

2014-2015 Graduate Calendar

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Introduction

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Email Address

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The University undertakes to protect the privacy of each student and the confidentiality of his or her record. To this end the University shall refuse to disclose personal information to any person other than the individual to whom the information relates where disclosure would constitute an unjustified invasion of the personal privacy of that person or of any other individual. All members of the University community must respect the confidential nature of the student information which they acquire in the course of their work.

Complete policy at <http://www.uoguelph.ca/policies>.

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MA Program

The Department of Political Science offers three programs of study leading to the MA degree. Graduate students in the Department of Political Science are accepted into one of the following programs: 1) the General MA in Political Science; 2) the Collaborative MA Program in International Development Studies (IDS); or 3) the Guelph-McMaster Collaborative MA Program in Public Policy and Administration (The G-M Program). Each of these MA programs has separate course requirements. Students in the General MA and Collaborative MA Program in International Development Studies may pursue a thesis option or a major research paper option, both of which are research-based. Students in the Guelph-McMaster program are required to undertake a major research paper. The MA program can be completed in three semesters.

Application Procedure

All students must apply directly to the Department of Political Science. Graduate students are admitted each Fall semester. Program offices should be consulted for admission deadlines. All applications must be submitted on-line. Complete instructions can be found at <http://www.uoguelph.ca/graduatestudies/apply>

A Statement of Interest forms a vital component of the application package (see website above). A Statement of Interest should include a clear delineation of the student's research topic, preferably a specific research question and the problem this question addresses within the academic literature

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

Admission Requirements

The department requires an Honours BA degree (4 years) in political science (or its equivalent) with at least a 'B+' average 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 Political Science

The University of Guelph's Department of Political Science has a large, academically diverse research-oriented faculty. We offer strong scholarly representation in two main fields: Governance and Public Policy; and Comparative Politics. Within these two fields, the faculty's research and supervisory expertise further is concentrated in, but not limited to, the following thematic areas: Social Policy; Environmental Policy; International Trade Policy; Criminal Justice Policy; Politics of Development; and Women, Gender and Politics. The program's structure and the diverse interests of its members have resulted in a very broad range of course offerings. Graduates of the General MA in Political Science are engaged in a wide range of careers in academia, government and industry.

In order to fulfill the requirements of the General MA Political Science, 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 five courses plus a Pro-Seminar and a thesis, as described below for a total of 2.75 credits.

One professional development and orientation course:

POLS*6900 [0.25] Pro-Seminar

One methodology course:

POLS*6940 [0.50] Qualitative Research Design and Methods

or an appropriate equivalent from another department.

One core course:

POLS*6000 [0.50] Comparative Approaches to Political Science

Three departmental courses or, in consultation with the graduate advisor, courses outside the department.

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

Major Research Paper Option

In order to satisfy the degree requirements, the student will complete six courses plus a 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

One methodology course:

POLS*6940 [0.50] Qualitative Research Design and Methods

or an approved equivalent from another department.

One core course:

POLS*6000 [0.50] Comparative Approaches to Political Science

Four departmental courses or, in consultation with the graduate advisor, courses outside the department.

With the permission of the Graduate Coordinator, graduate students complete and successfully defend a Major Research Paper of approximately 10,000 words.

POLS*6970 [1.00] Major Paper

Interuniversity MA Program - Guelph-McMaster Collaborative MA Program in 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 - such as economics, law and sociology.

Graduates enjoy successful careers in the public services of Canada, Ontario and other provinces, as well as local governments, and pursue careers in the private sector as well as the non-profit sector. A number of graduates have pursued PhDs and now teach in universities and colleges.

Course of Study

The Fall and Winter semesters are devoted to completing the course requirements: four core courses and 2 specialized electives. The Summer semester differs for students who are formally enrolled at Guelph and those formally enrolled at McMaster.

Degree Requirements

In order to satisfy the degree requirements, the student will complete six courses plus a 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

One methodology course:

POLS*6940 [0.50] Qualitative Research Design and Methods

Three core courses:

POLS*6630 [0.50] Approaches to Public Policy

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

MCM*7940 [0.50] Research Seminar: Public Policy

Two departmental courses offered at the University of Guelph or McMaster University.

With the permission of the Graduate Program Committee, graduate students complete and successfully defend a Major Research Paper of approximately 10,000 words:

POLS*6970 [1.00] Major Paper

Interdepartmental MA Programs - International Development Studies MA/MSc Program

The Department of Political Science participates in the MA International Development Studies (IDS) 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.

IDS graduates hold positions in government in Canada and abroad with NGOs, international organizations and private consultancies. Many also enter PhD programs.

Degree Requirements

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

Thesis Option

In order to satisfy the degree requirements, the student will complete seven courses plus a 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

One methodology course:

POLS*6940 [0.50] Qualitative Research Design and Methods or an appropriate equivalent from another department.

One core course:

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

Five CIDS core courses (2.50). See the Collaborative International Development Program entry in this calendar. POLS*6730 will count as both a Political Science requirement and a CIDS requirement. With the permission of the Graduate Program Committee, graduate students complete and successfully defend a thesis of no more than 20,000 words.

Major Research Paper Option

In order to satisfy the degree requirements, the student will complete eight courses plus Pro-Seminar and two course equivalents of major paper research as described below for a total of 5.25 credits.

One professional development and orientation course:

POLS*6900 [0.25] Pro-Seminar

One methodology course:

POLS*6940 [0.50] Qualitative Research Design and Methods or an approved equivalent from another department.

One core course:

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

One department course 0.50

Five CIDS core courses (2.50). See the Collaborative International Development Program entry in this calendar. POLS*6730 will count as both a Political Science requirement and a CIDS requirement.

With the permission of the Graduate Program Committee, graduate students complete and successfully defend a Major Research Paper of approximately 10,000 words.

POLS*6970 [1.00] Major Paper

PhD Program

The PhD program offers students the opportunity to pursue studies in two fields: Comparative Politics, and Public Policy and Governance. Students are required to major in one field and minor in the other. Within Comparative Politics, students can focus their studies thematically or regionally. The department has expertise in developing, transitional, and advanced-industrial countries. Within the field of Public Policy and Governance students can pursue studies in a wide range of areas, including health care, law, criminal justice, environmental policy, social policy, security policy, trade policy, federalism and intergovernmental relations, and multilevel governance.

Application Procedure

All students must apply directly to the Department of Political Science. Graduate students are admitted each Fall semester. Program offices should be consulted for admission deadlines. All applications must be submitted on-line. Complete instructions can be found at <http://www.uoguelph.ca/graduatestudies/apply>

A Statement of Interest forms a vital component of the application package (see website above). A Statement of Interest should include a clear delineation of the student's research topic, preferably a specific research question and the problem this question addresses within the academic literature.

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

Admission Requirements

Students are expected to have a completed an MA in Political Science with at least an A-average for consideration for admission to the program. Students are also required to have successfully completed a graduate course in quantitative and qualitative Political Science methods. Students not satisfying this requirement may be admitted with the provision that it be satisfied by completing the requisite extra course. Students with a MA in a Social Science other than Political Science, are encouraged to apply on the condition that they take additional courses upon their entry into the program.

Degree Requirements

Students will be required to successfully complete a minimum of four graduate courses:

- Two PhD core courses (see [Department's Graduate Handbook](#) in the student's major field and minor field (selected in consultation with the student's Advisor)
- Two of the following courses as electives:
 - i. One or two of the other existing graduate courses offered in the Department
 - ii. A graduate course offered in another department at the University of Guelph (selected in consultation with the student's Advisor).

- A written qualifying exam and an oral qualifying exam.

The qualifying examination will take the form of a written take-home examination followed by an oral examination and will be based on the reading lists for the core courses in the major and minor field. Normally the examination will involve three questions based on the major field of study and two questions from the minor field.

- A thesis

Each candidate will be required to write and submit a thesis on the research carried out by the candidate on a topic approved by the Advisory Committee. The thesis is expected to be a significant contribution to knowledge in its field and the candidate must indicate in what ways it is a contribution. A thesis is expected to be no less than 200 pages in length. The thesis must demonstrate mature scholarship and critical judgement on the part of the candidate, and it must indicate an ability to express oneself in a satisfactory literary style. Approval of the thesis is taken to imply that it is judged to be sufficiently meritorious to warrant publication in reputable scholarly media in the field.

Collaborative Programs

International Development Studies MA Program

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

IDS graduates hold positions in government in Canada and abroad with NGOs, international organizations and private consultancies. Many also enter PhD programs.

International Development Studies PhD Program

The Department of Political Science participates in the collaborative PhD in International Development Studies (IDS), which provides an opportunity to engage in interdisciplinary study of international development issues. Applications are part of the general PhD application, and go directly to the Political Science Department. In addition to the Political Science PhD requirements, IDS applicants are expected to have a strong background in the social sciences, a demonstrable track record of experience in the course-based study of development issues, development research and/or development practice and a stated research interest relating to international development. The IDS designation also requires two core courses in international development theory and research methods. More information about the requirements and expectations of the IDS PhD program please consult the International Development Studies listing.

Courses

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.

Department(s): Department of Political Science

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.

Department(s): Department of Political Science

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.

Department(s): Department of Political Science

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.

Department(s): Department of Political Science

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.

Department(s): Department of Political Science

POLS*6380 Democratization in Comparative Perspective U [0.50]

This course offers a graduate seminar in the study of democratization. Focusing primarily on the countries of the Global South, it explores theories of democratic transition, social mobilization and the articulation of rights aimed at defending new forms of democratic recognition.

Department(s): Department of Political Science

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.

Department(s): Department of Political Science

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.

Department(s): Department of Political Science

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.

Department(s): Department of Political Science

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.

Department(s): Department of Political Science

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.

Department(s): Department of Political Science

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.

Department(s): Department of Political Science

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.

Department(s): Department of Political Science

POLS*6800 Public Policy and Governance - Selected Topics F [0.50]

This course explores concepts, theories and methods of public policy analysis and governance practices and questions; the factors that influence a state's ability to design, coordinate, implement and learn from policy interventions; the intellectual forces and conceptual-theoretical frameworks that underpin the literature.

Restriction(s): Doctoral students only.

Department(s): Department of Political Science

POLS*6810 Core Seminar in Comparative Politics W [0.50]

This PhD seminar course will familiarize students with themes and theorists in comparative politics.

Restriction(s): Doctoral students only.

Department(s): Department of Political Science

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).

Department(s): Department of Political Science

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.

Department(s): Department of Political Science

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.

Department(s): Department of Political Science

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.

Department(s): Department of Political Science

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.

Department(s): Department of Political Science

Students should also consult the fourth year undergraduate course selection. Graduate students, with the approval of the instructor and the Graduate Coordinator, may take a fourth year undergraduate course in the Political Science Department. This course is taken as POLS*6950 Specialized Topics. Course requirements are modified so that they are comparable to other courses offered at the graduate level.

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

Descriptions of all McMaster University Graduate courses may be found at <http://graduate.mcmaster.ca/graduate-students/current-students/graduate-calendar.html>