill; iv) honors; v) an unofficial transcript.

e) how what you are applying to do contributes to your future plans and goals.

3. It might be wise to bring along any papers and exams which you have done in that instructor's course (especially with the instructor's comments). The instructor can then quickly be reminded of comments which he/she made on your work which may be remarked on specifically.

4. Provide an addressed envelope or other way for it to be returned to you. Generally letters of reference go directly to the recipient, not through you.

5. If you think that you will need letters in the near future but not immediately, you might ask some instructors to keep some notes for such a letter on file for you (you should bring them the materials mentioned in 2 & 3 above to aid in this). You would then be able to contact them later to request the letter (specifying exactly the class/es and in which year/s).
6. SPECIAL COURSES OPEN TO POLITICAL SCIENCE STUDENTS

A) INDEPENDENT READING AND RESEARCH (POLI 490)
Open to Honours, Joint Honours and Major students only. Not open to Minor students.

- Independent Reading and Research is not intended to replace courses currently offered, and should only be taken if (a) there is no course offered on the particular topic; (b) the topic is a further development of a theme or subject covered in a course (in which case, the student would be expected to have already completed the course). Independent studies may not be taken in lieu of existing courses, or in place of 500-level seminars.

- Independent studies courses are not a right. Students should not expect to walk into a professor’s office “cold” to request one. As a rule, the student should have taken a course with the professor and normally will be pursuing a specialized topic at a more advanced level.

- Supervisors for this course must be tenure-track faculty members or faculty lecturers in the Department of Political Science. Sessional instructors and faculty members outside of the Political Science department are not permitted to supervise students in this course.

- A term paper is part of the assigned work. Students are also responsible for completing readings, discussing those readings on a regular (minimum - every other week) basis, and often have other assignments due during the semester (perhaps proposals, rough drafts, or assessments of the readings).

- ONLY ONE Independent Reading and Research course will be counted towards Political Science Program requirements.

- It is strongly suggested that arrangements for any Independent Reading and Research course be made by the end of the previous semester. The reason is that by the end of Add/Drop period (usually about 2 weeks after the beginning of the term) all formalities must be completed. These are:

  a) A one-page typed statement of the topic to be explored and the student's initial research questions about it; plus a preliminary bibliography must be given to the professor (supervisor), together with the form for signature.

  b) The form is submitted to the Undergraduate Coordinator (Leacock 415), who will give the student a permit to register. The student will then be able to register on Minerva using the quick drop/add process BUT the permit is valid only until the end of the Add/Drop period for a particular semester.

  c) The form can be obtained on-line at: http://www.mcgill.ca/politicalscience/undergrad/ugformsanddocs

Department Guidelines stipulate that there be:

1) regular interaction between the supervisor and the student;

2) the submission of a paper of at least 25 pages.

3) The paper must be submitted by the last day of classes.
B) HONOURS ESSAY (POLI 499)

Open to Honours and Joint Honours students only. Not open to Major or Minor students. POLI 499 is NOT a mandatory course for Honours and Joint Honours students.

- The optional Honours Essay is available if:
  
  (a) there is no course offered on the particular topic;
  
  (b) the topic is a further development of a theme or subject covered in a course (in which case, the student would be expected to have already completed the course).

- The Honours Essay course is neither mandatory nor a right. Students should not expect to walk into a professor’s office “cold” to request one. The student should normally have taken a previous course with the professor and be pursuing a specialized topic building upon course work.

- Supervisors for this course must be tenure-track faculty members or faculty lecturers in the Department of Political Science. Sessional instructors and faculty members outside of the Political Science department are not permitted to supervise students in this course.

The Honours Essay may be undertaken only by Honours and Joint Honours students. The essay is written under the guidance of a faculty member. It differs from an Independent Reading and Research course in that it must be of journal article form and length (50 pages maximum); it must investigate a focused, researchable, and significant question and present clearly the author’s thinking on it.

The essay will be graded by the supervisor and by another appropriate Department member (second reader), designated by the supervisor. The final grade for the essay will be determined by consultation between supervisor and second reader. The Honours Essay may not replace 500-level seminars.

- Students are responsible for completing readings, discussing those readings on a regular - minimum every other week - basis, and often have other assignments due during the semester (perhaps proposals, rough drafts, or assessments of the readings).

- It is strongly suggested that arrangements for any Honours Essay course be made before the end of the previous semester. By the end of Add/Drop period (usually about 2 weeks after the beginning of the term) all formalities must be completed. These are:

  a) A one-page typed statement of the topic to be explored and the student’s initial research questions about it; plus a preliminary bibliography must be given to the professor (supervisor), together with the form for signature.

  b) The form should also be signed by the Honours or Joint Honours adviser.

  c) The form is deposited with the Undergraduate Coordinator (Leacock 415) who will give the student a permit to register. The student will then be able to register on Minerva using the quick drop/add process BUT the permit is valid only until the end of Add/Drop period for a particular semester.

  d) The form can be obtained on-line at: [http://www.mcgill.ca/politicalscience/undergrad/ugformsanddocs](http://www.mcgill.ca/politicalscience/undergrad/ugformsanddocs)

  e) The paper must be submitted by December 15 (for the Fall term) or April 12 (for the Winter term), as the case may be.

  f) Upon obtaining the second reader’s grade, the supervisor will determine the final grade and will submit that grade directly in MINERVA or via the Undergraduate Coordinator.
C) **INTERNSHIP IN POLITICAL SCIENCE (POLI 599)**

(Students are permitted to count ONLY ONE internship toward their political science program requirements.)

Arts Internship Website: [http://www.mcgill.ca/arts-internships/](http://www.mcgill.ca/arts-internships/)

**ELIGIBILITY:** Open to Honours, Joint Honours and Major students only. **NOT** open to Minor students. The course does **NOT** count as a 500-level seminar under the Honours and Joint Honours requirements.

The Department of Political Science has established an internship (practicum) program for graduate and undergraduate students. Government, NGO and private-sector placements are eligible. It is not expected that interns will receive payment for work undertaken during their placement, although sponsoring organizations are free to offer remuneration if they wish. Internships consist of a minimum of 150 hours of work. The course consists primarily of a major research paper based on the internship. Internship placements can be arranged in any term, or may stretch over two terms; the Department expects that many will be completed over the summer months. Because of the heavy workload involved, students should be wary of adding an internship course to a full course load. Students typically intern in the Summer and write the research paper in the following Fall semester, i.e., right after they finish their internship.

**PROPOSING AN INTERNSHIP**

Students wishing to undertake an internship must submit a proposal to this effect, well **in advance of the proposed internship starting date. This proposal must be approved by the student's supervisor.** Supervisors must be tenure-track faculty members or faculty lecturers in the Department of Political Science. Sessional instructors and faculty members outside of the Political Science department are not permitted to supervise students in this course.

The proposal must include the following information:

- An outline of the proposed internship, including specific discussion of “learning goals”, “activities”, and “means of evaluation.”
- A description of the organization with which the student will be working, including the name of the supervisor to whom the student will be accountable.
- A letter indicating the willingness of the responsible person and sponsoring agency to assume the task of supervision.
- A proposal for an associated research project. As noted above, this will ordinarily take the form of a lengthy research paper, researched during or after the internship, and equivalent in length and quality to that produced in an independent reading course.

In addition, students must complete the “Departmental Internship Approval Form” and have it signed by the Departmental Supervisor, the Arts Internship Office, and the Department’s Undergraduate Internship Adviser. The form should then be submitted to the Undergraduate Coordinator in Leacock 415. This form is available online at [http://www.mcgill.ca/politicalscience/undergrad/ugformsanddocs](http://www.mcgill.ca/politicalscience/undergrad/ugformsanddocs).

**NB:** The completed, approved POLI 599 form and the proposal must be submitted to the Political Science Undergraduate Coordinator (LEA 415) **BEFORE going on internship. No approval of academic credit will be granted after an internship has already started.**

**EVALUATION:**

A grade for the internship course will be assigned by the faculty supervisor based on:

- The quality of the **research paper.** This will ordinarily be worth 50% of the course grade, and will be graded by the faculty supervisor.
- The quality of the **written work materials**, such as work diary, copies of memoranda, correspondence, or papers produced; or a shorter paper assessing the learning value of the internship. This will ordinarily be worth 25% of the course grade, and will be graded by a faculty supervisor.
- The evaluation by the local supervisor (25%).
### 7. POLITICAL SCIENCE PROGRAMS AND REQUIREMENTS

#### A) MAJOR CONCENTRATION IN POLITICAL SCIENCE - 36 CREDITS

In addition to the completion of the Major requirements, students must complete at least a Minor Concentration in an academic unit other than the one in which the Major requirements are satisfied. Please see: [https://www.mcgill.ca/study/2018-2019/faculties/arts/undergraduate/ug_arts_program_reqs](https://www.mcgill.ca/study/2018-2019/faculties/arts/undergraduate/ug_arts_program_reqs) for more information on the Bachelor of Arts Degree: Multi-Track system

**NOTE:** While POLI 200, 210, 311 and 461 do not count toward any of the 4 field maxima, they can be used as credits towards this program. Since POLI 210 is not a required course for the Major program, it will count towards the 200-level maximum for this program.

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<td><strong>Distribution</strong>&lt;br&gt;♦ No more than one-half (18 credits) of the required political science credits can be in a single field. If the field in question is Comparative Politics, the maximum is 21 credits, provided courses are taken in BOTH Developed Areas and Developing Areas (a minimum of 3 credits and preferably at least 6 credits in the second area).&lt;br&gt;♦ A maximum of 15 credits in political science are permitted at the 200-level.&lt;br&gt;♦ Students must complete courses in at least two fields without exceeding the above-mentioned field credit limits. However, they are strongly encouraged to complete courses in three fields. It is not necessary to take courses in all four fields.&lt;br&gt;♦ All upper-level courses have prerequisites. To take a 300-level or 400-level course, students should have taken a 200-level course in the same field.</td>
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<td><strong>Restrictions</strong>&lt;br&gt;Students should not take 200-level Political Science courses towards this program in their final year. Since POLI 210 is not a required course for the Major program, it will count towards the 200-level maximum for this program.&lt;br&gt;♦ Only courses with grades of C and above are counted towards the Political Science Major program. Courses with grades of D will count only as electives, and not as part of the 36-credit program requirement for the Major Concentration.&lt;br&gt;♦ Courses at the 100 level cannot be used towards Political Science programs.</td>
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<td><strong>Rules &amp; Advice</strong>&lt;br&gt;Normally, U-1 students should take courses at the 200 level, with the following exceptions:&lt;br&gt;♦ With the permission of the instructor or&lt;br&gt;♦ Students who in their U-0 (freshman year) completed political science prerequisites for 300-level courses may enroll in a 300-level courses.&lt;br&gt;♦ Political Science courses taken in the U-0 (freshman year) may count toward the Political Science program requirements.</td>
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**Advice to U-1 Students Contemplating Entering the Honours Program in U-2.**

**In U-1 Year:**
- Take POLI 210
- In addition to the above, take 12 credits in Political Science courses spread over 3 fields.
- Take courses in two other Social Sciences.

**Notes:**
While POLI 200 and 461 do not count toward any of the 4 field maxima, they can be used as credits towards this program.

Since POLI 210 is a **required course** for the Honours program, it does **not** count towards the 200-level maximum for this program.

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<td>POLI 311 – Introduction to Quantitative Political Science (3 cr) <strong>NOTE:</strong> Students <strong>must take POLI 311 in U-1 or U-2</strong> to avoid scheduling problems in their final year. If POLI 311 is postponed to U-3, it could prevent students from taking other courses due to timetable complications. POLI 311 will take precedence over other courses.</td>
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**Very Important:** POLI 311 is scheduled in the winter term only. Students may not postpone taking POLI 311 with the expectation of taking it in the last summer or fall immediately prior to fall or winter graduation. Students who fail to take POLI 311 for this reason will not graduate with an Honours degree.

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| **Advanced Work** | 12 credits at the 400 level and above including the 500-level Honours Seminar  
**Or**  
3 credits at the 400 level, 3 credits at the 500 level (Honours Seminar), 3 credits at the 600 level  
POLI 499, 490 or 599 may count as a 400-level course but cannot substitute for a 500-level Honours Seminar.  
POLI 499 (the Honours Thesis) is not a required course |
| **Honours Seminar** | Register early as these courses fill up quickly  
An Honours Seminar (500 level) is required of all Honours students and is limited to Honours students. Usually, it is taken in the field in which the student has a concentration, but occasionally another of the Honours seminars currently offered may be suitable. Seminars include substantial class discussion, oral presentations, and a major paper. Honours seminars are intended to be taken by Honours and Joint Honours students in their U-3 year.  
A graduate seminar (600 level) may substitute for the Honours Seminar, but POLI 490, 499 and 599 may not. See item G on page 13 for more information on 600-level courses. |
| **Distribution** | No more than one-half of the required political science credits can be in a single field. If the field in question is Comparative Politics, the maximum is 30 credits, provided courses are taken in BOTH Developed Areas and Developing Areas (a minimum of 3 credits and preferably at least 6 credits in the second area).  
Students must complete courses in at least two fields without exceeding the above-mentioned field credit limits. However, they are strongly encouraged to complete courses in three fields. It is not necessary to take courses in all four fields |
| **Restrictions** | 200-level credits in political science - maximum 18. Since POLI 210 is a required course for the Honours program, it does not count towards the 200-level maximum for this program.  
Students should not take 200-level Political Science courses towards this program in their final year.  
Courses at the 100 level cannot be used towards Political Science programs. |
### Non-POLI Complementary Courses

A total of 6 credits, at the 300 or 400 level which may include courses chosen from any of the following disciplines: Anthropology, Canadian Studies, Economics, Geography, History, Philosophy, Psychology, Quebec Studies, Sociology, East Asian Studies, Middle East Studies. These credits **cannot** count towards another program or to electives (i.e., no double counting of credits).

Students who believe that a case can be made for certain courses not included above may request approval by writing to the Honours adviser.

This 6-credit requirement can be waived for students who have **completed**, in addition to the Political Science Honours program, **two (2) minor** programs OR **one (1) major** program in Arts but **outside the discipline of Political Science**.

### Admission to Honours

At the beginning of U-2

**Criteria:** 3.30 average in political science courses at McGill and 3.00 minimum CGPA

### Standard to Graduate with Honours

- Maintenance of a 3.30 average in political science courses
- Please note that **ALL** political science grades taken at McGill are counted when determining the Political Science average. This **includes** political science courses that are not part of a student’s Political Science Honours program.
- CGPA of at least 3.00 (Faculty regulation)
- More than ½ of the total Political Science credits must be B+ and above.

### First Class Honours Standard

- Maintenance of a minimum 3.60 GPA in political science courses.
- More than half of the political science grades must be A- or higher.
- Please note that **ALL** political science grades taken at McGill are counted when determining the Political Science average. This **includes** political science courses that are not part of a student’s Political Science Honours program.
- CGPA of at least 3.50 (Faculty regulation)

### Transfer Credits

No more than 15 POLI transfer credits can be used toward the program requirements, and no more than 3 non-POLI transfer credits (at the 300 level or greater in a social science field) can be used toward the non-POLI complementary program requirements.
c) **Joint Honours Program - 36 Credits**

**Notes:**

While POLI 200 and 461 do not count toward any of the 4 field maxima, they can be used as credits towards this program.

Since POLI 210 is a **required course** for the Joint Honours program, it does **not** count towards the 200-level maximum.

A Minor program is **not** required for students doing Joint Honours.

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| Required Methods Courses (6 credits) | | |
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| **POLI 210** - Political Science Research Methods (3 cr) | | |
| Students **should register** for this course in their U-1 year | | |
| • The POLI 210 requirement is waived for students admitted to McGill **before** Fall 2017. | | |
| • The POLI 210 requirement is also waived for all students who have taken SOCI 211. | | |
| • **Note:** If the POLI 210 requirement is waived under one of the above circumstances, students must still fulfill the 36-credit program requirement. | | |

| POLI 311 – Introduction to Quantitative Political Science (3 cr) | | |
| Students are **must take POLI 311 in U-1 or U-2** to avoid scheduling problems in their final year. If POLI 311 is postponed to U-3, it could prevent students from taking other courses due to timetable complications. POLI 311 will take precedence over other courses. | |
**NOTE:** Students who are enrolled in a Joint Honours program with Economics, Sociology, or Psychology and who have taken courses in quantitative analysis as part of that program (i.e., ECON 257D1/D2, or SOC 350 and SOCI 461, or PSYC 204 and PSYC 305) may take 3 credits in Political Theory instead of POLI 311.

**VERY IMPORTANT:** POLI 311 is scheduled in the winter term only. Students may not postpone taking POLI 311 with the expectation of taking it in the last summer or fall immediately prior to fall or winter graduation. Students who fail to take POLI 311 for this reason will not graduate with an Honours degree.

### Advanced Work

9 credits at the 400 level and above including the 500-level Honours Seminar  
OR  
3 credits at the 500 level (Honours Seminar) and 3 credits at the 600 level.  
POLI 499, 490 or 599 may count as a 400-level course but **cannot** substitute for a 500-level Honours Seminar.  
POLI 499 (the Honours Thesis) is **not** a required course.

### Honours Seminar

3 credits (500 level)  
**Register early as these courses fill up quickly**  
An Honours Seminar (500 level) is required of all Honours students and is limited to Honours students. Usually, it is taken in the field in which the student has a concentration, but occasionally another of the Honours seminars currently offered may be suitable.  
Seminars include substantial class discussion, oral presentations, and a major paper. Honours seminars are intended to be taken by Honours and Joint Honours students in their **U-3** year.  
A graduate seminar (600 level) may substitute for the Honours Seminar, but POLI 490, 499 and 599 **cannot**. See item G on page 13 for more information on 600-level courses.

### Standards

To enter, remain and graduate with Joint Honours, students must achieve and maintain a minimum of 3.3 (B+) average in Political Science courses and an overall CGPA for all courses of 3.0 for the degree. In addition to meeting these Political Science requirements, students MUST meet the requirements set forth by the other Department.  
More than ½ of the POLI grades must be B+ or higher.
Please note that **ALL** political science grades are counted in determining the student's Political Science average. This **includes** political science courses that are not part of a student's Joint Honours Political Science program.

**First Class Honours**  
For first class honours, students must have a minimum Political Science average of 3.6 and an overall CGPA for all courses of 3.5 for the degree. In addition to meeting these Political Science requirements, students MUST meet the requirements set forth by the other Department.  
More than $\frac{1}{2}$ of the POLI grades must be A- or higher.  
Please note that **ALL** political science grades are counted in determining the student's Political Science average. This **includes** political science courses that are not part of a student's Joint Honours Political Science program.

**Distribution**  
**No more than one-half of the required political science credits can be in a single field.** If the field in question is Comparative Politics, the maximum is **21 credits**, provided courses are taken in BOTH Developed Areas and Developing Areas (a minimum of 3 credits and preferably at least 6 credits in the second area).  
Students must complete courses in at least two fields without exceeding the above-mentioned field credit limits. However, they are strongly encouraged to complete courses in three fields. It is not necessary to take courses in all four fields.

**Restrictions**  
200-level credits in political science - maximum 15. Since POLI 210 is a **required course** for the Joint Honours program, it does **not** count towards the 200-level maximum.

Students should not take 200-level Political Science courses towards this program in their final year. Courses at the 100 level **cannot** be used towards Political Science programs.

**Transfer Credits**  
No more than 12 POLI transfer credits can be used toward the program requirements.
D) **MINOR PROGRAM -18 CREDITS**

**NOTE:** While POLI 200, 210, 311 and 461 do not count toward any of the 4 field maxima, they can be used as credits toward this program. Since POLI 210 is *not* a required course for the Minor program, it *will* count towards the 200-level maximum for this program.

- **Political science minor students are not permitted to count POLI 599 towards any of the political science minor programs. POLI 490 is restricted to Major, Joint Honours and Honours students and POLI 499 is restricted to Honours and Joint Honours students only.**
- **Students should not take 200-level required courses in their final year.**
- **Only courses with grades of “C” and above will be counted towards Political Science program credits.**
- **Courses with grades of “D” count only as elective credit, and *not* as part of the 18-credit program requirements for Minor Concentrations.**
- **Courses at the 100 level cannot be used towards Political Science programs.**
- **A maximum of 6 transfer credits can be counted towards the political science minor.**

**MINOR IN POLITICAL SCIENCE**

18 CREDITS SELECTED AS FOLLOWS:

1. **6-9** Political Science credits at the **200** level in any field

2. **9-12** Political Science credits at the **300** level or above in any field
8. **LIST OF POLITICAL SCIENCE COURSES by field**

(Check MINERVA at [www.mcgill.ca/minerva](http://www.mcgill.ca/minerva) for current course offerings)

**NOTES:** While POLI 200, 210, 311 and 461 do not count toward any of the 4 field maxima, they can be used as credits towards all Political Science programs.

**POLI 210 and 311 are MANDATORY requirements for the Political Science Honours and Joint Honours Programs.**

- POLI 200 Intro to Political Science (3 credits)
- POLI 210 Poli Sci Research Methods (3 credits)
- POLI 311 Introduction to Quantitative Political Science
- POLI 461 Adv Tech of Empirical Research

**Canadian Politics**

- POLI 221 Government of Canada (3 credits)
- POLI 222 Political Process and Behaviour in Canada (3 credits)
- POLI 226 La vie politique québécoise (3 credits)
- POLI 318 Comparative Local Government (3 credits)
- POLI 320 Issues in Canadian Democracy (3 credits)
- POLI 321 Issues: Canadian Public Policy (3 credits)
- POLI 326 Provincial Politics (3 credits)
- POLI 336 Le Québec et le Canada (3 credits)
- POLI 337 Canadian Public Administration (3 credits)
- POLI 342 Canadian Foreign Policy (3 credits)
- POLI 348 Gender and Canadian Politics (3 credits)
- POLI 371 Challenge of Canadian Federalism (3 credits)
- POLI 372 Aboriginal Politics in Canada (3 credits)
- POLI 378 The Canadian Judicial Process (3 credits)
- POLI 379 Topics in Canadian Politics (3 credits)
- POLI 410 Canadian Political Parties (3 credits)
- POLI 412 Canadian Voting/Public Opinion (3 credits)
- POLI 417 Health Care in Canada (3 credits)
- POLI 424 Media and Politics (3 credits)
- POLI 426 Partis politiques et comportements électoraux au Québec (3 credits)
- POLI 427 Selected Topics: Canadian Politics (3 credits)
- POLI 436 Aboriginal Rights in the Canadian Constitution (3 credits)
- POLI 478 The Canadian Constitution (3 credits)
- POLI 521 Seminar: Canadian Politics and Government (3 credits)

**Comparative Politics - Developed Areas**

- POLI 212 Government and Politics - Developed World (3 credits)
- POLI 315 Approaches to Political Economy (3 credits)
- POLI 318 Comparative Local Government (3 credits)
- POLI 325 U.S. Politics 1 (3 credits)
- POLI 327 U.S. Politics 2 (3 credits)
- POLI 328 Comparing European Democracies (3 credits)
- POLI 329 Russian and Soviet Politics (3 credits)
- POLI 330 Law and Courts in Europe (3 credits)
- POLI 331 Politics in East Central Europe (3 credits)
- POLI 339 Comparative Developed: Topics 1 (3 credits)
- POLI 357 Politics: Contemporary Europe (3 credits)
- POLI 361 Political Participation in Comparative Perspective (3 credits)
- POLI 381 Politics in Japan and South Korea (3 credits)
- POLI 419 Transitions from Communism (3 credits)
- POLI 420 Memory, Place and Power (3 credits)
- POLI 424 Media and Politics (3 credits)
- POLI 425 Topics in American Politics (3 credits)
- POLI 431 Nations and States/Developed World (3 credits)
- POLI 432 Selected Topics: Comparative Politics (3 credits)
- POLI 451 The European Union (3 credits)
- POLI 452 Conflict Simulation (3 credits)
- POLI 475 Social Capital in Comparative Perspective (3 credits)
- POLI 476 Religion and Politics (3 credits)
- POLI 524 Seminar: Developed Areas (3 credits)

**Comparative Politics - Developing Areas**

- POLI 227 Developing Areas/Introduction (3 credits)
- POLI 319 Politics of Latin America (3 credits)
- POLI 322 Political Change in South Asia (3 credits)
- POLI 324 Developing Areas/Africa (3 credits)
- POLI 338 Developing Areas/Topics 1 (3 credits)
- POLI 340 Developing Areas/Middle East (3 credits)
- POLI 369 Politics of Southeast Asia (3 credits)
- POLI 380 Contemporary Chinese Politics (3 credits)
- POLI 422 Developing Areas/Topics 2 (3 credits)
- POLI 423 Politics of Ethno-Nationalism (3 credits)
- POLI 435 Identity and Inequality (3 credits)
- POLI 450 Peacebuilding (3 credits)
- POLI 452 Conflict Simulation (3 credits)
- POLI 473 Democracy and the Market (3 credits)
- POLI 474 Inequality and Development (3 credits)
- POLI 476 Religion and Politics (3 credits)
- POLI 480 Contentious Politics (3 credits)
- POLI 522 Seminar: Developing Areas (3 credits)

**International Relations**

- POLI 243 International Politics of Economic Relations (3 credits)
- POLI 244 International Politics: State Behaviour (3 credits)
- POLI 341 Foreign Policy: The Middle East (3 credits)
- POLI 342 Canadian Foreign Policy (3 credits)
- POLI 344 Foreign Policy: Europe (3 credits)
- POLI 345 International Organizations (3 credits)
- POLI 346 American Foreign Policy (3 credits)
- POLI 347 Arab-Israel Conflict, Crisis, Peace (3 credits)
- POLI 349 Foreign Policy: Asia (3 credits)
- POLI 350 Global Environmental Politics (3 credits)
- POLI 351 The Causes of Major Wars (3 credits)
- POLI 352 International Policy/Foreign Policy Africa (3 credits)
- POLI 353 Politics of the International Refugee Regime (3 credits)
- POLI 354 Approaches to International Political Economy (3 credits)
- POLI 355 The Politics of International Law (3 credits)
- POLI 358 Political Economy of International Organizations (3 credits)
- POLI 359 Topics in International Politics 1 (3 credits)
- POLI 360 Security: War and Peace (3 credits)
- POLI 362 Political Theory and International Relations (3 credits)
- POLI 441 IPE: Trade (3 credits)
- POLI 442 International Relations of Ethnic Conflict (3 credits)
- POLI 444 Topics in International Politics 2 (3 credits)
- POLI 445 International Political Economy: Monetary Relations (3 credits)
- POLI 448 Gender and International Relations (3 credits)
- POLI 449 Diplomacy in Practice (3 credits)
- POLI 450 Peacebuilding (3 credits)
- POLI 451 The European Union (3 credits)
- POLI 452 Conflict Simulation (3 credits)
- POLI 575 Seminar: International Politics (3 credits)

**Political Theory**

- POLI 231 Introduction to Political Theory (3 credits)
- POLI 232 Modern Political Thought (3 credits)
- POLI 333 Western Political Theory 1 (3 credits)
- POLI 334 Western Political Theory 2 (3 credits)
- POLI 362 Political Theory and International Relations (3 credits)
- POLI 363 Contemporary Political Theory (3 credits)
- POLI 364 Radical Political Thought (3 credits)
- POLI 365 Democratic Theory (3 credits)
- POLI 366 Topics in Political Theory 1 (3 credits)
- POLI 367 Liberal Political Theory (3 credits)
- POLI 433 History of Political/Social Theory 3 (3 credits)
- POLI 434 History of Political/Social Theory 4 (3 credits)
- POLI 459 Topics in Political Theory 2 (3 credits)
- POLI 470 Philosophy, Economy and Society (3 credits)
- POLI 561 Seminar: Political Theory (3 credits)
9. **USEFUL LINKS**

- **ARTS ACADEMIC ADVISING** – [www.mcgill.ca/oasis/general/information/adviser](http://www.mcgill.ca/oasis/general/information/adviser)
- **SERVICE POINT - 3415 McTavish** – [www.mcgill.ca/students/servicepoint/](http://www.mcgill.ca/students/servicepoint/
- **ADDING AND/OR DROPPING COURSES** – [http://www.mcgill.ca/students/courses/drop](http://www.mcgill.ca/students/courses/drop)
- **CHANGING YOUR MINOR, MAJOR OR DEGREE PROGRAM ON MINERVA** - [https://www.mcgill.ca/students/courses/plan/CHANGING](https://www.mcgill.ca/students/courses/plan/CHANGING)
- **DECLARING AND ACADEMIC CURRICULUM** – [HTTP://MCGILL.CA/STUDENTS/COURSES/PLAN](http://www.mcgill.ca/students/courses/plan)
- **POLITICAL SCIENCE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION** – [HTTPS://WWW.MCGILLPSA.CA/](http://www.mcgillpsa.ca/)
- **REGISTERING ON MINERVA** – [HTTP://WWW.MCGILL.CA/STUDENTS/COURSES/ADD/](http://www.mcgill.ca/STUDENTS/COURSES/ADD/)
- **STUDENT RECORDS** – [HTTP://WWW.MCGILL.CA/STUDENTS/RECORDS/](http://www.mcgill.ca/STUDENTS/RECORDS/)
10. LINKS TO FACULTY OF ARTS POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

- Advanced standing credit and exemptions: www.mcgill.ca/oasis/
- Applying for graduation: www.mcgill.ca/oasis/general/graduation
- Course calendars: http://www.mcgill.ca/students/courses/calendars/current/
- Course Load: https://www.mcgill.ca/oasis/academic/courses
- Courses outside of Arts and Science: https://mcgill.ca/oasis/programs/courses
- Course overlap: https://mcgill.ca/oasis/programs/courses
- Course and university withdrawal: www.mcgill.ca/oasis/general/withdrawals
- Credit limit for the degree: http://mcgill.ca/oasis/programs/requirements
- Deferred exams: https://www.mcgill.ca/exams/dates/supdefer
- Degree requirements: http://mcgill.ca/oasis/programs/requirements
- Degree planning information sessions: www.mcgill.ca/oasis/
- Exam information and schedules: http://mcgill.ca/oasis/programs/exams-evaluations
- Exchange programs: http://www.mcgill.ca/oasis/away/
- Faculty adviser: www.mcgill.ca/oasis/general/information/adviser
- Important dates: http://www.mcgill.ca/importantdates/
- Interfaculty transfer: www.mcgill.ca/oasis/ba/transfer
- Internship courses and programs: http://www.mcgill.ca/arts-internships/
- Method of course evaluation and grading procedures: https://www.mcgill.ca/oasis/academic/exams-evaluations
- Minimum McGill credits required for a degree (Residency): http://mcgill.ca/oasis/programs/requirements
- Multi-track program requirements: http://www.mcgill.ca/oasis/programs/
- Readmission after an absence: www.mcgill.ca/oasis/general/readmission
- Registering for a Minor or a Major on Minerva: http://www.mcgill.ca/students/courses/plan/
- Reassessments and Rereads: http://mcgill.ca/oasis/programs/exams-evaluations
- Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory Option: http://www.mcgill.ca/students/courses/plan/s-u
- Special exam arrangements because of exam conflicts: http://mcgill.ca/oasis/programs/exams-evaluations
- Student Services: http://www.mcgill.ca/studentservices/
- Study away procedures and deadlines: http://www.mcgill.ca/oasis/away/
- Summer Studies: http://www.mcgill.ca/summer/
- Supplemental exams: http://mcgill.ca/oasis/programs/exams-evaluations
- Taking courses outside Arts and Science: https://mcgill.ca/oasis/programs/courses
- Taking courses at another Quebec university under the Inter-University Transfer Agreement: https://www.mcgill.ca/oasis/away/application-process/inter-university-transfer-iut-including-online
- Time limit to complete a degree: http://mcgill.ca/oasis/programs/requirements
- Transfer credit policy: https://www.mcgill.ca/oasis/away/transferring-credit