

Global Political Studies

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The Specialized Honours Program in Global Political Studies (GPS) provides students with the skills required to analyze global political forces, as well as giving them a broad and liberal education. The GPS Program provides an excellent background for future public service work abroad, especially when combined with selected courses in the Public Policy and Administration Program. As well, the GPS Program is useful for anyone who hopes to find private sector employment in a job dealing with international issues, or for anyone who hopes to pursue graduate studies in international relations or comparative world politics.

Grade Requirements: Students must maintain an overall grade point average of 5.0 (C+) in order to remain in this Program and qualify for graduation.

Program Requirements (60 credits):

- AS/POLS 1000 6.0
- AS/POLS 2900 6.0
- AS/POLS 2910 6.0
- AS/POLS 2930 6.0 (previously 2920 6.0)
- 9 credits chosen from the 3200 series or 4200 series of courses
- 6 credits from the 4200 series
- 3 credits from the 3400 series of courses
- 3 credits from the 3500 series of courses
- 6 credits from the 4400 or 4500 series of courses
- 3 additional credits from the 3400, 3500, 4400 or 4500 series of courses
- AS/POLS 4985 6.0
- **NOTE:** POLS 3900 can count in either the 3200, 3400 or 3500 series

Recommended Courses:

It is strongly recommended that students take AS/ECON 1000 3.0 and AS/ECON 1010 3.0

Optional Specialty:

Students may wish to specialize in areas such as development studies, post-communist studies, area studies, peace and

security or international political economy for the purpose of preparing for graduate school or for a particular employment goal. These students should consult the Global Political Studies Program Coordinator to seek advice about appropriate course selection.

Residency Requirements:

No more than 21 credits in Political Science taken outside the Faculty of Arts may be counted toward the Honours BA. Atkinson and Glendon Political Science courses in BOTH the Fall/Winter and Summer sessions are considered outside of the department and are outside of the Faculty of Arts.

NOTE: Students are responsible for ensuring that all Political Science and Faculty of Arts requirements are satisfied. For the Faculty of Arts requirements, please see the accompanying chart, or the Faculty Degree Requirements table.

MINIMUM GPA: 5.0 (C+)

Please Note:

We have renumbered AS/POLS 2920 6.0 to AS/POLS 2930 6.0. The course title and content remain the same.

GL/POLS 2920 6.0 WILL NOT COUNT AS A SUBSTITUTE FOR EITHER OF THE FOLLOWING COURSES; AS/POLS 2920 6.0 OR AS/POLS 2930 6.0.

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Political Science

Faculty of Arts General Education Requirements

		CREDITS
1000-level HUMA or SOSC		9
2000-level HUMA or SOSC ¹		9
1000-level NATS		6
Note: Students are allowed no more than 3 nine credit Foundation courses.		

Political Science Major Requirements - 60 Credits

		CREDITS
1. Introductory Course	POLS 1000	6
2. Required Courses	POLS 2900	18
	POLS 2910	
	POLS 2930 (previously 2920)	
3. International Relations: 15 credits from the 3200 or 4200 series of courses • 6 credits must be at the 4000 level.	3.0	15
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4. Comparative Politics: 15 credits from the 3400/4400 or the 3500/4500 series of courses • 3 credits must be in the 3400 series • 3 credits must be in the 3500 series • 6 credits must be at the 4000 level	3.0	15
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	3.0	
	44/45XX 3.0	
	44/45XX 3.0	
5. GPS Colloquium	POLS 4985	6

Remaining Requirements - 3 Credits Per Box

		CREDITS
Electives: (not POLS courses) (ECON 1000 and 1010 recommended)	3.0	18
	3.0	
	3.0	
Free Choices:	3.0	18
	3.0	
	3.0	
Residency: Within your 120 credits, 30 credits must be taken at York and 30 credits must be AS/POLS (Faculty of Arts).		
Total Credits		120

¹If the 1000-level 9-credit Foundations course is taken in the Division of Humanities, then the 2000-level 9-credit Foundations course must be taken in Social Science (and vice versa).