

2006-2007 Graduate Calendar

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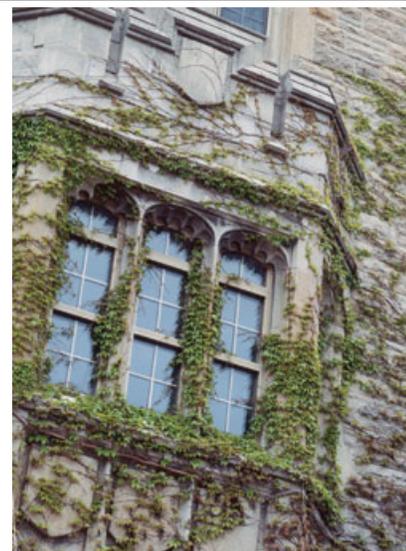


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The university encourages applications from women, aboriginal peoples, visible minorities, persons with disabilities, and members of other under-represented groups.

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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 is February 1 each year and the fee is currently \$75 in the form of a money order, payable to the University of Guelph. Personal cheques will be returned,

which will slow down the processing of your application. If you apply on-line, you can pay by credit card.

You may apply in one of two ways:

- On-line -- we encourage you to use this method
- Download an application form.

Both of these methods can be found at

www.uoguelph.ca/GraduateStudies/admission.htm

Information you are required to send to the Graduate Secretary, Department of Political Science, University of Guelph, Guelph, ON N1G 2W1.

- Application form from the downloaded application at the above web site

OR

The PDF summary of your on-line application **MUST** be printed out and submitted to the department with your other documents.

- A one-page Statement of Interest which clearly outlines your proposed area of interest. This statement is very important so that the members of the admissions committee can make their decisions.
- All official university transcripts. We do not require transcripts from community colleges.
- Two academic letters of reference - you must use the assessment forms from the downloadable application form.
- TOEFL scores or other English Language tests from all students whose first language is not English.

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:

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
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One core course:

POLS*6000	0.5	Comparative Approaches to Political Science
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One methodology course:

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

Two departmental courses.

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
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One core course:

POLS*6000	0.5	Comparative Approaches to Political Science
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One methodology course:

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

Four additional departmental courses.

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

Category B: Specialized Electives

Students 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.
- 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
- 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.
- Two departmental graduate courses (1.0).
- POLS*6970 1.0 Major Paper

Courses

(* core course)

The Americas

POLS*6210 Conceptions of Canada U [0.50]

This course will explore evolving conceptions of Canadian identity and nationalism through consideration of political culture, institutions and constitutional arrangements. Possible topics include: multiculturalism, aboriginal identity and community, Quebec nationalism, social citizenship, rights and representation, as well as Canada's global role and significance.

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 Politics and Policy U [0.50]

This course analyses environmental actors, movements, institutions, processes and policies across national, sub-national regional and/or global levels of governance utilizing a range of environmental perspectives and theories. Depending on the instructor(s), different case studies of critical and contemporary environmental policy issues will be explored.

POLS*6450 International Political Economy U [0.50]

The course relies on theoretical approaches in IPE to examine the relationships between politics and economics across national and regional levels. The evolution of the global political economy and its globalization and state and non-state actors' responses. Issue areas may include: money and power, technology, trade, development and the environment.

POLS*6630 Approaches to Public Policy U [0.50]

This course introduces students to the main theoretical approaches utilized in understanding public policy making and outcomes. Throughout the course, particular attention is paid to varying conceptions of institutions, ideas and interest and the role of these conceptions in various explanations of policy change and stasis.

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.

International and Comparative Development

POLS*6000 Comparative Approaches to Political Science U [0.50]

In this course, the students examine the main theoretical frameworks and debates in political science and the ways in which these conceptual approaches guide empirical analysis and explain political behaviour. Examples include neo-institutionalism, political culture, Marxism, feminist and identity based approaches.

POLS*6050 Gender and Politics U [0.50]

This course will survey theoretical approaches to gender, primarily feminist analysis. Through selected readings, students will be introduced to gender as an approach to examining current political problems such as social policy, security or development.

POLS*6400 Comparative Social Policy U [0.50]

In this course, students will study social policy in comparative perspective. Theoretical models and various policy fields will be examined in order to understand welfare state development and retrenchment. Policy fields may include immigration, health, child care and income.

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 in Practice U [0.50]

This course examines the politics of international development policy and practice. Drawing upon theories of development and underdevelopment, it examines the role of transnational regimes, international institutions, national governments, and NGOs in the provision of international development assistance.

Methodology and Research Courses**POLS*6940 Qualitative Research Design and Methods U [0.50]**

This course focuses on the elements of designing and writing a research question and proposal. It further examines a variety of research methods, such as the case study, comparative and survey methods. Data collection techniques also are examined.

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 U [0.00]**

Descriptions of all MacMaster University Graduate courses may be found at <http://www.mcmaster.ca/graduate/calendar.html>

MCM*7470 Welfare States in Comparative Perspective U [0.00]

Descriptions of all MacMaster University Graduate courses may be found at <http://www.mcmaster.ca/graduate/calendar.html>

MCM*7480 Democracy and Diversity: Multicultural Policies in Comparative Perspective U [0.00]

Descriptions of all MacMaster University Graduate courses may be found at <http://www.mcmaster.ca/graduate/calendar.html>

MCM*753P Political Theory and Public Policy U [0.00]

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MCM*7740 International Political Economy U [0.00]

Descriptions of all MacMaster University Graduate courses may be found at <http://www.mcmaster.ca/graduate/calendar.html>

MCM*7820 Development Theory and Administration U [0.00]

Descriptions of all MacMaster University Graduate courses may be found at <http://www.mcmaster.ca/graduate/calendar.html>

MCM*7830 Comparative Public Policy U [0.00]

Descriptions of all MacMaster University Graduate courses may be found at <http://www.mcmaster.ca/graduate/calendar.html>

MCM*7840 Statistical Analysis for Public Policy U [0.00]

Descriptions of all MacMaster University Graduate courses may be found at <http://www.mcmaster.ca/graduate/calendar.html>

MCM*7850 Canadian Public Administration: Public Sector Management U [0.00]

Descriptions of all MacMaster University Graduate courses may be found at <http://www.mcmaster.ca/graduate/calendar.html>

MCM*7860 Organizational Theory and the Public Sector U [0.00]

Descriptions of all MacMaster University Graduate courses may be found at <http://www.mcmaster.ca/graduate/calendar.html>

MCM*7870 Intergovernmental Relations and Public Policy-Making U [0.00]

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MCM*7900 Politics of Economic Policy in Market Economies U [0.00]

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MCM*7920 Public Choice U [0.00]

Descriptions of all MacMaster University Graduate courses may be found at <http://www.mcmaster.ca/graduate/calendar.html>

MCM*7930 Research Seminar in Public Administration U [0.00]

Descriptions of all MacMaster University Graduate courses may be found at <http://www.mcmaster.ca/graduate/calendar.html>

MCM*7940 Research Seminar in Public Policy U [0.00]

Descriptions of all MacMaster University Graduate courses may be found at <http://www.mcmaster.ca/graduate/calendar.html>

MCM*7950 Research Seminar in Public Policy U [0.00]

Descriptions of all MacMaster University Graduate courses may be found at <http://www.mcmaster.ca/graduate/calendar.html>

MCM*7960 Research Design and Methods for Comparative Public Policy U [0.00]

Descriptions of all MacMaster University Graduate courses may be found at <http://www.mcmaster.ca/graduate/calendar.html>

MCM*7970 Readings in Comparative Public Policy U [0.00]

Descriptions of all MacMaster University Graduate courses may be found at <http://www.mcmaster.ca/graduate/calendar.html>

MCM*798P Environmental Policies and Governance U [0.00]

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