

2004-2006 Graduate Calendar

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The university encourages applications from women, aboriginal peoples, visible minorities, persons with disabilities, and members of other under-represented groups.

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MA Program

The Department of Political Science offers programs of study leading to the MA degree. Students may pursue either a thesis option or a major paper option, both of which are research-based.

The MA program's focus is on three fields: the Americas, public policy and administration, and international and comparative development. The Americas field includes the study of the government and politics of Canada, the United States, and Latin America and the Caribbean from a comparative and theoretical perspective. The public policy and administration field includes the study of the operation and management of governmental institutions and selected areas of public policy. The international and comparative development field includes both area studies and theories of development which link these areas.

The department works jointly with the Department of Political Science at McMaster University in offering a collaborative program in public policy and administration. Faculty members in the department also participate in the Collaborative International Development Studies program. The MA program can be completed in three semesters. Students who are admitted will normally receive funding as a Graduate Teaching Assistant or a Graduate Research Assistant.

Application Procedure

Graduate students are admitted each fall semester (approximately 15 students). The deadline for all application material is February 1 each year. The application fee is currently \$75 in the form of a certified cheque or money order. Information required is as follows:

- Application form or the PDF file from the on-line application procedure
- One page statement of interest

- All official transcripts
- Two letters of reference with assessment forms (part of application form)

You may apply in one of three ways:

- On-line -- we encourage you to use this method
- Download an application form
- Submit a request for an application package

www.uoguelph.ca/GraduateStudies/admission.htm

is the site for all three methods of application.

NOTE: This is a self-administered application process. Please have all materials (reference letters, transcripts, application form, letter of intent) returned to you and you put everything in one envelope and send to the Department of Political Studies Graduate Program Secretary.

Admission Requirements

The department requires an Honours BA degree (4 years) in political science (or its equivalent) with at least a 'B' average (second-class standing) for consideration for admission to the program. A methodology course equivalent to The Systematic Study of Politics, POLS*3650, in the Department of Political Science undergraduate program, is necessary for admission to the graduate program. Students not satisfying this requirement may be admitted with the provision that it be satisfied by completing the requisite extra course.

Degree Requirements

Departmental Program - Guelph MA Program in the Fields of the Americas, Public Policy and Administration, and International and Comparative Development

In order to fulfill the requirements of the MA degree, students must complete the requirements of either the thesis or the major paper options.

Thesis option:

Students pursuing the thesis option will select one major field from the following: the Americas, Public Policy and Administration, or International and Comparative Development. In order to satisfy the degree requirements, the student will complete four courses plus Pro-Seminar and a thesis as described below for a total of 2.25 credits.

One professional development and orientation course:

POLS*6900 0.25 Pro-Seminar

One of the following field core courses:

POLS*6250	0.5	Comparative Governments in the America
POLS*6630	0.5	Public Policy and Administration: Theory and Practice
POLS*6730	0.5	The Politics of Development and Underdevelopment

One methodology course:

POLS*6940 0.5 Political Research: Theories and Approaches
or an approved equivalent from another department

Two of the following departmental courses:

POLS*6210	0.5	Canadian Politics: Processes and Culture
POLS*6290	0.5	The American Political System
POLS*6370	0.5	Latin America and the Caribbean
POLS*6390	0.5	Environmental Policy and Law
POLS*6450	0.5	The Political Economy of Trade Policy
POLS*6640	0.5	Canadian Public Administration: Public Sector Management

POLS*6650 0.5 Organization and Decision-Making Theory

POLS*6750 0.5 Development Administration

POLS*6950 0.5 Specialized Topics in Political Science

Courses from other departments with the approval of the department chair.

With the permission of the Graduate Committee, complete and successfully defend a thesis of no more than 20,000 words.

Major Paper option

Students pursuing the major paper option will select two major fields from the following: the Americas, Public Policy and Administration, or International and Comparative Development. In order to satisfy the degree requirements, the student will complete six courses plus Pro-Seminar and two course equivalents of major paper research as described below for a total of 4.25 credits.

One professional development and orientation course:

POLS*6900 0.25 Pro-Seminar

Two of the following field core courses:

POLS*6250	0.5	Comparative Governments in the America
POLS*6630	0.5	Public Policy and Administration: Theory and Practice
POLS*6730	0.5	The Politics of Development and Underdevelopment

One methodology course:

POLS*6940 0.5 Political Research: Theories and Approaches
or an approved equivalent from another department

Three of the following departmental courses:

POLS*6210	0.5	Canadian Politics: Processes and Culture
POLS*6290	0.5	The American Political System
POLS*6370	0.5	Latin America and the Caribbean

POLS*6390	0.5	Environmental Policy and Law
POLS*6450	0.5	The Political Economy of Trade Policy
POLS*6640	0.5	Canadian Public Administration: Public Sector Management

POLS*6650	0.5	Organization and Decision-Making Theory
POLS*6750	0.5	Development Administration
POLS*6950	0.5	Specialized Topics in Political Science

Courses from other departments with the approval of the graduate coordinator or department chair.

Complete a major research paper of approximately 10,000 words:

POLS*6970	1.0	Research for Major Paper
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Interuniversity Program - Guelph-McMaster Collaborative MA Program in Political Science in the Field of Public Policy and Administration

The collaborative program in public policy and administration is an initiative on the part of the Departments of Political Science at the University of Guelph and McMaster University to co-ordinate their involvement in this particular field.

The program successfully melds policy studies and administrative studies into a unique program of study in Canada. Students can avail themselves of core courses that may be offered at either institution. Up to 50% of courses can be taken at each university. The program term is one year. All the courses are grounded within the discipline of political science, while giving attention and regard to the contribution of related disciplines - like economics, law and sociology.

Graduates enjoy successful careers in the public services of Canada, Ontario and other provinces, plus local governments. Some work for businesses and others for interest associations and non-governmental organizations. A number of graduates have pursued PhD's and now teach in universities and colleges.

Course of Study

The fall and winter semesters consist of all core courses and 2 specialized electives. The summer semester differs for students who are formally enrolled at Guelph and those formally enrolled at McMaster.

Category A: Core Courses

Students must complete all core courses. Public Policy and Administration Research Seminar will be offered in alternating weeks at both universities during one of the fall or winter semesters.

POLS*6630 or MCM*7830	Public Policy Analysis
POLS*6640 or MCM*7850	Canadian Public Administration: Public Sector Management
POLS*6940	Political Research: Theories & Approaches
or	
MCM*7960	Research Design and Methods
POLS*6950 or MCM*7940	Public Policy & Admin. Research Seminar
POLS*6900	Proseminar (Guelph Students)

Category B: Specialized Electives

Students may choose two additional courses from the annual listing of specialized courses offered at both McMaster and Guelph.

Category C: Summer Semester:

POLS*6970 Major Paper (Guelph students)
Students at Guelph will research and write a major paper (approximately 10,000 words) to be graded by the student's advisor and second reader (advisory committee).

Students at McMaster will write comprehensive examinations in mid July in the major field of Public Policy and Administration and in a minor field chosen from Canadian Politics, Comparative Politics or International Relations.

Interdepartmental Programs

Rural Studies PhD Program

The Department of Political Science is a participant in the PhD program in Rural Studies in the field of sustainable rural communities. Included in the graduate faculty for this program are J. Clark, C. Dauda, J. Diez, Craig Johnson, and I. Spears. PhD students will enroll in the interdepartmental rural studies program; those with advisors in the Department of Political Science will have access to departmental facilities. Please consult the Rural Studies listing for a detailed description.

Collaborative International Development Studies MA/MSc Program

The Department of Political Science participates in the MA Collaborative International Development Studies (CIDS) program. Please consult the International Development Studies listing for a detailed description of the MA collaborative program including the special additional requirements for each of the participating departments.

Thesis option in the CIDS program:

Students pursuing a thesis option will complete six courses plus Pro-Seminar and a thesis as described below for a total of 3.75 credits.

- One professional development and orientation course:
POLS*6900 0.25 Pro-Seminar

- Five CIDS core courses: (See the Collaborative International Development Program entry in this calendar (2.50)

- One methodology course:

POLS*6940	0.5	Political Research: Theories and Approaches or an approved equivalent course from another department.
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- One departmental graduate course (0.5).

- With the permission of the Graduate Committee, complete and successfully defend a thesis of no more than 20,000 words.

Major Paper option :

Students pursuing the major paper option will complete eight courses plus Proseminar and a major paper as described below for a total of 5.25 credits.

- One professional development and orientation course:

POLS*6900	0.25	Pro-Seminar
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- Five CIDS core courses: See Collaborative International Development Program entry in this calendar (2.50)

- One methodology course:

POLS*6940	0.5	Political Research: Theories and Approaches or an approved equivalent course from another department.
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- Two departmental graduate courses (1.0).

- POLS*6970 1.0 Major Paper

Courses

(* core course)

The Americas

POLS*6210 Canadian Politics: Process and Culture U [0.50]

This course begins with a study of the works of democratic theorists, Canadian and foreign. Conclusions drawn from this analysis are then applied to our political institutions and processes with a view to their evaluation and reform in accordance with the democratic ideal.

POLS*6250 Comparative Governments in the Americas U [0.50]

This course provides the theoretical and methodological foundation for the analysis of Canada, the United States, and Latin America and the Caribbean. Methodological issues in the analysis of constitutional regimes and theoretical frameworks for the comparative analysis of political institutions are examined.

POLS*6290 The American Political System U [0.50]

This course examines the institutions, processes and policies of the government and politics of the United States. Seminar discussion focuses on evaluating approaches to the study of the American system. Topics to be covered include Congress, interest groups, executive-legislative relations and reinventing government.

POLS*6370 Latin America and the Caribbean U [0.50]

The analysis of the political development of Latin America and the Caribbean looking at the context, ideologies, structures, processes and effects of policy formulation and implementation.

Public Policy and Administration

POLS*6390 Environmental Policy and Law U [0.50]

Examination of the policy, institutions, processes and legal procedures which encompass the field of environmental policy-making and law in Canada.

POLS*6450 The Political Economy of Trade Policy U [0.50]

This course examines international trade policies - multilateral, bilateral and unilateral - from a political economy perspective with particular attention to the evolving World Trade Organization as well as regional experiences under NAFTA and the European Union.

POLS*6630 Public Policy and Administration: Theory and Practice U [0.50]

This course provides an overview of important contributions in the study of public policy and public administration. It reviews a number of theories of the state and the literatures which have grown up around them. It also covers a range of narrower areas of public policy and administration such as organization theory, public budgeting and regulation and the literatures which they have generated.

POLS*6640 Canadian Public Administration: Public Sector Management U [0.50]

This course examines the growth of the administrative state in Canada, especially in the post World War II period. It critically reviews issues such as the concept of public sector management, the delegation of authority, personnel management, accountability and the ethics of ministers and officials to Parliament and the public.

POLS*6650 Organization and Decision-Making Theory U [0.50]

This course reviews a variety of theories and models used for explaining public sector organization behaviour. The models include economics, political science, contingency and institutional approaches. The theories and models are then used to examine actual behaviour in a variety of public sector organizations.

MCM*7970
MCM*798P

Readings in Comparative Public Policy
Environmental Policies and Governance

International and Comparative Development**POLS*6730 The Politics of Development and Underdevelopment U [0.50]**

This course, for MA students specializing in international and comparative development, has a primarily theoretical orientation, focusing on the main paradigms that have evolved to explain central problems and issues of development and underdevelopment, particularly modernization theory, dependency theory, world-systems theory and Marxist state- theory.

POLS*6750 Development Administration U [0.50]

This course traces the roots of the developmental paradigm and the emergence of a unique administrative mechanism to handle the development goals of Third World nations. Special issues for discussion include: the cultural context of development administration, sustainable development, technology transfer, corruption and administrative accountability.

Methodology and Research Courses**POLS*6940 Political Research: Theories and Approaches U [0.50]**

This course provides an introduction to the nature of empirical social science by examining the major theoretical approaches to the study of politics. It is designed to encourage students to understand and critically assess the potential and limitations in each. Accordingly, a comprehensive survey of the philosophical assumptions and the methodological issues underlying political inquiry and analysis are undertaken, with a focus on the fields of study in the departmental graduate program.

POLS*6950 Specialized Topics in Political Studies U [0.50]

This course is intended to be an elective course for students wishing to pursue an area of investigation not covered in the other courses offered by the department. This course may also be chosen by students who want to further pursue a subject area to which they were introduced in a previous course.

Other**POLS*6900 Pro-Seminar U [0.25]**

This course is a 0.25 credit course introducing students to graduate studies in the department and to the profession of political science. It includes information on the following: formation of a student's faculty advisory committee; preparation of research proposals for thesis and major papers; library orientation; research using the WWW and computers; and discussion of faculty research. All graduate students are required to take this course. The course is graded satisfactory (SAT) or unsatisfactory (UNS).

POLS*6960 Directed Readings U [0.50]

This is an elective course for students wishing to pursue an area of investigation not covered in other courses offered by the department. This course may also be chosen by students who want to further pursue a subject area to which they were introduced in a previous course.

POLS*6970 Major Paper U [1.00]

The major paper is an extensive research paper for those who do not elect to complete a thesis. It may be taken over two semesters. The length of the major paper is not to exceed 10,000 words.

Courses at McMaster University available to students in the collaborative MA program

MCM*7010	Theory and Practice of Policy Analysis: Frameworks and Models
MCM*7470	Welfare States in Comparative Perspective
MCM*7480	Democracy and Diversity: Multicultural Policies in Comparative Perspective
MCM*753P	Political Theory and Public Policy
MCM*7740	International Political Economy
MCM*7820	Development Theory and Administration
MCM*7830	Comparative Public Policy
MCM*7840	Statistical Analysis for Public Policy
MCM*7850	Canadian Public Administration: Public Sector Management
MCM*7860	Organizational Theory and the Public Sector
MCM*7870	Intergovernmental Relations and Public Policy-Making
MCM*7900	Politics of Economic Policy in Market Economies
MCM*7920	Public Choice
MCM*7930	Research Seminar in Public Administration
MCM*7940	Research Seminar in Public Policy
MCM*7950	Research Project in Public Policy
MCM*7960	Research Design and Methods for Comparative Public Policy