

Calendar Year: 2004-2005
Faculty: Arts & Science

'Our cities are webs of politics. The water we drink, the energy we use, the air we breathe, the safety of our streets, the dignity of our poor, the health of our old, the education of our young, and the hope for our minorities - all these are bound up with the political decisions made at City Hall, in the (provincial) capital, or in (Ottawa).' (Karl Deutsch)

Political Science studies fundamental questions about how our society governs itself at a number of levels - in the city, in public associations like political parties and interest groups we belong to, in the provincial context, the national framework and, ultimately, the earth itself. Perhaps, in time, beyond the earth; for instance, the moon already has been declared open to all countries of our planet by the United Nations. What should be kept in mind is that all these levels are 'webs of politics', so that something that happens in Iraq could affect us in southern Alberta. How those connections are made is a part of the study, too.

All courses in the Department are organized under five areas: Canadian Politics, Comparative Politics, International Relations, Public Administration, Law and Policy, and Political Theory. However, because the subject matter knows no clear-cut boundaries, you may discover your pursuit of specific interests leading you through courses in all five areas. At the same time, to bring some sense and organization to your program, the Department has prepared a sheet of guidelines to help you out (please see page 3 of the Program Planning Guide).

You're also undoubtedly curious about what you can do with a Political Science background. Among the most obvious jobs associated with Political Science are politicians, government officials, bureaucrats, lawyers, journalists, city planners, teachers and law enforcement officers. Our graduates have entered all of these careers. While we can't claim them as University of Lethbridge's, but as part of a larger fraternity of political scientists, we include former Prime Ministers Pierre Trudeau and Joe Clark who have extensive graduate school background in the field, as well as former NDP national leader Ed Broadbent and former Governor-General Ed Schreyer, both of whom hold Doctor of Philosophy degrees (Ph.D.) in Political Science.

Of course, there are many graduates who do not gravitate to occupations traditionally related to Political Science, but in a rapidly-changing, highly-mobile society this may be understandable. Nevertheless, their Political Science education will be crucial to them as they assume and execute their duty and role as Canadian citizens. So, too, will your exposure to Political Science help you in this way.

Co-operative Education

A Co-op option, requiring three work terms, is available. Students interested in the Co-operative Education/Internship program should contact the Coordinator of Co-operative Education in the Career Resources Centre (B610; tel. 403-382-7154) for further information.

Program Planning Guide

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This program guide is designed to help you plan your degree program. The information should help you keep track of your progress in your major, electives and all your degree requirements. Please remember that this is only a guide and not a graduation check. Students are responsible for the accuracy of their own programs. The guide should be used in conjunction with the University of Lethbridge Calendar, which is the final authority on all questions regarding program requirements and academic regulations.

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE POLITICAL SCIENCE MAJOR

The Program

The B.A. degree with a major in Political Science requires 40 semester courses, including a minimum of 13 courses in the major. A maximum of 20 courses in Political Science is allowed.

Transfer Credit

Remember that you may use both University of Lethbridge credit and credit transferred from another college or university to meet degree and major requirements. Transfer credit may be either specified or unspecified. Specified credit is indicated on your transcript by the subject name and the specific number of the course, e.g., Political Science 1000, 2210, etc. Unspecified credit (1XXX, 2XXX, etc.) is indicated by the subject name and level of the course in parentheses, e.g., Political Science (1000 level), Political Science (2000 level), etc.

Unspecified course credit means that the University of Lethbridge does not offer the same course you transferred in, but we recognize it and treat it as a regular course. An unspecified course would count as one of your maximum of 20 from one department, but it could not meet a specific course requirement. For example, if Political Science 2410 is required in your program, you could not use Political Science (2000 level) to fulfill that requirement.

Note: While Political Science 1000 is not required in the major, it is a prerequisite for courses at the 2000 level. Some 2000-level courses may be taken if you have completed any Political Science course (if you transfer one in, for example) or if you have completed any seven Arts and Science courses.

How do I use the guide?

When you have met one of the requirements, place a check mark beside it. When all the requirements are checked, you should have completed the major.

_____ 1-4. At least FOUR Political Science courses at the 2000 level from four different subfields (see list of subfields on page 3):

1. _____ 3. _____

2. _____ 4. _____

_____ 5-10. At least SIX Political Science courses at the 3000 level from at least three different subfields (see list of subfields on page 3):

1. _____ 4. _____

2. _____ 5. _____

3. _____ 6. _____

_____ 11. At least ONE Political Science course at the 4000 level:

_____ 12-13. TWO Political Science electives:

1. _____ 2. _____

Recommended Course:

Political Science 2610 - Introductory Research Methods

Note: Unless otherwise specified, Political Science 1000 is a prerequisite for all other Political Science courses. Students are reminded that admission to 3000-level courses often requires previous completion of an appropriate 2000-level course.

SUBFIELDS

Subfields	2000 Level	3000 Level
1. International Relations	2110 - International Relations	3120 - Canadian Foreign Policy 3130 - International Political Economy 3160 - International Law and Organization 3170 - The Politics of Canadian Trade Policy
2. Canadian Politics	2210 - Canadian Politics and Government	3120 - Canadian Foreign Policy 3210 - Urban Government and Politics 3221 - The Politics of Canadian Federalism 3230 - Provincial Government and Politics 3250 - Alberta Politics and Government 3275 - Business and Government in Canada 3280 - Canadian Political Behaviour 3285 - Cyberpolitics in Canada 3521 - Religion and Politics in Canada
3. Comparative Politics	2310 - Comparative Political Studies	3320 - Western European Political Systems 3322 - Eastern European Political Systems 3324 - European Integration 3340 - The Government and Politics of the United States 3350 - Government and Politics of South Asia 3360 - Developing Nations 3380 - Gender and Politics 3385 - Representation and Electoral Systems 3390 - Politics and Democratization in Latin America 3522 - Religion and Politics in the World
4. Public Administration, Law and Policy	2240 - The Administration of Justice 2410 - Public Administration	3170 - The Politics of Canadian Trade Policy 3241 - Canadian Constitutional Law I: The Structures and Powers 3242 - Canadian Constitutional Law II: The Charter 3245 - Women and the Law 3260 - Canadian Public Policy 3270 - Political Economy of Canada 3275 - Business and Government in Canada 3410 - Organizational Behaviour 3421 - Managing People and Organizations
5. Political Theory	2511 - Introduction to Political Theory	3510 - History of Political Thought I: Classical, Medieval and Renaissance Political Thought 3512 - History of Political Thought II: Modern Political Thought 3514 - History of Political Thought III: Contemporary Political Thought 3521 - Religion and Politics in Canada 3522 - Religion and Politics in the World 3531 - Politics and Literature

Note: Political Science 3850 (Topics in Political Science) or Political Science 3990 (Independent Study) may satisfy subfield requirements. The Department Chair has the authority to designate Topics courses or Independent Studies as belonging to one of the subfields.

SAMPLE COURSE SEQUENCING PLAN

B.A. - POLITICAL SCIENCE

Shown below is a sample sequence of courses for your degree. If you follow this plan, you should be able to graduate in four years, provided you complete five courses per semester. This is just one example of how you could complete your major and degree requirements; you may find that a different sequence works as well as this one.

TERMS USED

GLER course: A course that could count toward the General Liberal Education Requirement. You may use courses in your major towards this 12-course requirement. See the 2004-2005 University of Lethbridge Calendar, Part 4 - Academic Regulations (pp. 77-80) for complete information.

The Faculty of Arts and Science offers Liberal Education 1001 and 1002, specifically designed to introduce first-year students to the wide scope of human knowledge and teach essential university success skills, critical thinking, and integrative thinking (see the 2004-2005 University of Lethbridge Calendar, Part 15 - Courses, p. 347). LBED 1001 and 1002 may be used toward satisfying the GLER.

Elective: A course that you may choose freely from all those available and applicable to your program. Use courses inside or outside your major, bearing in mind any restrictions that may apply (e.g., a maximum of 20 courses from any one department).

YEAR ONE	FALL	SPRING
	Political Science 1000 GLER course GLER course GLER course GLER course	Political Science 2000 level GLER course GLER course GLER course GLER course

YEAR TWO	FALL	SPRING
	Political Science 2000 level Political Science 2000 level Elective Elective Elective	Political Science 2000 level Political Science elective Elective Elective Elective

YEAR THREE	FALL	SPRING
	Political Science 3000 level Political Science 3000 level Elective Elective Elective	Political Science 3000 level Political Science 3000 level Elective 3000/4000 level Elective Elective

YEAR FOUR	FALL	SPRING
	Political Science 3000 level Political Science 3000 level Elective 3000/4000 level Elective Elective	Political Science 4000 level Elective 3000/4000 level Elective Elective Elective

