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Honors in Political Science [Arts]

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General Information

Students planning to apply for admission to the Honors program should consult [BA Honors](#) for admission requirements.

See [Bachelor of Arts \(Honors\)](#) for Faculty regulations concerning the Honors program.

Program Requirements

Honors in Political Science requires a minimum of ★54 to a maximum of ★60 in Political Science (including junior courses). With the prior approval of the Department Advisor, ★6 in an "associated discipline" may be presented in lieu of ★6 in Political Science; in such cases, a minimum of ★48 in Political Science will then be required.

Course Requirements

- [POL S 211 - Introduction to History of Political Theory](#) **AND**
- [POL S 212 - Introduction to Contemporary Political Theory](#)
- **OR**
- POL S 210

- [POL S 224 - Canadian Government](#) **AND**
- [POL S 225 - Canadian Politics](#)
- **OR**
- POL S 220

- [POL S 399 - Third-Year Honors Seminar](#) (Honors Research Seminar)
- [POL S 499 - Honors Essay: Fourth-Year Honors Political Science](#) (Honors Essay), required in the fourth year
- ★6 at the 400-level (in addition to [POL S 499](#)).

★6 selected from

- [POL S 235 - Introduction to Comparative Politics](#)
- [POL S 250 - The Politics of Gender](#)
- [POL S 261 - International Relations](#)

Note:

Students should consult the Honors Advisor in choosing their courses. POL S 101 is the prerequisite for most 200-level POL S courses

Promotion Requirements

Promotion from year to year requires a GPA of at least 3.0 with an average of at least 3.3 in all Political Science courses in the Fall/Winter.

Graduation Requirements

Graduation with Honors in Political Science requires an average of at least 3.3 in all Political Science courses taken in the last two years and an average of at least 3.0 or better on all courses in the two final years (last ★60). Graduation with First Class Honors requires an average of at least 3.7 on all Political Science courses taken in the last two years and an average of at least 3.5 or better on all courses in the two final years (last ★60).

Combined Honors in Political Science

General Information

Students may pursue a Combined Honors program in Political Science and another discipline.

Program Requirements

The common requirements in a Combined Honors program are the same as for other Honors programs [refer to [Bachelor of Arts \(Honors\)](#)].

A Combined Honors degree in Political Science and another discipline requires a minimum of ★36 in the other discipline and at least ★42 in Political Science.

Course Requirements

- [POL S 211 - Introduction to History of Political Theory](#) **AND**
- [POL S 212 - Introduction to Contemporary Political Theory](#)
- **OR**
- POL S 210

- [POL S 224 - Canadian Government](#) **AND**
- [POL S 225 - Canadian Politics](#)
- **OR**
- POL S 220

- [POL S 399 - Third-Year Honors Seminar](#) (Honors Research Seminar)
- [POL S 499 - Honors Essay: Fourth-Year Honors Political Science](#) (Honors Essay), required in the fourth year;
- ★6 at the 400-level (in addition to [POL S 499](#)).

★6 selected from

- [POL S 235 - Introduction to Comparative Politics](#)
- [POL S 250 - The Politics of Gender](#)
- [POL S 261 - International Relations](#)

Note:

With the permission of the Honors Advisor, students pursuing Combined Honors in Political Science may write an honors essay that is supervised jointly by both departments and whose subject integrates both disciplines. Attendance and participation in [POL S 499](#) will be required. In circumstances where the other Department requires [INT D 520](#) in lieu of its own honors essay, students will register in [INT D 520](#) (★6) instead of [POL S 499](#). Credit in [INT D 520](#) will require attendance and participation in [POL S 499](#).

[POL S 101](#) is the prerequisite for most 200-level POL S courses

Promotion and Graduation Requirements

In a Combined Honors program, students are required to meet the promotion and graduation standards of each discipline. The requirements in Political Science are outlined [above](#).
