

POLITICAL SCIENCE (POLI)

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POLI 1110 3 credits

Ideology and Politics

Students will examine the political ideologies that have played an important role in shaping the modern political landscape, influencing the political attitudes and actions of individuals, groups and societies. Students will also explore the historical context within which ideologies developed and engage the ideas of key thinkers in each ideological tradition.

Level: UG

Attributes: ASTR (<https://calendar.kpu.ca/courses-az/#astrtext>), ARTS (<https://calendar.kpu.ca/courses-az/#courseattributestext>)

POLI 1120 3 credits

Canadian Government and Politics

Students will survey Canadian politics and government. They will explore Canada's political culture, its constitution, federalism, and relations with indigenous peoples, as well as its institutions of government, including parliament, crown, prime minister and cabinet, bureaucracy, and the courts. Students will also investigate the mechanisms that help to mobilize citizens and link them to government, such as political parties, elections, interest groups and social movements. Students will thus acquire an enhanced command of their political environment and an enriched understanding of dilemmas facing Canada as a diverse liberal-democratic community.

Level: UG

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POLI 1123 3 credits

Politics in the City

Students will study the evolution of politics at the municipal level in Canada, including political parties and civic movements, the local management of services, labour relations, lobby groups, budgeting, and policy making. They will examine the relationships between municipal governments and the provincial and federal governments, and explore other topics of current interest relating to city politics in Canada.

Level: UG

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POLI 1125 3 credits

Introduction to Political Science

Students will examine the fundamental concepts and phenomena of political life. They will: explore such core concepts as power, authority, legitimacy, states, ideology, and political culture; analyze different approaches to organizing political systems (e.g., authoritarian and democratic); and investigate various institutions of government, such as constitutions, legislatures, executives, and judiciaries. Students will examine mechanisms for mobilizing civic participation, including political parties, elections, interest groups, and social movements, and survey the international context within which states operate.

Level: UG

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POLI 1145 3 credits

Comparing Countries: Introduction to Comparative Politics

Students will study key topics in the field of comparative politics, focusing on the institutional, political-cultural, and economic dynamics that shape contemporary political life in different countries.

Level: UG

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POLI 1150 3 credits

Introduction to International Relations

Students will be introduced to academic tools such as core concepts and schools of thought, in order to make sense of the complex world of international politics. Students will explore a broad range of historical and contemporary topics, including the role and importance of various state, inter-governmental and non-state actors, the promotion of international order, and salient features of the international political economy.

Level: UG

Attributes: ASTR (<https://calendar.kpu.ca/courses-az/#astrtext>), ARTS (<https://calendar.kpu.ca/courses-az/#courseattributestext>)

POLI 2100 3 credits

Sustainability and Government

Students will explore environmental sustainability as an issue in Canadian politics. They will examine the evolution of the environmental movement in Canada, and study the linkages between environmental concerns and Canadian political culture, parties, advocacy organizations, federal-provincial-indigenous self-government relations, domestic and foreign policy, and other areas of interest.

Level: UG

Prerequisite(s): Any 6 credits at 1100-level or higher

Attributes: ASTR (<https://calendar.kpu.ca/courses-az/#astrtext>), ARTS (<https://calendar.kpu.ca/courses-az/#courseattributestext>)

POLI 2121 3 credits

Law and Politics: The Charter of Rights and Freedoms

Students will study the concepts of rights and freedoms as they have been treated historically in Canada, and will analyze the place of rights in Canadian law prior to the entrenchment of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms. They will examine the Charter and the role of the courts with emphasis on the Supreme Court, methods of jurisprudence, and will discuss the place of rights and courts in a democratic society and in relation to legislature. Students will study the legalization of politics and politicization of the judiciary to better understand recent developments in Canadian law and politics regarding rights.

Level: UG

Prerequisite(s): 3 credits of 1100 level POLI courses

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POLI 2122 3 credits

Political Leadership: The Prime Ministers of Canada

Students will explore the careers and legacies of Canadian prime ministers. They will examine general understandings of political leadership, the evolution of the prime ministership, the role of prime ministers in shaping Canada's political development, controversies surrounding the legacies of various prime ministers, debates over prime ministerial power, and the nature of political leadership in our parliamentary system.

Level: UG

Prerequisite(s): 3 credits from courses in POLI at the 1100-level or higher, or HIST 1114

Attributes: ASTR (<https://calendar.kpu.ca/courses-az/#astrtext>), ARTS (<https://calendar.kpu.ca/courses-az/#courseattributestext>)

POLI 2131 3 credits

Politics of the European Union

Students will examine the politics of European Union. They will study the historical origins of the European Union (EU), its evolution, institutions and structures, political dynamics, role and status in world affairs, and the contemporary challenges it faces.

Level: UG

Prerequisite(s): 3 POLI credits

Attributes: ASTR (<https://calendar.kpu.ca/courses-az/#astrtext>), ARTS (<https://calendar.kpu.ca/courses-az/#courseattributetext>)

POLI 2140 3 credits

Comparative Politics of Asia

Students come to understand political forces and the issues – both domestic and foreign – which shape the political systems of Asia. Students are introduced to the government and politics of key states in Asia, as well as the external relations that shape their domestic politics. Students learn about the dynamics that shape the character and quality of contemporary Asian political systems, the underlying assumption being that "they who know only one country, know no country well."

Level: UG

Prerequisite(s): 3 credits of 1100-level POLI courses

Attributes: ASTR (<https://calendar.kpu.ca/courses-az/#astrtext>), ARTS (<https://calendar.kpu.ca/courses-az/#courseattributetext>)

POLI 2150 3 credits

States, Markets, Globalization: Global Political Economy

Students will acquire a detailed conceptual framework for the analysis of the global political economy. They will study the dynamic interaction among states, societies, firms, and markets at the global level. Students will focus on major global political economy perspectives and theories, and learn to apply these to issue areas including monetary and financial relations, international trade, foreign investment, foreign debt, and development finance.

Level: UG

Prerequisite(s): 3 credits of 1100-level POLI courses

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POLI 2155 3 credits

War, Crime, and Violence: Contemporary Political Conflict

Student will examine general sources of conflict from a Levels of Analysis framework, together with approaches to conflict management. The examination will be based on specific case studies, with a focus on the phenomena of war, crime, and violence, particularly in the post-Cold War era.

Level: UG

Prerequisite(s): 3 credit of 1100-level POLI courses, or HIST 2335

Attributes: ASTR (<https://calendar.kpu.ca/courses-az/#astrtext>), ARTS (<https://calendar.kpu.ca/courses-az/#courseattributetext>)

POLI 2200 3 credits

Classic Thinkers: History of Political Thought

Students will survey the development of political theory in the western tradition, ranging from the thought of Plato and other ancient thinkers to the works of modern liberal-democratic thinkers such as Hobbes, Locke, Rousseau, Burke, Mill, Nietzsche, and others. They will acquire a foundation in the great debates of western political life.

Level: UG

Prerequisite(s): 3 credits of 1100-level POLI or PHIL or HIST courses, or by permission of the instructor

Attributes: ASTR (<https://calendar.kpu.ca/courses-az/#astrtext>), ARTS (<https://calendar.kpu.ca/courses-az/#courseattributetext>)

POLI 2235 3 credits

British Columbia Government and Politics

Students will examine British Columbia's political culture and various elements affecting it, such as immigration, Indigenous land claims, primary and secondary resource industries, federal-provincial relations, interest group behaviour, union activity, environmental issues, political parties, and government policy-making.

Level: UG

Prerequisite(s): 3 credits of 1100-level POLI courses.

Attributes: ASTR (<https://calendar.kpu.ca/courses-az/#astrtext>), ARTS (<https://calendar.kpu.ca/courses-az/#courseattributetext>)

POLI 3100 3 credits

American Government and Politics

Students will examine the institutions and processes associated with the federal government of the United States. They will study the executive, legislative and judicial branches, as well as the party system, the electoral system and election finance. Students will analyze the policy making process in America, employing examples of both foreign and domestic policy to highlight the important role played by pressure groups, corporations and the media.

Level: UG

Prerequisite(s): Any 18 credits of 1100-level or higher, including any 3 POLI credits (POLI 1110 or 1125 or 1145 recommended)

Attributes: ASTR (<https://calendar.kpu.ca/courses-az/#astrtext>), ARTS (<https://calendar.kpu.ca/courses-az/#courseattributetext>)

POLI 3122 3 credits

Introduction to Canadian Foreign Policy

Students will examine the history and current state of the foreign and defence policies of Canada. They will also study the following specific areas: domestic and foreign influences on policy, governmental structures affecting policy, the interplay of trade, defence and diplomatic decision-making. Students will appraise recent policy initiatives with a view to developing an understanding of Canada's place in the global community.

Level: UG

Prerequisite(s): Any 18 credits of 1100-level or higher, including any 3 POLI credits (POLI 1110 or 1120 recommended)

Attributes: ASTR (<https://calendar.kpu.ca/courses-az/#astrtext>), ARTS (<https://calendar.kpu.ca/courses-az/#courseattributetext>)

POLI 3125 3 credits

Visions of Nationhood: Canada, Quebec, and First Nations

Students will examine diverse visions of nationhood in Canadian political discourse. They will probe competing conceptions of Canada, and explore the challenges to these conceptions posed by Quebec and indigenous nationhoods, as well as the intersections between multicultural pluralism and nationality in Canada.

Level: UG

Prerequisite(s): 18 credits from courses at the 1100-level or higher, including 3 credits from POLI

Attributes: ASTR (<https://calendar.kpu.ca/courses-az/#astrtext>), ARTS (<https://calendar.kpu.ca/courses-az/#courseattributetext>)

POLI 3131 3 credits**The Politics of Continental Integration**

Students will examine the phenomenon of continental integration, paying particular attention to North America as a contested site of integration. Students will investigate the existing status of North American integration and analyze debates around the merits and demerits of deepening it, using the European Union as a key point of comparison. They will probe the challenges of treaty-making, legal compliance and enforcement, and dispute resolution in continental contexts. Students will also analyze the affinities and tensions between regional, continental, and global forms of integration, and assess the implications of North American integration.

Level: UG

Prerequisite(s): Any 18 credits of 1100-level or higher, including any 3 POLI credits

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POLI 3146 3 credits**Government and Politics of India**

Students will examine the sources and nature of conflict, power and political change in India, developing a critical understanding of the forces historical, cultural, institutional and economic that shape contemporary Indian political life. They will analyze themes of development and modernization as they apply to India and the wider South Asian region, critically analyze the advantages and disadvantages of democracy in a developing society, and examine challenges facing India in the twenty-first century.

Level: UG

Prerequisite(s): Any 18 credits of 1100-level or higher, including any 3 POLI credits

Attributes: ASTR (<https://calendar.kpu.ca/courses-az/#astrtext>), ARTS (<https://calendar.kpu.ca/courses-az/#courseattributetext>)

POLI 3147 3 credits**Foreign Policies of the Major Powers**

Students will acquire a comparative framework of foreign policy as practiced by the major powers in the world. They will analyze the types of powers, various foreign policies, styles of foreign policy, constellation of the major powers and the target audience of the major powers. Students will review case studies on the challenges arising to, and by, the major powers. They will explore, debate, and compare theories to develop a solid grasp of the different theoretical perspectives of the foreign policies of major powers, and establish their own theoretical preferences.

Level: UG

Prerequisite(s): Any 18 credits of 1100-level or higher, including 3 credits of POLI 1125 or 1145 or 1150

Attributes: ASTR (<https://calendar.kpu.ca/courses-az/#astrtext>), ARTS (<https://calendar.kpu.ca/courses-az/#courseattributetext>)

POLI 3150 3 credits**American Foreign Policy**

Students will examine historical influences upon modern US Foreign Policy as well as the leading factors that shape this foreign policy. Students will assess the foreign and domestic challenges faced by the U.S. government and the major interest groups that dominate US foreign policy. Students will assess relevant theory, such as Realism and Human Security, as well as influential global actors such as the United Nations, World Trade Organization, European Union and China. Cold War politics will be examined, as well as post-Cold War interactions. Students examine US International Relations from the perspective of foreign and defense policy, national security, and climate change.

Level: UG

Prerequisite(s): Any 18 credits of 1100-level or higher, including 3 credits of POLI 1125 or 1145 or 1150

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POLI 3160 3 credits**International Organization**

Students will acquire a basic knowledge of the nature, activities, and problems of international organizations in political, economic, and social issue-areas. They will analyze the historical evolution, structural mechanisms, and governance styles of these organizations in addressing various global problems. Students will critically examine the most prominent theoretical and conceptual approaches to the analysis of international organizations, with particular emphasis on the notions of multilateralism and global governance.

Level: UG

Prerequisite(s): 18 credits of 1100-level or higher, including 3 credits of POLI 1125 or POLI 1145 or POLI 1150 or POST 2100

Attributes: ASTR (<https://calendar.kpu.ca/courses-az/#astrtext>), ARTS (<https://calendar.kpu.ca/courses-az/#courseattributetext>)

POLI 3170 3 credits**International Peacekeeping**

Students will examine the complex dimensions of peacekeeping operations in the world. They will explore the origin and evolution of what is now called 'peace operations' in Global Politics undertaken by international organizations, particularly the UN and regional organizations, and critically examine their philosophies and strategies. Students will analyze case studies, assess the strengths and weaknesses of peace operations overall, and evaluate the lessons to be learned from past operations.

Level: UG

Prerequisite(s): Any 18 credits of 1100-level or higher, including 3 credits of POLI 1125 or 1145 or 1150

Attributes: ASTR (<https://calendar.kpu.ca/courses-az/#astrtext>), ARTS (<https://calendar.kpu.ca/courses-az/#courseattributetext>)

POLI 3500 3 credits

Public Debates in Politics

Students will explore the theory and practice of political debate, examining fundamental principles of rhetoric and public communication, and examples of famous historical debates, before conducting their own formal debates around important political issues. Students will, under the supervision of the instructor, identify the issues to be debated, conduct rigorous scholarly research on their chosen topic, develop debating strategies, and moderate and conduct their own debates.

Level: UG

Prerequisite(s): 18 credits of 1100-level or higher, including any 3 POLI credits.

Attribute: ARTS (<https://calendar.kpu.ca/courses-az/#courseattributestext>)

POLI 4110 3 credits

Applied Public Policy Seminar

Students will examine complex public policy issues with a focus on sustainability, such as the climate emergency, the housing crisis, the biodiversity crisis, and Indigenous sovereignty. They will study theories of change, applied to current political events and issues. Students will explore how equity, jurisdiction, stakeholder analysis and other evaluation tools are integrated into decision-making. Students will produce professional deliverables, including recommendations for action. They will develop their own position on a topic, and engage with the real world as a change agent. NOTE: Students may earn credit for only one of POLI 4110 or POST 4110 as they are identical courses.

Level: UG

Prerequisite(s): 45 credits from courses at the 1100 level or higher, including one of POST 3110, POST 3300 or any course in POLI at the 3000 level

Cross-listing: POST 4110

Attribute: ARTS (<https://calendar.kpu.ca/courses-az/#courseattributestext>)

POLI 4120 3 credits

Indigenous Peoples in Canada: Politics and Policy

Students will examine the relations between Indigenous peoples and the Canadian political order, ranging from: theoretical and legal approaches to indigeneity; varying views of Canada as a settler, colonial, and multinational state; the evolving constitutional status of Indigenous peoples; the fiduciary duties of the Crown, treaties and treaty-making; approaches to Indigenous autonomy and self-government; the legacy of residential schools, Indigenous political organization and mobilization; the political economy of Indigenous peoples in Canada; and debates over 'reconciliation.' In the process, students will consider specific policy debates, such as those surrounding Indigenous health and education, natural resources, and water and the environment, as well as various government approaches to 'managing' Indigenous issues. NOTE: this is a seminar course.

Level: UG

Prerequisite(s): 45 credits from courses at the 1100-level or higher, including 3 credits from a course in POLI

Attribute: ARTS (<https://calendar.kpu.ca/courses-az/#courseattributestext>)

POLI 4125 3 credits

The Politics of Multiculturalism in Canada

Students will critically explore the political issues raised by Canada's experience with cultural and religious diversity, informed by theoretical approaches to the wider themes of culture and religion in politics. They will examine the evolution of Canada's policy of official multiculturalism and the broader meanings attached to the term 'multiculturalism,' considering, in the process, liberal, nationalist, and radical critiques of multiculturalism in theory and practice. Students will also critically engage theoretical issues around the relationship between religious and cultural pluralism, and debates over the role of religion in the public life of a pluralistic society such as Canada. Note: This is a seminar course.

Level: UG

Prerequisite(s): 45 credits at 1100-level or higher, including 3 POLI credits (POLI 1120 recommended)

Attributes: ASTR (<https://calendar.kpu.ca/courses-az/#astrtext>), ARTS (<https://calendar.kpu.ca/courses-az/#courseattributestext>)

POLI 4145 3 credits

Cross-Border Politics

Students will analyze cross-border regions in international politics, exploring cross-border dynamics in the Americas, including the Pacific Northwest (Cascadia), as well as in Western and Eastern Europe, the Middle East, Africa, and Asia. They will address the challenges of multi-level governance in the 21st century in the context of case studies of peaceful cross-border regions. Students will analyze the political, social, economic and environmental impacts of cross-border integration; the tension between nation-state, inter-governmentalism and supra-nationalism; identity, citizenship and democracy in cross-border regions; and the status of cross-border regions in domestic and world affairs. Note: This is a seminar course.

Level: UG

Prerequisite(s): 45 credits from courses at the 1100 level or higher, including 3 credits from POLI.

Attribute: ARTS (<https://calendar.kpu.ca/courses-az/#courseattributestext>)

POLI 4190 3 credits

Selected Topics in Canadian Politics

Students will engage in an intensive study of an important selected issue, or related set of issues, in Canadian politics, as chosen by the instructor. Students will conduct readings, research, and class discussion at an advanced undergraduate level and be expected to demonstrate an effective mastery of the topic in question. NOTE: Students may take this course multiple times for further credit on different topics. NOTE: This is a seminar course.

Level: UG

Prerequisite(s): 45 credits from courses at the 1100 level or higher, including 3 credits from courses in POLI

Attribute: ARTS (<https://calendar.kpu.ca/courses-az/#courseattributestext>)

POLI 4191 3 credits**Selected Topics in International Politics**

Students will engage in an intensive study of an important selected issue, or related set of issues, in international politics, as chosen by the instructor. Students will conduct readings, research, and class discussion at an advanced undergraduate level and be expected to demonstrate an effective mastery of the topic in question. NOTE: Students may take this course multiple times for further credit on different topics. NOTE: this is a seminar course.

Level: UG

Prerequisite(s): 45 credits from courses at the 1100 level or higher, including 3 credits from courses in POLI

Attribute: ARTS (<https://calendar.kpu.ca/courses-az/#courseattributetext>)

POLI 4210 3 credits**Democracy: Classic and Contemporary Debates**

This course invites students to critically examine democratic thought and practice. By exploring classical and current debates in democratic theory, students can come to understand the nature and foundation of democratic beliefs and some of the critiques of democracy both ancient and modern. Students will also explore the affinities and tensions between democratic ideals and other ideological commitments, and some contemporary visions of democracy. Note: This is a seminar course.

Level: UG

Prerequisite(s): 45 credits at 1100-level or higher, including 3 POLI credits (POLI 1110 highly recommended)

Attributes: ASTR (<https://calendar.kpu.ca/courses-az/#astrtext>), ARTS (<https://calendar.kpu.ca/courses-az/#courseattributetext>)

POLI 4330 3 credits**International Human Rights**

Students will critically examine a variety of issues relating to human rights, including the theoretical underpinnings of human rights, various categories of rights, the mechanisms available for their implementation, and issues relating to their effectiveness. They will probe the reasons why human rights violations continue to occur in many regions of the world, critically assess the emergence and evolution of the current international human rights regime, and explore the conditions that foster or hinder the implementation of international human rights norms. Note: This is a seminar course.

Level: UG

Prerequisite(s): 45 credits at the 1100-level or higher, including 3 POLI credits.

Attributes: ASTR (<https://calendar.kpu.ca/courses-az/#astrtext>), ARTS (<https://calendar.kpu.ca/courses-az/#courseattributetext>)

POLI 4335 3 credits**The Politics of Radical Islamism**

Students will explore the politics of radical Islamism, analyzing the development, aims, and objectives of various Islamist militant movements such as the Taliban. Students will critically examine the role played by regional and international powers in the rise of the Taliban and selected other variants of radicalized political Islam, before considering the future prospects of radical Islamist politics.

Level: UG

Prerequisite(s): 45 credits from courses at the 1100 level or higher, including 3 credits from POLI.

Attributes: ASTR (<https://calendar.kpu.ca/courses-az/#astrtext>), ARTS (<https://calendar.kpu.ca/courses-az/#courseattributetext>)

POLI 4340 3 credits**Public International Law**

Students will examine conceptual, theoretical, and empirical dimensions of international law. They will explore the distinction between public and private international law, and probe a range of general areas of law, including: human rights and humanitarian law, as well as specialized international law, including criminal; environmental; trade and investment; and space law. Students will analyze the application of international law at the national level, with special emphasis on the incorporation of international law within the law of Canada. They will examine the challenges of international treaty making; legal compliance and enforcement; international dispute resolution; and will explore the relationship between international law and international relations. Note: This is a seminar course.

Level: UG

Prerequisite(s): 45 credits of 1100-level or higher, including 3 credits of POLI 1110 or 1125 or 1145 or 1150

Attributes: ASTR (<https://calendar.kpu.ca/courses-az/#astrtext>), ARTS (<https://calendar.kpu.ca/courses-az/#courseattributetext>)

POLI 4420 3 credits**Current Issues in Public Policy and Administration**

Students will acquire a detailed factual and conceptual framework for the analysis of specific topics within the discipline of public policy and administration. They will critically examine such subjects as the role of government, government intervention, the role and structure of government bureaucracies, interest and pressure groups, the management of the political process, and the relationship between public and foreign policy. Note: This is a seminar course.

Level: UG

Prerequisite(s): Any 3000 level POLI course

Attributes: ASTR (<https://calendar.kpu.ca/courses-az/#astrtext>), ARTS (<https://calendar.kpu.ca/courses-az/#courseattributetext>)

POLI 4500 3 credits**Model United Nations**

Students will explore international organizations and parliamentary procedure with a particular focus upon the United Nations (UN). They will use a "learning by doing" approach to gain valuable experiences in engagement with foreign policies, UN functions and structure, research skills, public speaking, diplomacy, and negotiation and compromise. Students will examine the history and mandate of the UN's various principal organs and agencies through readings, case studies, role-playing and simulations. Note: students enrolled in this course will be required to participate in KPU's annual Model United Nations (KMUN) Conference, in order to apply their knowledge of the UN to real-world issues and to demonstrate their understanding of parliamentary procedure.

Level: UG

Prerequisite(s): POLI 1150 plus any 42 credits at the 1100-level or higher

Attributes: ASTR (<https://calendar.kpu.ca/courses-az/#astrtext>), ARTS (<https://calendar.kpu.ca/courses-az/#courseattributetext>)