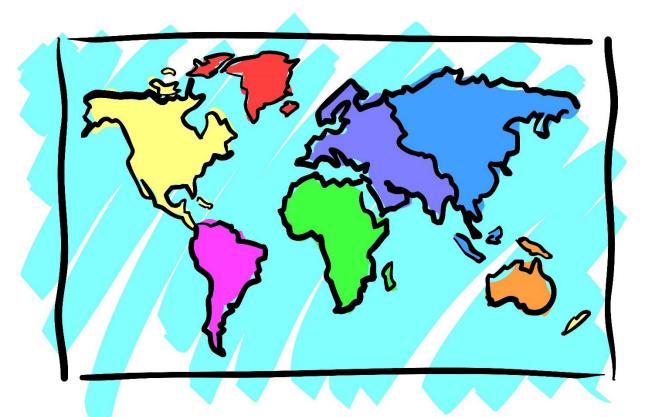


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## 1. ADVISING AT MCGILL

Many sources of information are available to you in planning your academic program, exploring career opportunities, and clarifying policies and procedures.

#### **Sources of Information**

There are four primary sources of advising available to students at McGill:

- Departmental Program Advisors in Arts (<a href="https://www.mcgill.ca/oasis/advising/departmental-advising-information">https://www.mcgill.ca/oasis/advising/departmental-advising-information</a>).
- Arts OASIS Faculty advisors (http://www.mcgill.ca/oasis/)
- Service Point staff (http://www.mcgill.ca/students/servicepoint/), and
- Brown Building Student Services consultants (http://www.mcgill.ca/studentservices/).

#### **DEPARTMENTAL ADVISORS**

Departmental advisors are responsible for the programs administered by their departments. They assist students during U-1 to U-3 years with academic advice, pertinent to the department's specific programs.

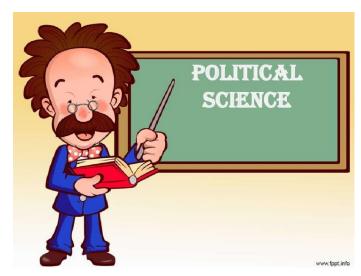
**NOTE**: It is the student's responsibility to refer to this Programs Guide and use the input from our advisors only subsidiarily, i.e. to fill gaps or clarify ambiguous statements in the Guide. Our advisors' advice does not generate student rights.

A current list of Political Science Advisors and their advising schedules can be found at: https://www.mcgill.ca/politicalscience/undergrad.

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

Contact information for Political Science administrative staff can be found at: <a href="http://www.mcgill.ca/politicalscience/contact">http://www.mcgill.ca/politicalscience/contact</a>

A list of all other Departmental Advisors in the Faculty of Arts can be found at: <a href="https://www.mcgill.ca/oasis/advising/departmental-advising-information">https://www.mcgill.ca/oasis/advising/departmental-advising-information</a>





#### **ADVISORS IN ARTS OASIS**

Dawson Hall, Room 110

http://www.mcgill.ca/oasis/

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 advisors 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 of degree requirements; preparation of graduation confirmation letters
- Degree Planning
- Readmission after an absence or unsatisfactory standing
- Disciplinary issues/plagiarism
- Career advising
- Study Abroad advising and approval
- Interfaculty transfer approval
- Managing academic decisions

The Arts OASIS Faculty advisors are experts in Faculty of Arts rules, regulations, and requirements. 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 advisors 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 <a href="https://www.mcgill.ca/oasis/students/new/freshman-u0">https://www.mcgill.ca/oasis/students/new/freshman-u0</a> for more information on the General Arts Freshman program.

To reach a general advisor in Arts OASIS, please consult https://www.mcgill.ca/oasis/contact



#### STUDY ABROAD ADVISING

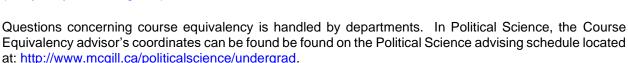
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http://www.mcgill.ca/oasis/away

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 dimension 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 <a href="http://www.mcgill.ca/oasis/away">http://www.mcgill.ca/oasis/away</a> for further information.

Questions concerning study away/exchange issues such as the application process, transferring credits, exchange programs, etc. can be dealt with via email (studyaway.arts@mcgill.ca).



## 2. STUDENT SERVICES

In addition to Departmental and Faculty advisors, 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 the Academic Resources 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 <u>returning</u> undergraduate students who wish to pursue short-term internship opportunities before completing their studies.

They assist students who wish to find their own internships. This Office also endeavors to build long-term partnerships with organizations in Canada and abroad 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 host organizations with pre-existing 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, and can provide you with access to electronic mail and internet.

#### g. International Student Services

https://mcgill.ca/internationalstudents/

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.

Hye-jin Juhn, the Political Science liaison librarian, is happy to provide help with research questions. Contact her by e-mail at hyejin.juhn@mcgill.ca 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 students' personal and 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.

#### I. PSSA (Political Science Students Association)

http://www.mcgillpssa.ca/

The Political Science Students' Association (PSSA) represents students enrolled in major, minor, honours, and joint-honours undergraduate degrees in the department of Political Science at McGill University.

#### 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 and diplomas
- Student record modifications/corrections (e.g., coding of repeated courses)
- Minerva PIN resets
- Convocation Services

#### n. Student Wellness Hub

https://www.mcgill.ca/wellness-hub

The Student Wellness Hub provides McGill students access to health and wellness services. Whether you want to build your wellness community, access a clinician, learn a new skill, or relax in their space, the Student Wellness Hub is there for you!



## 3. DEPARTMENTAL PROGRAMS

https://www.mcgill.ca/politicalscience/undergrad/program

The Department offers the following FOUR (4) undergraduate programs for students enrolled in the Faculty of Arts:

- Major Concentration
- Minor Concentration
- Honours
- Joint Honours



## POLITICAL SCIENCE FIELDS

The Department divides its course offerings into the following five groups (four substantive fields and research methods):

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

A list of Political Science Undergraduate courses categorized by these fields can be found on pages 27 to 29 of this booklet. These courses are not offered every term or year, so please check MINERVA at www.mcgill.ca/minerva for current term course offerings.

#### 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 (consult table of contents) and on the program audit forms. These documents are available at <a href="http://www.mcgill.ca/politicalscience/undergrad/ugformsanddocs">http://www.mcgill.ca/politicalscience/undergrad/ugformsanddocs</a>. 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 can start working toward an academic goal right away. Please consult <a href="https://www.mcgill.ca/students/courses/plan">https://www.mcgill.ca/students/courses/plan</a> 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 for Political Science programs 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 Political Science Honours program. Students must maintain a 3.30 political science average and 3.0 CGPA in addition to fulfilling the appropriate requirements for the Honours or the Joint Honours programs (these requirements are listed on pages 20 to 23 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. PREREQUISITES AND PROGRAM SEQUENCE

All upper-level (i.e. 300-level and above) Political Science courses have, as a common prerequisite, a 200-level course in the same field. For example, before taking an upper-level Canadian Politics course the student must have taken a 200-level Canadian Politics course. Some courses have additional prerequisites - see the current class schedule located at <a href="https://horizon.mcgill.ca/pban1/bwckschd.p\_disp\_dyn\_sched">https://horizon.mcgill.ca/pban1/bwckschd.p\_disp\_dyn\_sched</a>).

<u>NOTE:</u> Students are responsible for checking that they meet all the prerequisites before registering in a course. If they do not meet all the prerequisites, they could be forced by the instructor to withdraw from the course even if the registration was successful.

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.

- Students pursuing a MINOR concentration need to take <u>2 or 3 courses (6 to 9 credits)</u> at the POLI 200 level, <u>each in a different group</u> (see page 26 for details). Any additional 200-level POLI course will become an elective, as no more than <u>9</u> credits from the POLI 200-level can be used to fulfill the requirements of the MINOR concentration.
- Students doing a MAJOR concentration must take <u>four</u> 200 level courses (**12 credits**), <u>each in a different group</u> (see page 19 for details). Any additional 200-level POLI course will become an elective, as no more than **12** credits from the POLI 200-level can be used to fulfill the requirements of the MAJOR concentration.
- In addition to POLI 210, HONOURS students must take four 200-level courses, one in each substantive field (See page 20 for details). Any additional 200-level POLI course will become an elective, as no more than 12 credits from 200-level courses (excluding POLI 210) can be used to fulfill the requirements of the HONOURS program.
- In addition to POLI 210, JOINT HONOURS students must take three 200-level courses, each one in a different substantive field. (See page 23 for details). Any additional 200-level POLI course will become an elective, as no more than 9 credits from 200-level courses (excluding POLI 210) can be used to fulfill the requirements of the JOINT HONOURS program.



## 5. ARTS PROGRAMS AND B.A.

## A) How is the BA structured?

The Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) degree integrates the Humanities, Social Sciences, Languages and a wide range of Interdisciplinary Studies into a coherent academic program. Faculty of Arts programs are divided into concentrations to encourage flexibility, independence, and knowledge in a diversity of disciplines. Students may concentrate in one Arts discipline while obtaining a Minor concentration in other Arts disciplines as well as in disciplines in a selection of other faculties. This provides students with an unprecedented opportunity to tailor a unique academic profile suited to their specific interests and career ambitions. Please see



https://www.mcgill.ca/oasis/academic/degree-planning-quide/requirements for further details.

McGill Arts graduates are valued for their ability to think critically and communicate effectively, often in more than one language. Their skills in research and analysis may be applied to a wide spectrum of professional fields, such as law, education, business, government, and public service. See <a href="https://www.mcgill.ca/caps/what-can-i-do-my-studies-political-science">https://www.mcgill.ca/caps/what-can-i-do-my-studies-political-science</a> for further details.

## 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 <a href="https://www.mcgill.ca/study/2021-2022/faculties/arts/undergraduate/ug\_arts\_joint\_honours\_programs">https://www.mcgill.ca/study/2021-2022/faculties/arts/undergraduate/ug\_arts\_joint\_honours\_programs</a>. A Minor program is <a href="https://www.mcgill.ca/study/2021-2022/faculties/arts/undergraduate/ug\_arts\_joint\_honours\_programs">honours\_programs</a>. A Minor program is <a href="https://www.mcgill.ca/study/2021-2022/faculties/arts/undergraduate/ug\_arts\_joint\_honours\_programs">honours\_programs</a>. A Minor program is <a href="https://www.mcgill.ca/study/2021-2022/faculties/arts/undergraduate/ug\_arts\_joint\_honours\_programs">honours\_programs</a>. A Minor program is <a href="https://www.mcgill.ca/study/2021-2022/faculties/arts/undergraduate/ug\_arts\_joint\_honours\_programs">honours\_programs</a>.

## c) Courses in Other Faculties

All BA students are allowed to take a **maximum of 12 credits** in courses outside the Faculty of Arts and Faculty of Science towards their entire degree. See <a href="https://www.mcgill.ca/oasis/academic/courses/courses-outside-faculties-arts-or-science">https://www.mcgill.ca/oasis/academic/courses/courses-outside-faculties-arts-or-science</a> for further details.

#### **Distance Education/Online Courses:**

The Faculty of Arts permits students to take a maximum of 6 such elective credits towards their degree. These courses *cannot* be used for credit towards Political Science programs. Please see <a href="https://www.mcgill.ca/oasis/away/transferring-credit/online-education">https://www.mcgill.ca/oasis/away/transferring-credit/online-education</a> for further details.

## D) STUDY ABROAD/EXCHANGE, TRANSFER CREDITS, IUTS

Study abroad is an incredible opportunity to study in a new setting and to enrich your education beyond academic learning. It's also about experiencing different cultures, developing broader perspectives and enhancing your personal growth. Information on the Arts Study Abroad program and transferring credits can be found at <a href="http://www.mcgill.ca/oasis/away">http://www.mcgill.ca/oasis/away</a>.

The Quebec Inter-University Transfer Agreement (IUT/AEHE) allows students to take one course or a full course load at another university in the province of Québec. For further details, see <a href="https://www.mcgill.ca/transfercredit/iut">https://www.mcgill.ca/transfercredit/iut</a>

#### 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 some of these credits articulated to use them towards program requirements. Please consult the Arts OASIS site at <a href="https://mcgill.ca/oasis/students/new/university-transfer">https://mcgill.ca/oasis/students/new/university-transfer</a> for instructions.

Once you have completed all the steps, submit the online Pre-Admission Transfer Credit web form located at <a href="https://mcgill.ca/student-records/articulation">https://mcgill.ca/student-records/articulation</a> so that your request will be processed. Please note that it is not necessary to complete this 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 (<a href="https://nimbus-ssl.mcgill.ca/exsa/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/search/sear

If course equivalency does not exist, then you must first submit a request for equivalency on the course equivalency database and upload syllabus for each course (https://nimbusа ssl.mcgill.ca/exsa/search/searchEquivalency). For POLI courses, the Political Science Course Equivalency Advisor will determine equivalency (please see advising schedule posted at https://www.mcgill.ca/politicalscience/undergrad to ascertain who the current Political Science Course Equivalency Advisor is). 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 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**: 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 <a href="https://www.mcgill.ca/oasis/advising/departmental-advising-information">https://www.mcgill.ca/oasis/advising/departmental-advising-information</a> for a list of Departmental Program advisors in the Faculty of Arts.

#### **IMPORTANT NOTE:**

Transfer credits from a course that has been recognized as equivalent to a McGill course can be used towards our academic programs, unless this possibility is explicitly excluded in the description of the program's requirements in this booklet. However, *the total number of transfer credits cannot exceed more than one-third of the program requirements*. Courses accepted for transfer credits must also meet minimum grade requirements. For more information, see the Arts Oasis transferring credits site instead, i.e., <a href="https://www.mcgill.ca/oasis/away/transferring-credit">https://www.mcgill.ca/oasis/away/transferring-credit</a>.

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

#### \*\* IMPORTANT:

- The Department of Political Science grants Political Science course equivalency <u>no greater</u> <u>than</u> the POLI 400 level.
- The Department does <u>not</u> grant course equivalency for Political Science Methods courses (i.e., POLI 210, 311, 312, 313, and 461).
- The Department does **not** grant course equivalency for POLI 500 level honours seminars
- The Department does <u>not</u> grant course equivalency for the POLI reading courses, i.e., POLI 499, 599 and 490
- For the Poli Sci Honours program, the required POLI 400 level course <u>MUST</u> be taken at McGill and <u>not</u> as 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/

Information on Summer Studies outside of McGill can be found at: http://www.mcgill.ca/oasis/away

## F) INTERNSHIPS

Do you want to gain firsthand professional or research experience and enrich your academic studies through internship experiences? Consult the Arts Internship Office at <a href="www.mcgill.ca/arts-internships">www.mcgill.ca/arts-internships</a>.

An internship is a short-term, hands-on, supervised work experience with a professional organization. It provides students with an invaluable opportunity to apply the skills and knowledge acquired in the classroom to real world problems and enables the student to broaden his or her understanding of the field.

An internship is more than a part-time job or volunteer experience; it includes:

- · Specific learning objectives designed to increase the student's knowledge
- Training to hone existing skills and develop additional ones
- Supervision to guide and mentor the intern

Through their internship, students are able both to expand their horizons and to engage in a meaningful collaboration with their corporate or community organization for their mutual benefit.

## G) 600-LEVEL COURSES

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

- 1. Has a minimum CGPA of 3.30
- 2. Is the in U-3 or higher
- 3. Is in the Major, Honours or Joint Honours program (preference will be given to students in the latter two programs).
- 4. Has written approval from the professor teaching the course

Carefully read <a href="https://www.mcgill.ca/oasis/academic/courses/graduate-level-courses">https://www.mcgill.ca/oasis/academic/courses/graduate-level-courses</a> for the application procedure.

NB: 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 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 advisor to fulfil the program requirements. For further details, consult <a href="http://www.mcgill.ca/students/courses/plan/s-u">http://www.mcgill.ca/students/courses/plan/s-u</a>



## 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.

 Ask the instructors of those courses in which you have demonstrated <u>your best work</u>. The letter writer is asked to answer based upon written and oral work they have <u>observed and evaluated</u>. 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. <u>Make it easy</u> for the instructor to write a letter. Ask for all letters at the same time and preferably at least six 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;
- c) deadline boldly marked;
- d) a <u>brief</u> memo, including 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 and/or awards; v) an unofficial transcript.
- e) how what you are applying to do contributes to your future plans and goals.
- 2. It might be wise to bring along any papers and exams that you have completed in that instructor's course.
- 4. <u>Provide an addressed envelope or other way for it to be returned to you.</u> 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.

## 6. SPECIAL COURSES OPEN TO POLITICAL SCIENCE STUDENTS

## A) INDEPENDENT READING AND RESEARCH (POLI 490)

Open to Political Science Honours, Joint Honours and Major students only. **Not** open to Minor students. This course can only be taken **ONCE** 

- 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 honours 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 <u>not</u> permitted to supervise students in this course.
- A term paper is part of the assigned work. Depending on the supervisor, students are also responsible for completing readings, discussing those readings on a regular basis, and may often have other assignments due during the semester (perhaps proposals, rough drafts, or assessments of the readings.
- The Independent Reading and Research course (POLI 490) can only be taken once.
- Arrangements for any Independent Reading and Research course should be made by 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, the student's initial research questions about it, and a preliminary bibliography must be given to the professor (supervisor), together with the POLI 490 form for signature (i.e., approval). Please note that this can be done via email.
  - b) The completed, approved form is submitted via email to the Undergraduate Coordinator (della.maharajh@mcgill.ca) who will verify the student's status and give the student a permit to register. The student will then be able to register on Minerva using the quick drop/add feature but the permit is valid only until the end of the Add/Drop period of that particular semester.
  - c) The POLI 490 form can be obtained at: http://www.mcgill.ca/politicalscience/undergrad/ugformsanddocs

#### **Department Guidelines stipulate that:**

- 1) There be regular interaction between the supervisor and the student;
- Submission of a paper of <u>at least</u> 25 pages;
- 3) The paper must be submitted by the last day of classes.

## **B) HONOURS ESSAY (POLI 499)**

Open to Political Science Honours and Joint Honours students only.

<u>Not</u> open to Major or Minor students. POLI 499 is <u>NOT</u> a mandatory course for Honours and Joint Honours students.

This course can only be taken ONCE

IMPORTANT: The Political Science Department does <u>NOT</u> accept inter-departmental theses.

- 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 <u>must</u> 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 POLI 499 Honours Essay may be undertaken <u>only</u> by Honours and Joint Honours students. The essay is written under the guidance of a Political Science 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, 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 honours 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).
- Arrangements for the POLI 499 Honours Essay course should 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, the student's initial research questions about it, and a preliminary bibliography must be given to the professor (supervisor), together with the POLI 499 form for signature (approval). Please note that this can be done via email.
  - b) The completed, approved form is submitted via email to the Undergraduate Coordinator (della.maharajh@mcgill.ca) who will verify the student's status and 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 that particular semester.
  - The POLI 499 form can be obtained at: http://www.mcgill.ca/politicalscience/undergrad/ugformsanddocs
  - d) The paper must be submitted by the last day of classes.
  - e) Upon obtaining the second reader's grade, the supervisor will determine the final grade and will submit that grade to the Undergraduate Coordinator for entry into the MINERVA grade module.



## c) POLI 599 - INTERNSHIP FOR CREDIT IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

#### Students can take POLI 599 ONLY ONCE

Arts Internship Website: https://www.mcgill.ca/arts-internships/students/credit

**ELIGIBILITY:** Open to Political Science Honours, Joint Honours and Major students ONLY.

The course does **NOT** count as a 500-level honours seminar

The course consists primarily of a major research paper based on an internship. Because of the heavy workload involved, students should be wary of adding an internship course to a full course load. Students should 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, <u>well in advance</u> of the proposed internship start date. This proposal <u>must</u> be approved by the student's Political Science supervisor. Supervisors <u>must</u> 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 POLI 599 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 proposal for an associated research project. As noted above, this will ordinarily take the form of a lengthy research paper, researched during and after the internship, equivalent in length and quality to that produced in an independent reading course (i.e., at least 25 pages).

Once the internship position has been confirmed, follow the steps <u>listed on the AIO website (Steps to Getting Approval for Internship Credit)</u>. All steps should be completed well in advance of the start of your internship. No approval will be granted after you have started your internship.

The completed, signed form should then be submitted via email to the Undergraduate Coordinator (della.maharajh@mcgill.ca) who will verify the student's status and 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 that particular semester.

**IMPORTANT:** The completed, approved POLI 599 form and the proposal <u>must</u> be submitted to the Political Science Undergraduate Coordinator <u>BEFORE</u> going on internship. <u>No approval of academic credit will be granted after an internship has already started.</u>

#### **EVALUATION:**

A grade for the internship course will be assigned by the Political Science supervisor based on the agreement initially made between the student and the academic supervisor:

## 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 (i.e., department) other than the one in which the Major requirements are satisfied. See <a href="https://www.mcgill.ca/oasis/academic/degree-planning-guide/requirements">https://www.mcgill.ca/oasis/academic/degree-planning-guide/requirements</a> for details.

**36** credits of courses selected from the following 5 groups (Canadian Politics, International Relations, Comparative Politics (Developed and Developing areas), Political Theory and Methods with the following specifications:

	PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS	
Distribution	◆ 12 credits <u>must</u> be taken at the POLI 200 level. <u>No more than</u> 12 of the 36 credits may be at the 200 level. <i>No more than 3 credits at the 200 level may be in any given group</i> - the groups being Canadian Politics (either POLI 222 or POLI 221), Comparative Politics (either POLI 212 or POLI 227), International Relations (either POLI 243 or POLI 244), Political Theory, and Methods. Any additional 200-level POLI course will become an elective, as no more than 12 credits from POLI 200-level courses can be used to fulfill the requirements of the Major concentration	
	♦ No more than one-half of a student's political science credits may be in any one field, i.e., Canadian Politics, Comparative Politics (Developed and Developing areas), International Relations, Political Theory. If the field is Comparative Politics, the maximum is 21 credits provided that courses are taken in BOTH Developed Areas and Developing Areas (i.e., a minimum of 3 credits and preferably at least 6 credits in the second area).	
	◆ 3 credits must be taken at the POLI 400 level at McGill rather than as transfer credits.  NOTE: POLI 599 can be used towards the program (once) but NOT to fulfill this specific requirement. If you take POLI 599 you still need to take a POLI 400-level course at McGill (NOT as transfer credits).	
	◆ To take a 300-, 400- or 500-level POLI course, students must have taken a 200-level POLI course in the same field.	
Restrictions	<ul> <li>Only courses with <u>grades of C and above</u> 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.</li> </ul>	
	◆ Courses at the POLI 100 level <u>cannot</u> be used towards Political Science programs.	
	Only POLI courses can be counted towards the Political Science Major program	
Advice	♦ Students should aim to take the mandatory 12 POLI credits at the 200 level in their U-1 year. See specifics in the "Distribution" row above.	
	<ul> <li>Political Science courses taken in the U-0 (freshman year) may count toward the Political Science Major program requirements, provided they meet the program regulations.</li> </ul>	
	◆ Faculty regulation states that <u>no</u> course may fulfill the requirements for more than one program or concentration requirement, i.e., no double counting of credits. See <a href="https://www.mcgill.ca/oasis/academic/degree-planning-guide/requirements">https://www.mcgill.ca/oasis/academic/degree-planning-guide/requirements</a>	
Transfer credits	No more than 12 POLI transfer credits can be used toward the program requirements.	

# B) HONOURS PROGRAM IN POLITICAL SCIENCE - 54 CREDITS

In addition to the completion of the Honours requirements, students must complete at least a Minor Concentration in an academic unit (i.e., department) other than the one in which the Honours requirements are satisfied. See

https://www.mcgill.ca/oasis/academic/degree-planning-guide/requirements for details.



#### To enroll in the Honours Program the student must:

- be U2 or U3
- have a 3.30 minimum average in political science courses at McGill; and
- have a 3.00 minimum CGPA.

Students may enroll via MINERVA without any prior authorization from the Department or the Faculty.

It is IMPORTANT that students considering the Honours program plan their courses accordingly, as if they were enrolled in the program. For this purpose, the student should consult an advisor as early as possible.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS		
Program Requirements	54 credits in total, which is comprised of: 48 POLI Credits + 6 Non-POLI complementary credits	
Required POLI Methods Courses	◆ POLI 210 – Political Science Research Methods (3 cr)  Students should register for this course in their U-1 year  NOTE: Students who have taken SOCI 211 should NOT take POLI 210. While SOCI 211 waives the POLI 210 requirement, these students MUST still take 48 POLI credits to complete the Honours program - of which 12 credits must come from POLI 200-level courses, each in a different group (see detailed requirements for the POLI 200 level courses below).  AND  TWO (2) additional POLI Methods Courses at the 300 or 400 level (6 cr)	
	NOTE: The 9-credit research methods requirement can only be fulfilled with courses taken at McGill. Credits transferred from other universities are NOT accepted for this purpose	
POLI 200-level courses	Students are required to take 12 credits at the POLI 200 level, <a href="mailto:excluding">excluding</a> POLI 210.	

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Advanced Work	<ul> <li>12 POLI credits are required at the 400 level and above including one 500-level Honours Seminar.</li> <li>POLI 499, 490 or 599 may count as a POLI 400-level course but cannot substitute for a POLI 500-level Honours Seminar.</li> <li>POLI 499 (the Honours Thesis) is not a required course.</li> <li>POLI 500-level Honours seminar courses MUST be taken at McGill. This course cannot be taken as transfer credits</li> </ul>
POLI Honours Seminar	Register early as these courses fill up quickly An Honours Seminar (POLI 500 level) is required of all POLI Honours students and is limited to POLI Honours and Joint Honours students. Usually, it is taken in fields in which students have concentrated. 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 14 for more information on 600-level courses.  NOTE: POLI 500-level Honours seminar courses MUST be taken at McGill – these courses cannot be taken as transfer credits.
Distribution	No more than one-half of a student's POLI credits used toward the honours program (27 credits) may be in any one field: Canadian Politics, Comparative Politics (Developed and Developing areas), International Relations, Political Theory. If the field is Comparative Politics, the maximum is 30 credits, provided courses are taken in <u>BOTH</u> Developed Areas and Developing Areas (a minimum of 3 credits and preferably at least 6 credits in the second area).
Restrictions	<ul> <li>◆ Courses at the POLI 100 level <u>cannot</u> be used towards Political Science programs.</li> <li>◆ Only POLI courses can be counted toward the 48 Political Science credits required by the Honours program.</li> </ul>
Non-POLI Complementary Courses (6 credits)	A total of <b>6 Non-POLI</b> credits should come from courses that are 300 level or greater, and <i>cannot be used towards any other academic program.</i> 3 of these credits should come from a social science disciple, e.g., Anthropology (ANTH), Canadian Studies (CANS), East Asian Studies (EAST), Economics (ECON), Geography (GEOG), History (HIST), Middle East Studies (MEST), Philosophy (PHIL), Psychology (PSYC), Quebec Studies (QST), Sociology (SOCI), Religion (RELG), etc. The other 3 credits can come from any other discipline.  This 6-credit requirement is waived for students who have <u>completed</u> , in addition to the Political Science Honours program, either (i) <u>two (2) minor</u> programs OR (ii) <u>one (1) major</u> program in Arts but <u>outside the discipline of Political Science.</u>
Standard to Graduate with Honours	Maintenance of a <i>minimum</i> 3.30 average in political science courses  Please note that <u>ALL</u> political science grades taken at McGill are counted when determining the Political Science average. This <u>includes</u> 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, and no more than ¼ of total Political Science credits can be below B.

First Class Honours Standard	Maintenance of a <i>minimum</i> 3.60 GPA in political science courses.  More than half of the political science grades must be A- or higher.  Please note that <u>ALL</u> political science grades taken at McGill are counted when determining the Political Science average. This <u>includes</u> political science courses that are not part of a student's Political Science Honours program.  CGPA of <i>at least</i> 3.50 (Faculty regulation)  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.	
Transfer Credits		
Advice	<ul> <li>Students should aim to take POLI 210 and the mandatory 12 POLI credits at the 200 level in their U-1 year (see POLI 200-level specifics on page 20).</li> <li>Political Science courses taken in the U-0 (freshman year) may count toward the Political Science Honours program requirements, provided they meet the program regulations.</li> <li>Faculty regulation states that <u>no</u> course may fulfill the requirements for more than one program or concentration requirement, i.e., no double counting of credits. See <a href="https://www.mcgill.ca/oasis/academic/degree-planning-guide/requirements">https://www.mcgill.ca/oasis/academic/degree-planning-guide/requirements</a></li> </ul>	

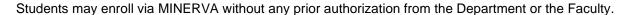


# c) Joint Honours Program - 36 credits

A Minor program is <u>not</u> required for students doing Joint Honours.

#### To enroll in the Joint Honours Program the student must:

- be U1, U2 or U3;
- have a 3.30 minimum average in political science courses at McGill; and
- have a 3.00 minimum CGPA.



It is IMPORTANT that students considering the Joint Honours program plan their courses accordingly, as if they were enrolled in the program. For this purpose, the student should consult an advisor as early as possible.

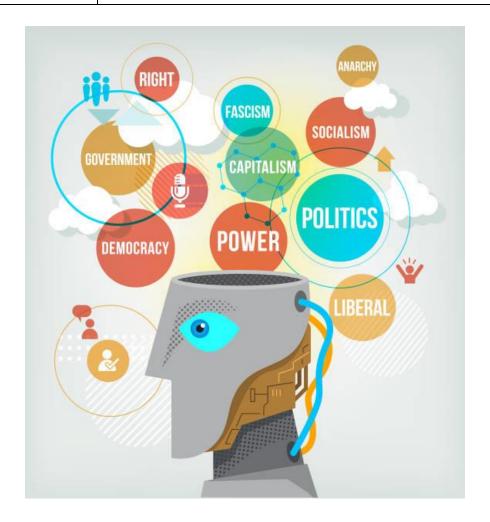
	PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS
	POLI 210 – Political Science Research Methods (3 cr)
	Students should register for this course in their <u>U-1 year</u>
	The POLI 210 requirement is also waived for all students who have taken SOCI 211.
Required POLI Methods Courses	NOTE: Students who have taken SOCI 211 should NOT take POLI 210. While SOCI 211 waives the POLI 210 requirement, these students MUST still take 48 POLI credits to complete the Honours program - of which 9 credits must come from POLI 200-level courses, each in a different group (see detailed requirements for the POLI 200 level courses below).
	AND
	ONE (1) additional POLI Methods Course at the 300 or 400 level (3 cr)
	NOTE: The 6-credit research methods requirement can only be fulfilled with courses taken at McGill. Credits transferred from other universities are NOT accepted for this purpose
POLI 200-level courses	Students are required to take 9 credits at the 200 level, <a href="excluding">excluding</a> POLI 210.  No more than 3 of these credits may be in any given field - the fields being Canadian Politics (either POLI 221 or POLI 222), Comparative Politics (either POLI 212 or POLI 212 or POLI 227), International Relations (either POLI 243 or POLI 244) and Political Theory. Any additional 200-level POLI course will become an elective, as no more than 9 credits from POLI 200-level courses (in addition to POLI 210) can be used to fulfill the requirements of the Joint Honours program
	9 credits are <u>required</u> at the 400 level <u>and above including</u> one 500-level Honours Seminar
Advanced Work	POLI 499, 490 or 599 may count as a POLI 400-level course but <b>cannot</b> substitute for a POLI 500-level Honours Seminar.
Auvanceu work	POLI 499 (the Honours Thesis) is <u>not</u> a required course
	POLI 500-level Honours seminar courses <b>MUST</b> be taken at McGill. This course <i>cannot</i> be taken as transfer credits.





	Register early as these courses fill up quickly
POLI Honours Seminar	An Honours Seminar (POLI 500 level) is required of all POLI Joint Honours students and is limited to POLI Honours and Joint Honours students. Usually, it is taken in fields in which students have concentrated. 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 <b>U-3</b> year.  A graduate seminar (600 level) may substitute for the Honours Seminar, but POLI 490, 499 and 599 may <u>not</u> . See item G on page 14 for more information on 600-level courses.
	<b>NOTE:</b> POLI 500-level Honours seminar courses <b>MUST</b> be taken at McGill – these courses <i>cannot</i> be taken as transfer credits.
Distribution	No more than one-half of a student's political science credits (18 credits) may be in any one field: Canadian Politics, Comparative Politics (Developed and Developing areas), International Relations, Political Theory. If the field 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).
	Maintenance of a <i>minimum</i> 3.30 average in political science courses  Please note that <u>ALL</u> political science grades taken at McGill are counted when determining the Political Science average. This <u>includes</u> political science courses that are not part of a student's Political Science Honours program.
Standards	CGPA of at least 3.00 (Faculty regulation)
Standards	More than ½ of the total Political Science credits must be B+ and above.
	Note that the other discipline of the Joint Honours has its own requirements, standards and procedures that are completely independent from those that apply to the Political Science Joint Honours program. Students must satisfy the honours standards of <b>BOTH</b> Joint Honours programs in order to graduate with honours.
	Maintenance of a <i>minimum</i> 3.60 GPA in political science courses.
	More than half of the political science grades must be A- or higher.
	Please note that <u>ALL</u> political science grades taken at McGill are counted when determining the Political Science average. This <u>includes</u> political science courses that are not part of a student's Political Science Honours program.
First Class Honours	CGPA of at least 3.50 (Faculty regulation)
	Please note that students must satisfy the first class honours standards of <b>BOTH</b> Joint Honours programs in order to graduate with first class honours.

Restrictions	<ul> <li>Courses at the POLI 100 level <u>cannot</u> be used towards Political Science programs.</li> <li>Only POLI courses can be counted toward the 36 Political Science credits required by the Joint Honours program.</li> </ul>
Transfer Credits	No more than 12 POLI transfer credits can be used toward the program requirements.
Advice	<ul> <li>Students should aim to take POLI 210 and the mandatory 9 POLI credits at the 200 level in their U-1 year (see 200-level specifics on page 23).</li> <li>Political Science courses taken in the U-0 (freshman year) may count toward the Political Science Joint Honours program requirements, provided they meet the program regulations.</li> <li>Faculty regulation states that <u>no</u> course may fulfill the requirements for more than one program or concentration requirement, i.e., no double counting of credits. See <a href="https://www.mcgill.ca/oasis/academic/degree-planning-guide/requirements">https://www.mcgill.ca/oasis/academic/degree-planning-guide/requirements</a>.</li> </ul>



## D) MINOR PROGRAM -18 CREDITS

This program may be expanded to the Major Concentration in Political Science

- POLI 490, 499 and 599 are restricted to Major, Joint Honours and Honours students only and <u>cannot</u> be used towards the political science minor program.
- 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 <u>not</u> as part of the 18-credit program requirements for the Minor Concentration.
- Courses at the POLI 100 level cannot be used towards Political Science programs.
- A maximum of 6 POLI transfer credits can be counted towards the political science minor.
- Only POLI courses can be counted towards the Political Science Minor program.
- Faculty regulation states that <u>no</u> course may fulfill the requirements for more than one program or concentration requirement, i.e., no double counting of credits. See <a href="https://www.mcgill.ca/oasis/academic/degree-planning-guide/requirements">https://www.mcgill.ca/oasis/academic/degree-planning-guide/requirements</a>.

**Requirements: 18** credits selected as follows:

#### 1. 6-9 political science credits at the 200 level

Not more than 3 credits can be taken in a given Political Science group, the relevant groups being Canadian Politics (either POLI 221 or POLI 222), Comparative Politics (either POLI 212 or POLI 227), International Relations (either POLI 243 or POLI 244), Political Theory and Methods.

Any additional 200-level POLI course will become an elective, as no more than 9 POLI credits from 200-level courses can be used to fulfill the requirements of the Political Science MINOR concentration.

3. 9-12 political science credits at the 300 level or above.



## 8. POLITICAL SCIENCE COURSES

(Check MINERVA at www.mcgill.ca/minerva for current course offerings)

#### **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 317 The Politics of Race in Canada (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 342 Canadian Foreign Policy (3 credits)
- POLI 348 Gender and Canadian Politics (3 credits)
- POLI 371 Challenge of Canadian Federalism (3 credits)
- POLI 372 Indigenous Peoples & the Canadian State (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**

(NOTE: Comparative Politics, is considered as ONE group/field even though it is broken down into two categories, developing and developing areas)

- POLI 212 Government and Politics Developed World (3 credits)
- POLI 315 Approaches to Political Economy (3 credits)
- POLI 316 Black Lives Matter and American Democracy (3 credits)
- POLI 318 Comparative Local Government (3 credits)
- POLI 325 U.S. Politics (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 421 The Politics of Misinformation (3 credits)
- POLI 424 Media and Politics (3 credits)
- POLI 430 Politics of Art (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**

(NOTE: Comparative Politics, is considered as ONE group/field even though it is broken down into two categories, developing and 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 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 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 443 Intervention in World Politics (3 credits)

- POLI 444 Topics in International Politics 2 (3 credits)
- POLI 445 International Political Economy: Monetary Relations (3 credits)
- POLI 446 International Law and Politics of Human Rights (3 credits)
- POLI 447 Political Economy of Mulitnationals (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 348 Gender and Canadian Politics (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 368 Political Theory and Indigeneity (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)

#### **METHODS**

- POLI 210 Poli Sci Research Methods (3 credits)
- POLI 311 Introduction to Quantitative Political Science (3 credits)
- POLI 312 Intermediate Quantitative Political Science (3 credits)
- POLI 313 Introduction to Qualitative Methods in Political Science (3 credits)
- POLI 461 Advanced Quantitative Political Science (3 credits)



## 9. USEFUL LINKS

- Academic Advising, Arts: <a href="https://www.mcgill.ca/oasis/advising">https://www.mcgill.ca/oasis/advising</a>
- Adding/Dropping courses: <a href="https://www.mcgill.ca/students/courses/drop">https://www.mcgill.ca/students/courses/drop</a>
- Arts Departmental advisors: <a href="http://www.mcgill.ca/oasis/ba/departmental/adviser/">http://www.mcgill.ca/oasis/ba/departmental/adviser/</a>
- Arts Oasis: https://www.mcgill.ca/oasis/
- Arts Undergraduate Society (AUS): <a href="https://ausmcgill.com/">https://ausmcgill.com/</a>
- Changing Programs in Minerva: <a href="https://www.mcgill.ca/students/courses/plan/changing">https://www.mcgill.ca/students/courses/plan/changing</a>
- Course calendars: <a href="http://www.mcgill.ca/students/courses/calendars/current/">http://www.mcgill.ca/students/courses/calendars/current/</a>
- Course Load: <a href="https://www.mcgill.ca/oasis/academic/courses">https://www.mcgill.ca/oasis/academic/courses</a>
- Courses outside of Arts and Science: <a href="https://mcgill.ca/oasis/programs/courses">https://mcgill.ca/oasis/programs/courses</a>
- Course overlap: <a href="https://mcgill.ca/oasis/programs/courses">https://mcgill.ca/oasis/programs/courses</a>
- Course and university withdrawal: <u>www.mcgill.ca/oasis/general/withdrawals</u>
- Credit limit for the degree: http://mcgill.ca/oasis/programs/requirements
- Declaring programs in MINERVA: <a href="https://www.mcgill.ca/students/courses/plan/changing">https://www.mcgill.ca/students/courses/plan/changing</a>
- Deferred exams: https://www.mcgill.ca/exams/dates/supdefer
- Degree requirements: <a href="http://mcgill.ca/oasis/programs/requirements">http://mcgill.ca/oasis/programs/requirements</a>
- Degree planning: <a href="https://www.mcgill.ca/oasis/academic/degree-planning-guide">https://www.mcgill.ca/oasis/academic/degree-planning-guide</a>
- Enrollment Services: https://www.mcgill.ca/es/
- Exam information and schedules: <a href="http://mcgill.ca/oasis/programs/exams-evaluations">http://mcgill.ca/oasis/programs/exams-evaluations</a>
- Exam conflicts: <a href="http://mcgill.ca/oasis/programs/exams-evaluations">http://mcgill.ca/oasis/programs/exams-evaluations</a>
- Exchange programs: <a href="http://www.mcgill.ca/oasis/away/">http://www.mcgill.ca/oasis/away/</a>
- Faculty advisor: www.mcgill.ca/oasis/general/information/adviser
- Freshman Program Information: <a href="https://www.mcgill.ca/oasis/students/new/freshman-u0">https://www.mcgill.ca/oasis/students/new/freshman-u0</a>
- Graduation and Convocation: <a href="https://www.mcgill.ca/graduation/convocation">https://www.mcgill.ca/graduation/convocation</a>
- Graduation Checklist, Arts: <a href="https://www.mcgill.ca/oasis/students/graduating">https://www.mcgill.ca/oasis/students/graduating</a>
- Important dates: <a href="http://www.mcgill.ca/importantdates/">http://www.mcgill.ca/importantdates/</a>
- Interfaculty transfer : <u>www.mcgill.ca/oasis/ba/transfer</u>
- Internship Office, Arts: <a href="http://www.mcgill.ca/arts-internships/">http://www.mcgill.ca/arts-internships/</a>
- Inter-University Transfer Agreement: <a href="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</a>
- Leave of absence: <a href="https://www.mcgill.ca/oasis/academic/withdrawals/leaves-absence">https://www.mcgill.ca/oasis/academic/withdrawals/leaves-absence</a>
- Method of course evaluation and grading procedures: <a href="https://www.mcgill.ca/oasis/academic/exams-evaluations">https://www.mcgill.ca/oasis/academic/exams-evaluations</a>
- MINERVA Course Class Schedule: <a href="https://horizon.mcgill.ca/pban1/twbkwbis.P\_WWWLogin">https://horizon.mcgill.ca/pban1/twbkwbis.P\_WWWLogin</a>
- Minimum McGill credits required for a degree (Residency): <a href="http://mcgill.ca/oasis/programs/requirements">http://mcgill.ca/oasis/programs/requirements</a>
- Multi-track program requirements: <a href="http://www.mcgill.ca/oasis/programs/">http://www.mcgill.ca/oasis/programs/</a>
- Political Science Advising Schedule: <a href="https://www.mcgill.ca/politicalscience/undergrad">https://www.mcgill.ca/politicalscience/undergrad</a>
- Political Science Courses and Syllabi: <a href="https://www.mcgill.ca/politicalscience/undergrad/courses">https://www.mcgill.ca/politicalscience/undergrad/courses</a>
- Political Science Documents (misc.): <a href="https://www.mcgill.ca/politicalscience/undergrad/ugformsanddocs">https://www.mcgill.ca/politicalscience/undergrad/ugformsanddocs</a>
- Political Science Forms (misc.): <a href="https://www.mcgill.ca/politicalscience/undergrad/ugformsanddocs">https://www.mcgill.ca/politicalscience/undergrad/ugformsanddocs</a>
- Political Science Home Page: <a href="https://www.mcgill.ca/politicalscience/">https://www.mcgill.ca/politicalscience/</a>
- Political Science Program Guide/Audit Sheets: <a href="https://www.mcgill.ca/politicalscience/undergrad/ugformsanddocs">https://www.mcgill.ca/politicalscience/undergrad/ugformsanddocs</a>
- Political Science Students Association (PSSA): <a href="https://pssamcgill.ca/">https://pssamcgill.ca/</a>
- Political Science Undergraduate webpage: <a href="https://www.mcgill.ca/politicalscience/undergrad">https://www.mcgill.ca/politicalscience/undergrad</a>

• Readmission after an absence: www.mcgill.ca/oasis/general/readmission

• Reassessments and Rereads: <a href="http://mcgill.ca/oasis/programs/exams-evaluations">http://mcgill.ca/oasis/programs/exams-evaluations</a>

• Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory Option: <a href="http://www.mcgill.ca/students/courses/plan/s-u">http://www.mcgill.ca/students/courses/plan/s-u</a>

Scholarships and Student Aid: <a href="https://www.mcgill.ca/studentaid/">https://www.mcgill.ca/studentaid/</a>

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• Summer Studies: <a href="http://www.mcgill.ca/summer/">http://www.mcgill.ca/summer/</a>

• Supplemental exams: <a href="http://mcgill.ca/oasis/programs/exams-evaluations">http://mcgill.ca/oasis/programs/exams-evaluations</a>

• Time limit to complete a degree: <a href="http://mcgill.ca/oasis/programs/requirements">http://mcgill.ca/oasis/programs/requirements</a>

• Transfer credit policy: <a href="https://www.mcgill.ca/oasis/away/transferring-credit">https://www.mcgill.ca/oasis/away/transferring-credit</a>

• Transfer Students admitted from other universities: <a href="https://www.mcgill.ca/oasis/students/new/university-transfer">https://www.mcgill.ca/oasis/students/new/university-transfer</a>

Waitlists: <a href="http://www.mcgill.ca/students/courses/add/waitlisting/">http://www.mcgill.ca/students/courses/add/waitlisting/</a>

Withdrawal from University: <a href="https://www.mcgill.ca/oasis/academic/withdrawals/leaves-absence">https://www.mcgill.ca/oasis/academic/withdrawals/leaves-absence</a>

Work Study Program: <a href="http://www.mcgill.ca/studentaid/workstudy/">http://www.mcgill.ca/studentaid/workstudy/</a>

• University Undergraduate Course Calendar: <a href="http://www.mcgill.ca/students/courses/calendars/">http://www.mcgill.ca/students/courses/calendars/</a>

