

Canadian Government and Politics

Students may specialize in the following subfields in the study of Canadian Government and Politics:

- ✓ Constitutional and Judicial Politics
- ✓ Federalism
- ✓ Gender and Politics
- ✓ Political Behaviour
- ✓ Political Institutions and the Political Process
- ✓ Provincial Politics
- ✓ Public Policy and Regulation
- ✓ Quebec Politics

1. These subfields are not so much watertight compartments as areas of emphasis in which overlapping literature and interests will be found.
2. Students majoring in Canadian Government and Politics will have to demonstrate **mastery** of one and **competence** in two of the subfields.
3. In the subfield designated by the student as the **major** subfield, mastery will require a demonstrated command of the relevant conceptual/theoretical and empirical literature.
4. In the two **minor** subfields, competence will require a familiarity with the important contributions to the study of those fields and an ability to discuss critically the major approaches and findings in those fields.
5. Lists of core readings are available for each of the subfields. These readings are intended to be a guide to the major debates and key contributions within the given subfield. Students are expected to do additional readings in order to develop their own critical perspectives on these debates, drawing especially upon the journal literature. Students are encouraged to select additional readings in consultation with members of the faculty in the Canadian field.
6. The **Written Comprehensive** examination will consist of three sets of questions representing the three subfields chosen by the student. For the **Major** subfield, the student must answer **two** questions; for the two minor subfields, the student must answer one question each. The examination will last four hours.