



Dear Students:

Welcome to the 2022-23 academic year and to everything that the Political Science department has to offer!

Political science is a discipline with a broad scope which includes diverse analytical tools and methods. It draws from, and contributes to, other disciplines in the social sciences and humanities, such as Economics, Psychology and Philosophy. Our department reflects the discipline's diversity. Our faculty study and offer courses about different subjects and use various analytical approaches. Our commitment is to academic excellence and ideological diversity.

The different undergraduate political science programs that we offer will introduce you to exciting ideas and lead to professions such as research and administrative jobs in government, international organizations, NGOs, and the private sector; journalism; law; public opinion polling; market research; advocacy work; and research and teaching in academia. Our four academic programs are: the minor concentration, the major concentration, the joint honours program, and the honours program.

Our department's courses are classified into five groups: Canadian Politics, Comparative Politics (regarding the domestic politics of different countries), International Relations (about relations across national borders), Political Theory, and Methods. The first four groups are called *fields* and they consist of more courses than the Methods group. You can find all you need to know about our academic programs in our [Programs Guide](#). Note that our old program regulations apply to students who were admitted to McGill before Fall 2020.

STEPS TO TAKE TO ENSURE THAT YOU ARE MEETING YOUR POLITICAL SCIENCE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:

It is not necessary to consult a Political Science advisor to track your progress. You can easily evaluate this yourself using our [Undergraduate Program Audit Forms](#). Make sure you use the form that applies to you.

If you would like to consult a Political Science advisor to discuss issues concerning your Political Science program or confirm your progress in it, please ensure that you complete your audit form before meeting with the advisor. To find your advisor, refer to [the Political Science Fall 2022 advising schedule](#). Alternatively, you can approach the [Undergraduate Coordinator](#) with your questions.

You can also consult the [Faculty of Arts advisors](#) to ensure you are meeting overall BA requirements.

Welcome again to this academic year!

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