Political Science: MA, PhD

Political Science is a research intensive and teaching oriented department, offering students a dynamic and engaging environment. Our faculty pursue a wide range of research interests, are widely published, and are active in obtaining grant funding from SSHRC and other sources. The department also has a strong track record in helping graduate students obtain research funding of their own, including SSHRC, OGS, and Trillium. Many of our faculty engage in field work in a number of regions, including Africa, Latin America, Asia, Oceania and the Pacific, the United States, Canada, Europe, and the Middle East.

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Program

MA Program: The department of Political Science offers a rigorous and dynamic MA program in Political Science with both Major Research Paper and Thesis options. The department also participates in a collaborative MA specialization in International Development with students obtaining a specialization in International Development along with the Political Science degree.

PhD Program: The PhD program offers students the opportunity to pursue studies in a broad range of research interests (see below). The department also participates in a collaborative PhD specialization in International Development, with students obtaining a specialization in International Development along with the PhD degree in Political Science.

Research Interests

- Human rights and development
- International relations
- Peace and conflict studies
- Constitutionalism and law
- Gender and identity
- Public policy and administration

Application Deadline:
January 18, 2018

Admission Requirements

Masters Application Requirements:
- A four-year Honours BA degree with a minimum B+ (77-79%) GPA

PhD Application Requirements:
- A MA degree in Political Science with at least an A- GPA for consideration
- Methodology course is necessary for admission
- Students are expected to have an adequate working knowledge of a language in addition to English, if needed for their particular course of study
- Students with a MA in a field of Social Science other than Political Science are also encouraged to apply. If accepted, they will be expected to successfully complete additional qualifying courses during their first two semesters in the program

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN:
- Comparative Politics?
- Public Policy, Governance, and Administration?
- International Development?
- Gender and Identity?
- Environmental Studies?

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:
- Academic/research
- Non-governmental organization and advocacy work
- Public sector and policy analysis
- Communications and public relations
- Consulting

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Departmental Graduate Faculty with Research Areas

**Dennis Baker** – Law & politics, judicial decision-making, constitutionalism, criminal justice policy-making & federalism

**Janine A. Clark** – Middle East politics, including Islamist movements, Women & politics in the global south, social movement theory, neoliberalism, including decentralization & local governance, in the global south, research methods

**Carol Dauda** – Gender & politics, sexuality & politics, generation (childhood in relation to adulthood) & politics, gender & public policy in liberal democracies, gender &/or sexuality & politics in Africa

**Jordi Díez** – Comparative politics, Latin American politics, comparative public policy, social movements, gay & lesbian rights

**Candace Johnson** – Gender, women, feminist theory, contemporary political theory, human rights & development, health policy & politics & Latin American studies

**Craig Johnson** – Urbanization, international development, land & resource governance, South & Southeast Asia, & climate change

**Edward Koning** – Immigration, immigrant integration, welfare state & European politics

**Theresa Lee** – Twentieth-century continental political thought, human rights & ethics, modern Chinese political thought & comparative political thought

**Leah Levac** – Public engagement, marginalized publics & intersectional policy analysis

**David MacDonald** – Comparative indigenous politics Canada, Australia, USA, New Zealand, Holocaust & genocide studies, US foreign policy, New Zealand foreign policy, international relations, international politics of western settler states, multiculturalism & racial & ethnic studies

**Tim Mau** – Public administration, public management/leadership/local government

**Andrea Paras** – Humanitarian NGOs, humanitarian intervention, human rights, religion & secularism & Tibetan exile politics

**Troy Riddell** – Judicial politics, constitutional politics, criminal justice, rights & liberties

**Byron Sheldrick** – Canadian political economy, law & politics, welfare state restructuring & social democracy

**Julie Simmons** – Public policy, public administration, federalism & intergovernmental relations & democratic governance

**Tamara A. Small** – Digital politics, Canadian politics, political communication, Canadian political parties & elections

**Adam Sneyd** – Commodities, corporate social responsibility, political economy, poverty & Africa

**David Snow** – Law & politics, assisted reproductive technologies, public policy, and federalism

**Ian Spears** – Conflict/conflict resolution, politics of Africa, Palestinian-Israeli conflict, development & violence & international relations

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**Tyler (Robert) Valiquette, MA.POLS**

Tyler is a Masters candidate in our MA.POLS program. His primary research interests are in LGBT rights, Human Rights, Social Rights, Public Policy, Social Movements and Religious Conservatism. Under the supervision of Dr. Jordi Díez, Tyler is examining LGBT rights in Brazil, specifically Bill 122/06 (anti-homophobia) and its progression through the congress, and its failure in the senate.

**Deborah Stienstra** - Public services and people with disabilities, women’s experiences and economic restructuring, intersections between disability, race/ethnicity and Aboriginality, access and inclusion in telecommunications policy