

2018-2019 Graduate Calendar

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Introduction

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Email Address

The University issued email address is considered an official means of communication with the student and will be used for correspondence from the University. Students are responsible for monitoring their University-issued email account regularly.

Home Address

Students are responsible for maintaining a current mailing address with the University. Address changes can be made, in writing, through Registrarial Services.

Name Changes

The University of Guelph is committed to the integrity of its student records, therefore, each student is required to provide either on application for admission or on personal data forms required for registration, his/her complete, legal name. Any requests to change a name, by means of alteration, deletion, substitution or addition, must be accompanied by appropriate supporting documentation.

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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 <https://www.uoguelph.ca/secretariat/office-services/university-secretariat/university-policies>.

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Political Science

The Department of Political Science offers MA and PhD programs in the following fields:

- Rights, Justice, Citizenship, and Identity (MA)
- Canadian Politics (PhD)
- Comparative Politics (PhD)
- Gender, Race, Indigeneity, and Sexuality (PhD)
- International Relations (PhD)
- Law and Politics (PhD)
- Public Policy and Governance (PhD)

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MA Program

The MA program revolves around the field of Rights, Justice, Citizenship, and Identity while allowing flexibility for students to pursue their various interests. Within the broader framework of Rights, Justice, Citizenship and Identity, the Department has particular strengths in Public Policy and Administration and Global Justice and Politics and offers a number of courses related to those topics.

Our broad range of course offerings and routes to complete the degree allow students to tailor their experience towards their future employment or academic goals. Graduates of the program are engaged in a wide range of careers with academic institutions, government and public sector agencies, non-governmental organizations, and industry.

Application Procedure

Program offices should be consulted for admission deadlines and required documents <https://www.uoguelph.ca/polisci/masters/how-apply>. Complete application submission instructions can be found at <http://www.uoguelph.ca/graduatestudies/apply>

Graduate students are admitted each Fall semester.

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

Students enrol in one of three study options: 1) course work only, 2) course work and major research paper or 3) course work and thesis.

Thesis

In order to satisfy the degree requirements, the student will complete three courses plus the Communications seminar (POLS*6900), the Research Design and Methods course (POLS*6940) and complete a Thesis.

Three courses with at least two of them from the following core courses:

POLS*6050	[0.50]	The Politics of Identity
POLS*6130	[0.50]	Rights and Public Policy
POLS*6150	[0.50]	Constitutionalism and Judicial Politics
POLS*6400	[0.50]	Citizenship and Social Policy
POLS*6510	[0.50]	Political Participation and Engagement
POLS*6730	[0.50]	Development and Global Justice
Plus		

POLS*6900	[0.25]	Communications
POLS*6940	[0.75]	Research Design and Methods

or an approved equivalent from another department

A thesis of approximately 10,000 to 15,000 words (approximately 80 to 100 double-spaced pages). The written thesis is defended in an oral examination.

Course Work and Major Research Paper

In order to satisfy the degree requirements, the student will complete four courses plus the Research Design and Methods course POLS*6940, a Communications seminar POLS*6900, for a total of six courses and complete the Major Research Paper POLS*6970.

Four courses with at least two of them from the following core courses:

POLS*6050	[0.50]	The Politics of Identity
POLS*6130	[0.50]	Rights and Public Policy
POLS*6150	[0.50]	Constitutionalism and Judicial Politics
POLS*6400	[0.50]	Citizenship and Social Policy
POLS*6510	[0.50]	Political Participation and Engagement
POLS*6730	[0.50]	Development and Global Justice
Plus		

POLS*6900	[0.25]	Communications
POLS*6940	[0.75]	Research Design and Methods

or an approved equivalent from another department

POLS*6970	[1.00]	Major Paper
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The research paper is approximately 10,000 to 12,500 words (approximately 40 to 50 double-spaced pages).

Course Work

In order to satisfy the degree requirements, the student will complete the Research Methods course POLS*6940 and the Communications seminar POLS*6900, plus five additional courses.

Five courses with at least three of them from the following core courses:

POLS*6050	[0.50]	The Politics of Identity
POLS*6130	[0.50]	Rights and Public Policy
POLS*6150	[0.50]	Constitutionalism and Judicial Politics
POLS*6400	[0.50]	Citizenship and Social Policy
POLS*6510	[0.50]	Political Participation and Engagement
POLS*6730	[0.50]	Development and Global Justice

Plus

POLS*6940 [0.75] Research Design and Methods
or an approved equivalent from another department

POLS*6900 [0.25] Communications

PhD Program

The PhD program offers students the opportunity to pursue studies in six fields: 1) Canadian Politics; 2) Comparative politics; 3) Gender, Race, Indigeneity, and Sexuality; 4) International Relations; 5) Law and Politics; and 6) Public Policy and Governance. Students are required to major in one field and minor in the other. The Department has wide-ranging and various expertise in each of the fields—please consult the Department's website for more information.

The PhD program is designed both for students interested in pursuing academic positions and also for students interested in working in research capacities in the public, non-profit or private sectors.

Application Procedure

Graduate students are admitted each Fall semester. Program offices should be consulted for admission deadlines and required documents <https://www.uoguelph.ca/polisci/masters/how-apply>. All applications must be submitted on-line. Complete application submission instructions can be found at <http://www.uoguelph.ca/graduatestudies/apply>

Admission Requirements

Students are expected to have completed an MA in Political Science with at least an A-average for consideration for admission to the program. 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 six graduate courses:

- Two PhD field courses (see [Department's Graduate Handbook](#). One course in the student's major field and one course in the minor field (selected in consultation with the student's Advisor)

- Two research methods courses:

POLS*6940 [0.75] Research Design and Methods
POLS*6500 [0.50] Qualitative and Quantitative Data Analysis

- Two elective courses

- 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 double-spaced 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 Specializations

International Development Studies

The Department of Political Science participates in the MA in International Development Studies (IDS) collaborative specialization. Please consult the International Development Studies listing for a detailed description of the MA collaborative specialization 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.

The Department of Political Science also participates in the PhD collaborative specialization 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. Please consult the International Development Studies listing for more information about the requirements and expectations of the PhD collaborative specialization in IDS.

Courses

POLS*6050 The Politics of Identity U [0.50]

This course engages theoretical approaches of identity and identity politics in the global north and/or south. Topics may include contestation over indigenous, racial, ethnic, cultural, sexual, gender, and women's rights.

Department(s): Department of Political Science

POLS*6120 Theories of International Relations U [0.50]

This course examines Western and non-Western theories of international relations, such as realism, liberalism, and constructivism, as well as Marxist, critical, indigenous and gender approaches. It will engage with established and emerging theories, exploring contestation and debates within the discipline.

Department(s): Department of Political Science

POLS*6130 Rights and Public Policy U [0.50]

Students will study how individual rights can be restricted, protected or expanded through public policy, and how rights considerations and discourse may shape policy and the policy process.

Department(s): Department of Political Science

POLS*6150 Constitutionalism and Judicial Politics U [0.50]

This course investigates how the constitution and the judiciary affect political processes and decision-making, and how politics shape constitutions and judicial process. Canadian or comparative examples will be examined.

Department(s): Department of Political Science

POLS*6180 Women, Justice and Public Policy U [0.50]

This course will use gender-based analysis in examining a series of justice and public policy issues affecting the lives of women, including equality rights, pay and employment equity, domestic violence, sexual assault, family policy, health care policy, and pornography. Offered in conjunction with POLS*4100. Extra work is required for graduate students.

Restriction(s): Credit may be obtained for only one of POLS*4100 or POLS*6180

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*6380 State-building and Regime Change U [0.50]

Students will explore theories of states, regimes, state-building, regime change, and democratization. The course critically engages dominant debates and reviews empirical examples.

Department(s): Department of Political Science

POLS*6390 Resource Scarcity and Conflict U [0.50]

This course examines domestic, international and global dimensions of environmental governance and resource conflict, as well as stakeholder perspectives on resource politics. Topics may include climate change; the resource curse; commodity production, trade and consumption; food and human security; political ecology and extractive industries.

Department(s): Department of Political Science

POLS*6400 Citizenship and 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*6500 Qualitative and Quantitative Data Analysis U [0.50]

This course introduces both qualitative and quantitative methods of data analysis. Students will engage theoretical material on the subject and develop data analysis skills through practice.

Department(s): Department of Political Science

POLS*6510 Political Participation and Engagement U [0.50]

Students will study how individual citizens engage in the political process. Informal channels such as social movements or more formal organizations such as interest groups and political parties may be examined.

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 Development and Global Justice U [0.50]

Students will study Western and non-Western theoretical perspectives on the politics of development and global justice. Topics may include human rights and development, global inequality, environmental justice, indigenous politics, humanitarian ethics, intercultural competency, and faith-based development.

Department(s): Department of Political Science

POLS*6900 Communications F-W [0.25]

This course trains students in crucial academic skills, in particular writing and presentation skills. Some course elements may be offered through workshops in conjunction with other units, such as the Learning Commons.

Department(s): Department of Political Science

POLS*6940 Research Design and Methods U [0.75]

This course focuses on the elements of designing and writing a research question and proposal. It examines the principles of research design and research ethics, and surveys the strengths and weaknesses of a variety of methods of data collection.

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 Program 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.