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## Department Objectives

The Department of Political Science offers a wide range of courses and programs to acquaint students with the living complexity of contemporary government and politics. The curriculum provides the theoretical foundations, analytical skills, and research methods for understanding the construction of government policy as well as the underlying nature and purpose of political processes and institutions. The aim is to prepare well-rounded, concerned citizens for careers in the public service and the private sector, or for graduate or law school.

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## Programs

The Department of Political Science offers the following programs of study: an honours, a major, and a minor. Students seeking admission to the honours program may apply either for direct entry on the University application form or, once in the program, to the departmental honours advisor normally following the completion of 30 credits.

Students must apply to the departmental honours advisor for formal admission to either option of the honours program. Applications are due by May 15 for September admission and by November 15 for January admission. The number of places available in the Political Science Honours program is limited, and admission to the program is highly competitive. Students must have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.5 to be eligible to apply. If admitted, they must maintain an assessment GPA of at least 3.5 to graduate with honours. In order to maintain honours status, students must obtain approval for their programs from the honours advisor each year, prior to registration.

The program of courses leading to a Minor in Political Science consists of 24 credits in the Department. The minor is designed to provide an opportunity for students to make a combination with a specialization, a major, or honours in another discipline. A student's minor will be arranged in consultation with the Department of Political Science so that it relates to courses in the major area of study.

*Students are responsible for satisfying their particular degree requirements.*

*The superscript indicates credit value.*

### *Option A*

#### **60 BA Honours in Political Science**

12 POLI 203<sup>3</sup>, 204<sup>3</sup>, 205<sup>3</sup>, 206<sup>3</sup>

6 Chosen from POLI 306<sup>3</sup>, 345<sup>3</sup>, 364<sup>3</sup>, 371<sup>3</sup>, 373<sup>3</sup>, 384<sup>3</sup>

6 Chosen from POLI 390<sup>3</sup>, 392<sup>3</sup>, 393<sup>3</sup>

33 Chosen from at least three of the five groups in Political Science at the 300 or 400 level with a minimum of 12 credits at the 400 level

3 POLI 496<sup>3</sup> (*Honours Seminar*)

### *Option B*

#### **60 BA Honours (Thesis) in Political Science**

12 POLI 203<sup>3</sup>, 204<sup>3</sup>, 205<sup>3</sup>, 206<sup>3</sup>

6 Chosen from POLI 306<sup>3</sup>, 345<sup>3</sup>, 364<sup>3</sup>, 371<sup>3</sup>, 373<sup>3</sup>, 384<sup>3</sup>

6 Chosen from POLI 390<sup>3</sup>, 392<sup>3</sup>, 393<sup>3</sup>

3 POLI 396<sup>3</sup> (*Honours Tutorial*)

24 Chosen from at least three of the five groups in Political Science at the 300 or 400 level with a minimum of nine credits at the 400 level

6 POLI 495<sup>6</sup> (*Honours Thesis*)

3 POLI 496<sup>3</sup> (*Honours Seminar*)

#### **42 BA Major in Political Science**

12 POLI 203<sup>3</sup>, 204<sup>3</sup>, 205<sup>3</sup>, 206<sup>3</sup>

30 Chosen from at least three of the five groups in Political Science at the 300 or 400 level with at least six credits at the 400 level

#### **24 Minor in Political Science**

12 POLI 203<sup>3</sup>, 204<sup>3</sup>, 205<sup>3</sup>, 206<sup>3</sup>

12 Chosen from courses in Political Science. A minimum of nine credits must be taken at the 300 or 400 level.

#### **24 Minor in Human Rights Studies**

6 PHIL 241<sup>3</sup>; POLI 214<sup>3</sup>

18 Chosen from ENGL 369<sup>3</sup>, 380<sup>3</sup>, 382<sup>3</sup>, 383<sup>3</sup>, 387<sup>3</sup>; FPST 321<sup>3</sup>; GEOG 407<sup>3</sup>; HIST 315<sup>3</sup>, 359<sup>3</sup>, 477<sup>3</sup>; HIST 360<sup>3</sup> or SOCI 367<sup>3</sup>; JOUR 442<sup>3</sup>; LOYC 240<sup>3</sup> or POLI 208<sup>3</sup>; PHIL 232<sup>3</sup>, 342<sup>3</sup>, 343<sup>3</sup>, 345<sup>3</sup>; POLI 301<sup>3</sup>, 324<sup>3</sup>, 328<sup>3</sup>, 388<sup>3</sup>, 407<sup>3</sup>; POLI 389<sup>3</sup> or THEO 343<sup>3</sup>; RELI 310<sup>3</sup>, 312<sup>3</sup>; SOCI 380<sup>3</sup> or ANTH 380<sup>3</sup>; WSDB 381<sup>3</sup>, 385<sup>3</sup>, 386<sup>3</sup>, 390<sup>3</sup>

*NOTE: For details on the course descriptions in the program listed above, please refer to the individual departmental course listings.*

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## Core Program

- POLI 203 Introduction to Comparative Politics (3 credits)
  - POLI 204 Introduction to Canadian Politics (3 credits)
  - POLI 205 Introduction to International Relations (3 credits)
  - POLI 206 Introduction to Western Political Theory (3 credits)
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## Group 1: International Politics

- POLI 301 Social Movements and Protest Politics (3 credits)
  - POLI 302 Causes of War (3 credits)
  - POLI 303 Chinese Security Politics (3 credits)
  - POLI 304 Theories of Foreign Policy Making (3 credits)
  - POLI 305 International Political Economy (3 credits)
  - POLI 311 International Public Law (3 credits)
  - POLI 312 Special Topics in International Politics (3 credits)
  - POLI 315 International Organizations (3 credits)
  - POLI 318 Introduction to Strategic Studies (3 credits)
  - POLI 329 American Foreign Policy (3 credits)
  - POLI 332 Theories of International Relations (3 credits)
  - POLI 388 Human Rights and International Justice (3 credits)
  - POLI 391 Middle East and Global Conflict (3 credits)
  - POLI 394 Globalization and Sustainable Development (3 credits)
  - POLI 400 Advanced Seminar in International Relations Theory (3 credits)
  - POLI 402 Advanced International Political Economy (3 credits)
  - POLI 403 Global Ecopolitical Analysis (3 credits)
  - POLI 404 International Institutions (3 credits)
  - POLI 419 Strategic Studies (3 credits)
  - POLI 420 Politics of Conservation (3 credits)
  - POLI 421 Transnational Politics (3 credits)
  - POLI 422 Canadian Foreign Policy (3 credits)
  - POLI 423 Peace Studies and Global Governance (3 credits)
  - POLI 486 Advanced Seminar in International Relations (3 credits)
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## Group 2: Comparative Politics

- POLI 301 Social Movements and Protest Politics (3 credits)
- POLI 307 The U.S. Presidency (3 credits)
- POLI 308 Politics of Emerging Economies (3 credits)
- POLI 310 Politics of the U.S. (3 credits)
- POLI 313 Special Topics in Comparative Politics (3 credits)
- POLI 319 European Politics and Government (3 credits)
- POLI 320 Development of Western Legal Systems (3 credits)
- POLI 322 Israeli Political System (3 credits)
- POLI 323 Politics of Eastern Europe (3 credits)
- POLI 327 Comparative Democratization (3 credits)
- POLI 331 Comparative Party Systems (3 credits)
- POLI 335 Politics of the People's Republic of China (3 credits)
- POLI 352 Comparative Urban Politics and Government (3 credits)
- POLI 366 Politics of Africa (3 credits)
- POLI 379 Politics of Latin America (3 credits)
- POLI 395 Politics of the Middle East (3 credits)
- POLI 405 Comparative Electoral Systems (3 credits)
- POLI 406 Comparative Federalism and Political Integration (3 credits)
- POLI 410 Environmental Policy in the Developing World (3 credits)
- POLI 412 Comparative Social Policy (3 credits)
- POLI 424 Corruption (3 credits)
- POLI 429 Political Socialization in Canadian and Comparative Perspective (3 credits)
- POLI 431 State-Society Relations in China (3 credits)
- POLI 434 Politics of Violence in Latin America (3 credits)
- POLI 435 Advanced Seminar in U.S. Politics (3 credits)
- POLI 436 State and Society in the Middle East (3 credits)
- POLI 437 Special Issues in African Development (3 credits)

- POLI 438 Decentralization and Development (3 credits)
  - POLI 481 Advanced Seminar in European Politics (3 credits)
  - POLI 483 State and Society in Latin America (3 credits)
  - POLI 484 Post-Communist Democracies (3 credits)
  - POLI 485 Issues in Development and Democracy (3 credits)
  - POLI 487 Advanced Seminar in Comparative Politics (3 credits)
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### **Group 3: Canadian and Quebec Politics**

- POLI 309 Women and Politics in Canada (3 credits)
  - POLI 314 Special Topics in Canadian and Quebec Politics (3 credits)
  - POLI 321 Canadian and Quebec Law (3 credits)
  - POLI 324 Parliament and the Charter (3 credits)
  - POLI 334 Political Participation in Canada (3 credits)
  - POLI 339 Quebec Politics and Society/La vie politique québécoise (3 credits)
  - POLI 340 Canadian Political Culture (3 credits)
  - POLI 341 Provincial and Territorial Politics (3 credits)
  - POLI 351 Canadian Federalism (3 credits)
  - POLI 356 Canadian Political Parties (3 credits)
  - POLI 363 Issues in Canadian Public Policy (3 credits)
  - POLI 365 Canadian Public Administration (3 credits)
  - POLI 367 Quebec Public Administration (3 credits)
  - POLI 407 Parliamentary Bills of Rights (3 credits)
  - POLI 408 Public Opinion and Public Policy (3 credits)
  - POLI 409 Canada: State-Society Relations (3 credits)
  - POLI 428 Constitutional Politics in Canada (3 credits)
  - POLI 429 Political Socialization in Canadian and Comparative Perspective (3 credits)
  - POLI 488 Advanced Seminar in Canadian and Quebec Politics (3 credits)
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### **Group 4: Public Policy and Administration**

- POLI 316 Special Topics in Public Policy and Administration (3 credits)
  - POLI 320 Development of Western Legal Systems (3 credits)
  - POLI 328 Public Policy and the Politics of Equality (3 credits)
  - POLI 330 Principles of Public Administration (3 credits)
  - POLI 349 Political and Social Theory and the City (3 credits)
  - POLI 352 Comparative Urban Politics and Government (3 credits)
  - POLI 353 Principles of Public Policy (3 credits)
  - POLI 361 Advocacy Groups and Public Policy (3 credits)
  - POLI 363 Issues in Canadian Public Policy (3 credits)
  - POLI 365 Canadian Public Administration (3 credits)
  - POLI 367 Quebec Public Administration (3 credits)
  - POLI 410 Environmental Policy in the Developing World (3 credits)
  - POLI 411 Gender and Public Policy (3 credits)
  - POLI 412 Comparative Social Policy (3 credits)
  - POLI 438 Decentralization and Development (3 credits)
  - POLI 463 Government and Business in Canada (3 credits)
  - POLI 489 Advanced Seminar in Public Policy and Administration (3 credits)
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### **Group 5: Political Theory**

- POLI 306 Classical Political Thought (3 credits)
- POLI 317 Special Topics in Political Theory (3 credits)
- POLI 345 Contemporary Political Philosophy (3 credits)
- POLI 349 Political and Social Theory and the City (3 credits)
- POLI 364 Hellenistic, Roman, Medieval Political Philosophy (3 credits)
- POLI 368 Media, Technology and Politics (3 credits)
- POLI 371 Early Modern Political Philosophy (3 credits)
- POLI 373 Late Modern Political Philosophy (3 credits)
- POLI 384 Principles of Political Theory (3 credits)
- POLI 386 Contemporary Liberalism and Its Critics (3 credits)
- POLI 389 Religion and Politics (3 credits)
- POLI 401 American Political Thought (3 credits)
- POLI 414 Authors of Political Imagination (3 credits)

**POLI 415** Modern Political Theory and Religion (3 credits)  
**POLI 416** Ancient Political Texts (3 credits)  
**POLI 417** Governance (3 credits)  
**POLI 418** Machiavelli (3 credits)  
**POLI 425** Foundations of Liberalism (3 credits)  
**POLI 426** Nietzsche (3 credits)  
**POLI 427** Political Thought of the Enlightenment (3 credits)  
**POLI 433** Critics of Modernity (3 credits)  
**POLI 490** Advanced Seminar in Political Theory (3 credits)

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## Political Science Co-operative Program

*Director*

NICOLE DE SILVA, *Assistant Professor*

The Political Science co-operative program is offered to all full-time students enrolled in the major and honours programs in the Department who meet the academic requirements for co-op. Students interested in applying for the Political Science co-op should refer to §24 where a full description of the admission requirements is provided.

Academic content is identical to that of the regular programs, with some specific recommendations for courses to improve the students' job skills. While most of the positions are in the Montreal area, students must be prepared to work in other parts of Canada.

Students are supervised personally and must meet the requirements specified by the Faculty of Arts and Science and the Institute for Co-operative Education in order to continue their studies in the co-op format.

Liaison between the student, the employers, and the Institute for Co-operative Education is provided by the Political Science co-op committee, which includes the student's advisors.

Please refer to §24 for additional information.

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## Political Science C.Edge (Career Edge) Option

The Political Science C.Edge option is offered through the Institute for Co-operative Education. Like the co-operative program, C.Edge allows students to gain practical experience through work terms related to their field of study. It is limited to one or two work terms, normally in the summer. Students interested in applying for the C.Edge option should refer to §24 where a full description is provided.

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## Courses

### **N.B.: Explanation of course numbers and the core program:**

1. Political Science Honours and Major students should normally complete the 12-credit core program in their first year of full-time equivalent studies. Mature Entry Program (MEP) and Extended Credit Program (ECP) students must consult an academic advisor regarding the completion of the 12-credit core.
2. Courses at the 200 and 300 level are open to all students in other departments and Faculties.
3. Courses at the 400 level are taught as seminars and are generally open to students enrolled in a Political Science program who have successfully completed 60 credits.

### **POLI 202** *Introduction to Political Science* (3 credits)

This course seeks to develop a broad basis from which to pursue further political inquiry. It offers an introductory examination of basic ideas regarding the state, power, authority, and systems of government. The course examines the diverse approaches to the specific study of political phenomena and provides a fundamental understanding of political concepts.

### **POLI 203** *Introduction to Comparative Politics* (3 credits)

This course introduces students to the main concepts of comparative political analysis. Major topics include different types of governmental systems and institutions, regime types, electoral systems and political parties, state-society relations, political economy, nationalism, democratization, globalization, and other types of political transformations. By examining several different countries, students gain an understanding of the great diversity of political life and the many ways in which politics affects citizens.

### **POLI 204** *Introduction to Canadian Politics* (3 credits)

This course is a basic introduction to the fundamental issues of Canadian public life and the federal political system. It presents an overview of the constitution, institutions, political parties, electoral system, interest groups, and public opinion that represent the essential components of Canada's political culture and government.

### **POLI 205** *Introduction to International Relations* (3 credits)

This course introduces the principal theories, concepts, and debates in the contemporary study of international relations. It provides an overview of issues in international security, international political economy and global governance.

**POLI 206 Introduction to Western Political Theory** (3 credits)

This course introduces students to the study of Western political theory through a variety of primary source readings. Assigned texts may be drawn from philosophy, history, literature and other forms of political writing.

**POLI 207 Introduction to Political Science Research** (3 credits)

This course demonstrates how research is conducted in political science. Students learn how to develop a research design. The course introduces them to various research methodologies and provides several approaches for reporting and presenting research.

*NOTE: Students who have received credit for POLI 392 or 393 may not take this course for credit.*

**POLI 208 (also listed as LOYC 240)**

**Global Environmental Issues and Ecological Justice** (3 credits)

This course introduces students to collective action problems faced by governments, international organizations, corporations, advocacy groups, and scientists. Topics may include climate change, biodiversity conservation, hazardous waste disposal, water and food security.

*NOTE: Students who have received credit for LOYC 240 or POLI 394, or for this topic under a POLI 298 number, may not take this course for credit.*

**POLI 209 Public Security and Terrorism** (3 credits)

This course provides an overview of modern terrorism and its evolution, focusing on terrorist movements, groups, and incidents in many parts of the world over time. Students gain an understanding of the theory behind terrorism, its roots, goals, and ideologies, as well as its relation to governments, the media, and the public.

*NOTE: Students who have received credit for this topic under a POLI 298 number may not take this course for credit.*

**POLI 214 Human Rights: An Overview** (3 credits)

This course introduces students to the historical origins of the concept of human rights; the international regime and the acceptance of several generations of rights such as civil and political rights, economic rights, group rights, and women's rights; the critiques of universalism and the problems of implementation of human rights.

*NOTE: Students who have received credit for this topic under a POLI 298 number may not take this course for credit.*

**POLI 215 Global Politics** (3 credits)

This course introduces students to several theoretical perspectives related to global politics, and then examines current events. The focus is on conflict resolution, the impact of globalization, the roles of international organizations, and information technology.

*NOTE: Students who have received credit for this topic under a POLI 298 number may not take this course for credit.*

**POLI 216 Introduction to the United Nations** (3 credits)

This course examines the operations and issues of the United Nations organization. It covers the operation of the Security Council and other components of the United Nations. It surveys micro-issues such as routine operations, the internal bureaucracy, the ethics of its procedures, and its historical background.

*NOTE: Students who have received credit for this topic under a POLI 298 number may not take this course for credit.*

**POLI 217 Comparing Democracies** (3 credits)

This course introduces students to the field of comparative politics by examining the institutional structures of established, advanced industrial democracies. Particular emphasis is placed on the study of constitutions; the legislative, executive, and judicial branches of government; and electoral and party systems.

*NOTE: Students who have received credit for this topic under a POLI 298 number may not take this course for credit.*

**POLI 219 Governance and Organized Crime** (3 credits)

This course describes and defines organized crime, providing an overview of its history, different theories and models explaining it and the legal processes related to it. The course examines the role played by government agencies, such as the police and the bureaucracy, and the international bodies that combat it. Issues addressed in this course may include drug trafficking, racketeering, human trafficking, extortion, and economic crimes. A number of actual organized crime groups are analyzed.

*NOTE: Students who have received credit for this topic under a POLI 298 number may not take this course for credit.*

**POLI 285 (also listed as ANTH 285/HIST 285/SOCI 285)**

**Introduction to Law and Society** (3 credits)

This interdisciplinary course examines the roles law plays in society in Canada and internationally, from the perspectives of history, political science, anthropology, sociology, and philosophy.

*NOTE: Students who have received credit for ANTH 285, HIST 285, or SOCI 285, or for this topic under an ANTH 298, HIST 298, POLI 298, or SOCI 298 number, may not take this course for credit.*

**POLI 298 Selected Topics in Political Science** (3 credits)

Specific topics for this course, and prerequisites relevant in each case, are stated in the Undergraduate Class Schedule.

**POLI 300 Not-for-Profit Organizations and the Law** (3 credits)

Prerequisite: POLI 204 or permission of the Department. This course introduces students to the legal regimes affecting not-for-profit organizations (NPO). The course covers the legal structures, rules and procedures that govern NPOs, the vast diversity of NPOs, and practical questions such as how to set up an NPO.

*NOTE: Students who have received credit for this topic under a POLI 316 number may not take this course for credit.*

**POLI 301 Social Movements and Protest Politics** (3 credits)

Prerequisite: POLI 203 or 205; or permission of the Department. This course examines the ideas, organization, and actions of such social movements as environmentalism, peace, human rights, labour, feminism, and antiglobalization. Theories of social movement mobilization, influence across national contexts, and the politics of protest are given particular attention.

**POLI 302 Causes of War** (3 credits)

Prerequisite: POLI 205 or permission of the Department. This course examines the causes of war and peace in the international system. It studies the impact on war and peace of such influences as cognitive psychology, identity, group decision-making, bureaucratic processes, regime types, conflict spirals, arms control, arms races, balance of power, hegemonic stability theory, trade interdependence, environment and non-renewable resources, and international institutions.

*NOTE: Students who have received credit for this topic under a POLI 298 number may not take this course for credit.*

**POLI 303 Chinese Security Politics** (3 credits)

Prerequisite: POLI 205 or permission of the Department. This course examines the rise of China as a major power, and in particular the implications this has for military aspects of China's relations. China's security policy is examined from a theoretical, historical, political, and economic perspective, and the implications of these are examined in the cases of its foreign relations with neighbours and other great powers.

*NOTE: Students who have received credit for this topic under a POLI 313 number may not take this course for credit.*

**POLI 304 Theories of Foreign Policy Making** (3 credits)

Prerequisite: POLI 205 or permission of the Department. This course explores the major international and domestic determinants of foreign policy. Principal topics include the influence on foreign policy of the international system, geography, leadership, regime-type, transnationalism, and non-governmental organizations. This course draws upon the experiences of a variety of Western democratic states.

*NOTE: Students who have received credit for POLI 338 or for this topic under a POLI 398 number may not take this course for credit.*

**POLI 305 International Political Economy** (3 credits)

Prerequisite: POLI 205 or permission of the Department. This course examines institutions, processes, and issues in economic relations between states. Topics covered include theories of international political economy (IPE), international trade, global finance, multinational corporations, economic development, globalization, and regional blocs.

**POLI 306 Classical Political Thought** (3 credits)

Prerequisite: POLI 206 or permission of the Department. This course focuses on the foundations of Western political thinking in ancient Greece. Through a careful examination of texts by Greek poets, historians and philosophers, concepts such as nature and convention, regime types, and justice and the good life are explored.

**POLI 307 The U.S. Presidency** (3 credits)

Prerequisite: POLI 203 or permission of the Department. This course provides a broad yet detailed introduction to the U.S. Presidency. Primary topics of study include the constitutional nature of the presidential office, how it has evolved over time, its place in American politics, its relationship with the rest of the federal government, its role in the policy-making process, and the relationship between individual presidents and the presidency as an institution.

*NOTE: Students who have received credit for this topic under a POLI 313 or 487 number may not take this course for credit.*

**POLI 308 Politics of Emerging Economies** (3 credits)

Prerequisite: POLI 203 or permission of the Department. This course examines the political and economic development of emerging countries. It addresses questions of autonomy/dependence on external powers, economic models, systems of government, and state-society relations, looking at historical and contemporary processes.

*NOTE: Students who have received credit for this topic under a POLI 313 number may not take this course for credit.*

**POLI 309 Women and Politics in Canada** (3 credits)

Prerequisite: POLI 204 or permission of the Department. This course examines the role of women in Canadian politics at the federal, provincial, and local level. Historical, theoretical, and legal perspectives are examined and include the politics of racism; sexuality; community organizing; suffrage; and representation within formal political structures. It focuses on the diversity and development of the women's movement in Canada.

**POLI 310 Politics of the U.S.** (3 credits)

Prerequisite: POLI 203 or permission of the Department. This course surveys the structures and dynamics that inform the contemporary American political process. In addition to studying the traditional governmental institutions, the course aims to provide a foundation for understanding and critically analyzing public opinion, the media and elections, federalism, political parties and interest groups, civil rights and civil liberties, and current issues in public policy.

**POLI 311 International Public Law** (3 credits)

Prerequisite: POLI 205 or permission of the Department. This course explores the meaning, effectiveness, and potential of interstate law. Among the topics covered are the source and development of international law; the role of the International Court of Justice; sovereignty, territory, and natural resources; human rights violations, the state and war crimes tribunals; and international environmental law.

**POLI 312    *Special Topics in International Politics* (3 credits)**

Prerequisite: POLI 205 or permission of the Department. Specific topics for this course, and prerequisites relevant in each case, are stated in the Undergraduate Class Schedule.

**POLI 313    *Special Topics in Comparative Politics* (3 credits)**

Prerequisite: POLI 203 or permission of the Department. Specific topics for this course, and prerequisites relevant in each case, are stated in the Undergraduate Class Schedule.

**POLI 314    *Special Topics in Canadian and Quebec Politics* (3 credits)**

Prerequisite: POLI 204 or permission of the Department. Specific topics for this course, and prerequisites relevant in each case, are stated in the Undergraduate Class Schedule.

**POLI 315    *International Organizations* (3 credits)**

Prerequisite: POLI 205 or permission of the Department. This course offers an overview of international institutions and global governance. It examines major theoretical perspectives on international organizations, and addresses the role of the United Nations system, regional organizations, and non-governmental organizations in promoting international co-operation to address collective problems.

**POLI 316    *Special Topics in Public Policy and Administration* (3 credits)**

Specific topics for this course, and prerequisites relevant in each case, are stated in the Undergraduate Class Schedule.

**POLI 317    *Special Topics in Political Theory* (3 credits)**

Prerequisite: POLI 206 or permission of the Department. Specific topics for this course, and prerequisites relevant in each case, are stated in the Undergraduate Class Schedule.

**POLI 318    *Introduction to Strategic Studies* (3 credits)**

Prerequisite: POLI 205 or permission of the Department. This course is an introductory examination of the theoretical aspects of strategic studies, including the principles of war, as they apply to combat on land, at sea, and in the air.

*NOTE: Students who have received credit for this topic under a POLI 398 number may not take this course for credit.*

**POLI 319    *European Politics and Government* (3 credits)**

Prerequisite: POLI 203 or permission of the Department. This course is a study of government and politics in selected European countries. It provides an analysis of political institutions, cultures, and processes.

**POLI 320    *Development of Western Legal Systems* (3 credits)**

Prerequisite: POLI 203 or permission of the Department. This course is an overview of the major legal systems of the Western world, with special emphasis on the political decisions which influenced their growth and direction. Students study the development of Roman law, Romano-Germanic law, and English common law.

**POLI 321    *Canadian and Quebec Law* (3 credits)**

Prerequisite: POLI 204 or permission of the Department. This course is an introduction to Canadian and Quebec law. Certain areas of criminal law, the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, and Quebec civil law are emphasized. An analysis is undertaken of criminal court structure and procedure, legal constitutional rights, and civil court structure and procedure.

*NOTE: Students who have received credit for POLI 350 may not take this course for credit.*

**POLI 322    *Israeli Political System* (3 credits)**

Prerequisite: POLI 203 or permission of the Department. This course introduces students to the study of the emergence and the operation of the Israeli political system and government. Topics may include the formation of the Israeli State; the legislative, the executive, political parties and the electoral process; ethnic divisions; gender and politics; and the issue of the Palestinian territories.

**POLI 323    *Politics of Eastern Europe* (3 credits)**

Prerequisite: POLI 203 or permission of the Department. This course studies the political process and institutions of the region, with a special focus on the recent transformation relating to economic problems, social structures, culture, and ethnic conflicts, as well as the role of governmental policies in domestic and foreign affairs.

**POLI 324    *Parliament and the Charter* (3 credits)**

Prerequisite: POLI 204 or permission of the Department. This course examines the judicial and parliamentary responses to the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. Particular attention is paid to the judicialization of politics and the emerging dialogue on rights between courts and legislatures in important areas of public policy.

*NOTE: Students who have received credit for this topic under a POLI 398 number may not take this course for credit.*

**POLI 325    *Administrative Law* (3 credits)**

Prerequisite: POLI 204 or permission of the Department. This course covers the purpose and nature of administrative law in the Canadian context. It examines how administrative law regulates the activities of government agencies, boards, commissions, and other departments or offices. It also covers the role of appeals processes and judicial review of administrative action.

*NOTE: Students who have received credit for this topic under a POLI 314 number may not take this course for credit.*



**POLI 327 Comparative Democratization** (3 credits)

Prerequisite: POLI 203 or permission of the Department. This course discusses the nature of democracy and the challenges of democratization, drawing on experiences with democratization in Southern Europe, Latin America, Eastern Europe, and Africa. Students assess prospects for democratization and consider how other countries might encourage greater democracy in countries currently experiencing regime change.

*NOTE: Students who have received credit for this topic under a POLI 398 number may not take this course for credit.*

**POLI 328 Public Policy and the Politics of Equality** (3 credits)

This course reviews theoretical debates about the role of the state and the individual, collective and individual rights, integration, and the role of cultural diversity and identity. It examines selected policy demands of women, the poor, refugees, and other constituencies.

**POLI 329 American Foreign Policy** (3 credits)

Prerequisite: POLI 205 or permission of the Department. This course covers the sources and significance of American foreign policy, including the U.S. foreign policy-making process, the political and historical context of U.S. foreign policy decision making, and the nature and dimensions of contemporary American power. Major theoretical and policy debates are considered.

**POLI 330 Principles of Public Administration** (3 credits)

This course examines the theory and practice of public administration in Canada. The nature of accountability in public sector environments is reviewed in order to study how policy is developed, implemented, and evaluated by bureaucracies, central agencies, and the legislative branches of government.

**POLI 331 Comparative Party Systems** (3 credits)

Prerequisite: POLI 203 or permission of the Department. This course introduces students to the academic study of political parties and party systems. It examines the determinants of party behaviour from a number of theoretical perspectives, including historical, sociological and institutional. The topics covered include, but are not limited to, the number of parties, electoral systems, party finance, leadership selection, and government formation and stability. Specific case studies are selected both from established and new democracies.

*NOTE: Students who have received credit for this topic under a POLI 398 number may not take this course for credit.*

**POLI 332 Theories of International Relations** (3 credits)

Prerequisite: POLI 205 or permission of the Department. This course provides an introduction to international relations theory, covering the major debates between realism, liberalism, constructivism, and critical theory, as well as competing epistemological and methodological orientations.

**POLI 334 Political Participation in Canada** (3 credits)

Prerequisite: POLI 204 or permission of the Department. This course examines the various approaches to understanding the participation of the public in politics, primarily electoral but also non-electoral activities, in Canada and from a comparative perspective.

*NOTE: Students who have received credit for this topic under a POLI 398 number may not take this course for credit.*

**POLI 335 Politics of the People's Republic of China** (3 credits)

Prerequisite: POLI 203 or permission of the Department. This course focuses on the political development of the People's Republic of China. Topics include political mobilization, economic development, nationalism, and the policy process.

**POLI 339 (also listed as SCPA 339)**

**Quebec Politics and Society/La vie politique québécoise** (3 credits)

Prerequisite: POLI 204 or permission of the Department. This course is a study of the changing party structure and political issues in Quebec and their relationship to constitutional, cultural, and economic factors.

On étudiera dans ce cours l'évolution structurelle des partis et des questions politiques au Québec en fonction de facteurs d'ordre constitutionnel, culturel et économique.

*NOTE: Students who have received credit for POLI 211, SCPA 211, or SCPA 339 may not take this course for credit.*

*NOTE: The course will be offered in both English and French on a rotational basis. Please consult the Undergraduate Class Schedule for details.*

**POLI 340 Canadian Political Culture** (3 credits)

Prerequisite: POLI 204 or permission of the Department. This course approaches Canadian politics from a societal perspective. The objective is to develop a better understanding of Canada's political culture through a cross-time and cross-national analysis.

**POLI 341 Provincial and Territorial Politics** (3 credits)

Prerequisite: POLI 204 or permission of the Department. This course analyzes regional political cultures in Canada including the development of provincial political parties and public administrations, the rise of third parties, provincial and territorial constitutional positions, electoral behaviour, and institutional reform in the northern Territories.

*NOTE: Students who have received credit for POLI 438 may not take this course for credit.*

**POLI 345     *Contemporary Political Philosophy* (3 credits)**

Prerequisite: POLI 206 or permission of the Department. This course examines the character of contemporary political theory when viewed from both a modernist and an anti-modernist understanding of political life. The course also involves an examination into what it means to be modern and whether the critique of modernity is itself a very modern activity.

*NOTE: Students who have received credit for this topic under a POLI 398 number may not take this course for credit.*

**POLI 349     *Political and Social Theory and the City* (3 credits)**

Prerequisite: POLI 206 or permission of the Department. This course examines the theoretical and ideological aspects of city government in historical and normative perspective.

**POLI 351     *Canadian Federalism* (3 credits)**

Prerequisite: POLI 204 or permission of the Department. This course is a critical and analytical study of the theory of federalism, its principles, and techniques, and the response of Canadian federal systems to the demands of cultural dualism and regional pressures.

**POLI 352     *Comparative Urban Politics and Government* (3 credits)**

Prerequisite: POLI 203 or 204; or permission of the Department. This course deals with politics and government in selected Canadian cities, with comparative reference to cities elsewhere in the world.

**POLI 353     *Principles of Public Policy* (3 credits)**

This course examines the concepts, theories and approaches to the study of public policy. It also explores the major actors, processes and institutions involved in the development of public policy from a Canadian and/or comparative perspective. Topics include the role of the bureaucracy, globalization and internationalization, and state-society relations in policy-making.

**POLI 356     *Canadian Political Parties* (3 credits)**

Prerequisite: POLI 204 or permission of the Department. This course provides a comprehensive examination of the origins and development of political parties in Canada at both the federal and provincial levels. Theories about party development, including one party dominance, brokerage politics and third party development, are examined in order to determine the efficacy of political parties.

**POLI 361     *Advocacy Groups and Public Policy* (3 credits)**

Students examine the broad social, economic, political, and cultural forces shaping governmental decisions and policies. Particular attention is paid to the conflict between private and public concerns.

**POLI 363     *Issues in Canadian Public Policy* (3 credits)**

Prerequisite: POLI 204 or permission of the Department. The course examines alternative public policies in selected areas at the federal, provincial, and municipal levels in Canada. Policies analyzed vary from year to year and include such areas as social welfare, culture, education, language, environmental protection, energy conservation, urban renewal, and economic policy.

**POLI 364     *Hellenistic, Roman, Medieval Political Philosophy* (3 credits)**

Prerequisite: POLI 206 or permission of the Department. This course examines the political teachings of the Hellenistic schools such as the Academics, the Stoics, the Epicureans and the Skeptics, the political writings from the Roman Republic and Empire, and the political problematics posed by early Christianity.

**POLI 365     *Canadian Public Administration* (3 credits)**

Prerequisite: POLI 204 or permission of the Department. This course examines the organization and composition of the federal bureaucracy, the role of the bureaucracy in the making and implementation of public policy, patterns of recruitment, and the mechanisms of accountability and control.

**POLI 366     *Politics of Africa* (3 credits)**

Prerequisite: POLI 203 or permission of the Department. This course studies political institutions and processes in Africa from a comparative perspective. Countries and topics selected may vary from year to year.

*NOTE: Students should consult the Department for current topic.*

**POLI 367     *Quebec Public Administration* (3 credits)**

Prerequisite: POLI 204 or permission of the Department. This course examines the organization and composition of Quebec bureaucracy, the role of civil servants and the making and implementation of public policy, patterns of recruitment, and the mechanisms of accountability and control.

**POLI 368     *Media, Technology and Politics* (3 credits)**

Prerequisite: POLI 206 or permission of the Department. This course examines the impact upon politics of changes in technology and the media. Students discuss a diverse range of contemporary thinkers and their understanding of the digital future. Particular attention is paid to the age of electronic politics and its effect upon the actual practice of political power.

**POLI 371     *Early Modern Political Philosophy* (3 credits)**

Prerequisite: POLI 206 or permission of the Department. Students are introduced to the origins of modern political thought from the Renaissance and the Reformation through to the mid-18th century.

**POLI 373** *Late Modern Political Philosophy* (3 credits)

Prerequisite: POLI 206 or permission of the Department. This course examines the progression and criticism of modern political thought from the mid-18th century through to the early-20th century.

**POLI 376** *Politics of Northern Ireland* (3 credits)

This course focuses on the political evolution of Northern Ireland over three distinct periods: the Stormont Parliament (1921-1972); direct rule by Westminster (1972-1998); and devolved government after the 1998 Good Friday Agreement. Topics may include constitutional politics and partition, religion and politics, political parties, sectarianism, the "Troubles," the Good Friday Agreement, and the post-1998 power-sharing institutions.

*NOTE: Students who have received credit for this topic under an IRST 398 number may not take this course for credit.*

**POLI 379** *Politics of Latin America* (3 credits)

Prerequisite: POLI 203 or permission of the Department. This course explores Latin American politics, economics, society, and culture from a multidimensional perspective. It emphasizes the common elements and diverging factors that characterize the contemporary evolution of Latin American countries.

*NOTE: Students should consult the Department for current topic.*

**POLI 384** *Principles of Political Theory* (3 credits)

Prerequisite: POLI 206 or permission of the Department. This course is an intensive study of a basic work by a major thinker such as Plato, Aristotle, Machiavelli, Hobbes or Hegel. It examines a major text such as Plato's *Laws* or Hegel's *Phenomenology* as well as commentaries on it, while attempting to explore systematically the issues and problems raised by the text and the interpretative traditions that follow from it.

**POLI 386** *Contemporary Liberalism and Its Critics* (3 credits)

Prerequisite: POLI 206 or permission of the Department. This course examines recent developments in the theory and practice of liberalism, as well as criticisms of liberal principles and the liberal way of life from a range of contemporary perspectives.

**POLI 388** *Human Rights and International Justice* (3 credits)

Prerequisite: POLI 205 or permission of the Department. This course surveys normative questions comprising human rights discourse, with an emphasis on international efforts to promote human rights standards. Topics include the role of the United Nations, the North-South debate, environmental security, the obligation of individuals and states, women's rights and the work of non-governmental organizations. Special consideration is given to the controversy between the universal and particular applications of human rights.

**POLI 389** *(also listed as THEO 343)*  
*Religion and Politics* (3 credits)

Prerequisite: POLI 206 or permission of the Department. This course studies the relationship between religion and politics with reference to historical, philosophical, theological and contemporary political thought.

*NOTE: Students who have received credit for THEO 343 or for this topic under a POLI 398 number may not take this course for credit.*

**POLI 390** *Critical Perspectives on Modern Political Science* (3 credits)

This course raises theoretical and practical questions regarding the limits, purposes, and presuppositions of modern political science through an examination of criticisms of and alternatives to prevailing modes of inquiry.

*NOTE: Students who have received credit for POLI 372 may not take this course for credit.*

**POLI 391** *Middle East and Global Conflict* (3 credits)

Prerequisite: POLI 205 or permission of the Department. This course is a study of the Middle East in transition, conflict and ideology in a global context of changing regional alliances. Topics include regional conflicts such as the Arab-Israeli conflict, the Iraq-Iran war, the Gulf crisis, foreign policy process, and the end of the cold war and its impact in the new millennium.

**POLI 392** *Approaches to Social Science Inquiry* (3 credits)

This course introduces students to a variety of approaches to social scientific inquiry, focusing on their underlying logics. The course covers variable-based research of the qualitative and quantitative variety and alternatives to this approach such as critical theory, process-tracing, modelling, ethnography, interpretivist analysis, and conceptual analysis.

**POLI 393** *Quantitative Research Methods* (3 credits)

In this course, students learn how to define, operationalize, and measure variables and how to statistically describe the relationship between variables with the help of statistical software.

**POLI 394** *Globalization and Sustainable Development* (3 credits)

Prerequisite: POLI 205 or permission of the Department. This course is an introduction to the emerging field of global environmental politics. It surveys the present environmental crisis and the roles of states, international organizations, and civil society. Various case studies dealing with oceans, forests, fisheries, biodiversity, global warming, and others are used to illustrate the inherent complexity of transnational ecological issues in the era of globalization.

**POLI 395     *Politics of the Middle East* (3 credits)**

Prerequisite: POLI 203 or permission of the Department. This course is a comparative study of politics and society in the modern Middle East and North Africa. Topics include the end of empires and the emergence of nation-states after World War I, political economy, regional conflicts, the question of democracy, the rise of religious movements, and the dynamics of revolutions and regime change.

**POLI 396     *Honours Tutorial* (3 credits)**

Prerequisite: Enrolment in the Honours (Thesis Option B) in Political Science. This course requires students to conduct a literature review in a topic to be chosen for their thesis, complete a bibliography, and work on their methodological approaches.

**POLI 397     *Internship* (3 credits)**

Prerequisite: Permission of the Department. The internship is a one-term apprenticeship in some aspect of public affairs and policy analysis. Placements may be drawn from all areas of possible employment outside the university, including private sector, government and community organizations. Students are required to submit a written report which summarizes and evaluates their work experience.

*NOTE: Eligible students should have completed 27 credits in Political Science and must have an excellent academic record with a minimum GPA of 3.3. The undergraduate program director of the Department, acting on behalf of the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, determines the eligibility of the student and approves the internship. Students should consult the Department for further information.*

*NOTE: Students who have received credit for POLI 497 may not take this course for credit.*

**POLI 400     *Advanced Seminar in International Relations Theory* (3 credits)**

Prerequisite: See N.B. number (3) and POLI 205; or permission of the Department. This course addresses central questions of international relations theory, such as the causes of war, the paths to peace and co-operation, and the relationship between power and wealth. Students consider major paradigmatic approaches to these questions from realist, liberal and constructivist perspectives, as well as the utility of eclectic or cross-paradigmatic approaches.

*NOTE: Students who have received credit for this topic under a POLI 486 number may not take this course for credit.*

**POLI 401     *American Political Thought* (3 credits)**

Prerequisite: See N.B. number (3) and POLI 206; or permission of the Department. This seminar examines texts articulating the theoretical foundations and historical development of the American regime, with attention to the relationship between the institutions, processes, individuals and ideas shaping the American way of life.

**POLI 402     *Advanced International Political Economy* (3 credits)**

Prerequisite: See N.B. number (3) and POLI 205; or permission of the Department. This course covers both the major theoretical approaches in International Political Economy (IPE) and the practical efforts of states to shape, control, and adapt to the international economic system. Students develop and continually practise the skills of logically coherent analysis, discussion, and presentation.

*NOTE: Students who have received credit for this topic under a POLI 486 number may not take this course for credit.*

**POLI 403     *Global Ecopolitical Analysis* (3 credits)**

Prerequisite: See N.B. number (3) and POLI 205; or permission of the Department. This seminar course contextualizes contemporary ecological problems and global governance efforts to mitigate them. Students analyze multilateral environmental agreements in depth and explore various policy options that promise to anticipate future international ecopolitical issues.

*NOTE: Students who have received credit for this topic under a POLI 486 number may not take this course for credit.*

**POLI 404     *International Institutions* (3 credits)**

Prerequisite: See N.B. number (3) and POLI 205; or permission of the Department. This course is an advanced seminar covering major theoretical perspectives on the significance in world politics of international institutions and regimes, and of inter-governmental and non-governmental organizations.

*NOTE: Students who have received credit for this topic under a POLI 498 number may not take this course for credit.*

**POLI 405     *Comparative Electoral Systems* (3 credits)**

Prerequisite: See N.B. number (3) and POLI 203; or permission of the Department. This course focuses on the various political and policy impacts that electoral laws have on party competition in both advanced industrialized and less developed democracies. The course introduces students to the detailed study of both the structure and the consequences of the main electoral systems.

**POLI 406     *Comparative Federalism and Political Integration* (3 credits)**

Prerequisite: See N.B. number (3) and POLI 203; or permission of the Department. This course begins by examining the theories of political integration, federalism and nationalism, and the various policy instruments available to the modern state to achieve integration, before moving to an analysis of the current situation in a range of modern federal states as well as the emerging confederal system of the European Union.

*NOTE: Students who have received credit for this topic under a POLI 498 number may not take this course for credit.*

**POLI 407     *Parliamentary Bills of Rights* (3 credits)**

Prerequisite: See N.B. number (3) and POLI 204; or permission of the Department. This seminar explores the political origins and functioning of bills of rights in selected parliamentary democracies. Particular attention is paid to the "judicialization of politics" and

the attempts to promote institutional dialogue between judicial and parliamentary actors in Westminster systems such as Canada, Australia, New Zealand and the United Kingdom.

*NOTE: Students who have received credit for this topic under a POLI 488 number may not take this course for credit.*

**POLI 408 Public Opinion and Public Policy** (3 credits)

Prerequisite: See N.B. number (3) and POLI 204; or permission of the Department. By relying on examples from Quebec and Canada, this seminar focuses on the role of public opinion in shaping public policy. It offers an overview of scholarly debate and research on public opinion and political communication.

*NOTE: Students who have received credit for this topic under a POLI 498 number may not take this course for credit.*

**POLI 409 Canada: State-Society Relations** (3 credits)

Prerequisite: See N.B. number (3) and POLI 204; or permission of the Department. The current research associated with the perception of a growing sense of democratic malaise and political discontent has prompted several academics to assess the current state of Canadian democracy. Students examine and discuss the current research and critically analyze the implications for Canada's state-society relations.

*NOTE: Students who have received credit for this topic under a POLI 488 number may not take this course for credit.*

**POLI 410 Environmental Policy in the Developing World** (3 credits)

Prerequisite: See N.B. number (3) and POLI 203; or permission of the Department. This course surveys the interactions between development strategies and the environment. Topics may include the environmental ramifications of large development projects, different systems of property rights, decentralization, international debt, foreign aid, and the challenges associated with managing highly valuable natural resources.

*NOTE: Students who have received credit for this topic under a POLI 487 number may not take this course for credit.*

**POLI 411 Gender and Public Policy** (3 credits)

Prerequisite: See N.B. number (3) and POLI 203 or 204; or permission of the Department. This course fosters an understanding of the theoretical and practical issues surrounding the study of gender and public policy and introduces them to recent scholarship in this area. Students examine a number of themes and debates, including gender and policy studies, gender and the welfare state, women's groups in the policy process, and feminist perspectives on the bureaucracy.

*NOTE: Students who have received credit for this topic under a POLI 498 number may not take this course for credit.*

**POLI 412 Comparative Social Policy** (3 credits)

Prerequisite: See N.B. number (3) and POLI 203; or permission of the Department. This seminar examines various explanations for the development and retrenchment of the welfare state in different countries. It analyzes typologies developed to conceptualize welfare-state regimes and examines, in a comparative fashion, key social policies such as health, pensions, and employment.

*NOTE: Students who have received credit for POLI 461 may not take this course for credit.*

**POLI 414 Authors of Political Imagination** (3 credits)

Prerequisite: See N.B. number (3) and POLI 206; or permission of the Department. This seminar considers the political impact of contingent narrative approaches to shifts in an individual's political imagination as opposed to purely rational or universally applicable philosophical arguments. The political potential of a broad range of literary styles, such as poetry, drama and the short story, is discussed alongside texts from the fields of philosophy, neuroscience and rhetoric so that their respective impacts can be assessed.

*NOTE: Students who have received credit for this topic under a POLI 490 number may not take this course for credit.*

**POLI 415 Modern Political Theory and Religion** (3 credits)

Prerequisite: See N.B. number (3) and POLI 206; or permission of the Department. This seminar explores the use and abuse of religious ideas, texts and traditions in the theoretical foundations of modernity such as ethical priorities and orientations, political and social institutions, and the purposes and status of science, found at the core of modern life.

*NOTE: Students who have received credit for this topic under a POLI 490 number may not take this course for credit.*

**POLI 416 Ancient Political Texts** (3 credits)

Prerequisite: See N.B. number (3) and POLI 206; or permission of the Department. This seminar explores, by careful reading of philosophic, poetic, or historical texts, the ancient political conceptualizations that frame and contribute to Western political ideas, issues and goals.

*NOTE: Students who have received credit for this topic under a POLI 490 number may not take this course for credit.*

**POLI 417 Governance** (3 credits)

Prerequisite: See N.B. number (3) and POLI 206; or permission of the Department. This seminar investigates how the efforts of governments to control the lives, thoughts and thought processes of the members of society are central to the modern governmental process and how they have been part of the agenda since the beginning of the late modern era.

*NOTE: Students who have received credit for this topic under a POLI 490 number may not take this course for credit.*

**POLI 418 Machiavelli** (3 credits)

Prerequisite: See N.B. number (3) and POLI 206; or permission of the Department. This seminar acquaints students with the arguments surrounding Machiavellian scholarship in particular and Renaissance political issues in general. Students study two of Machiavelli's canonical texts (*The Prince* and *The Discourses*) in addition to his less well known but essential contribution

to Florentine historiography (*Florentine Histories*). The political and literary context of Machiavelli's writings, and how it colours contemporary criticism, is discussed.

*NOTE: Students who have received credit for this topic under a POLI 490 number may not take this course for credit.*

**POLI 419 Strategic Studies** (3 credits)

Prerequisite: See N.B. number (3) and POLI 205; or permission of the Department. This seminar covers the theory and application of nuclear weapons as a means of deterrence to warfare. It surveys issues in nuclear control, missile defense, and deterrence design. Through simulations, special attention is given to contrasting theories on the utility of nuclear force.

**POLI 420 Politics of Conservation** (3 credits)

Prerequisite: See N.B. number (3) and POLI 205; or permission of the Department. This course challenges students to analyze the complexities of wildlife conservation strategies at the local, national, and international levels. Students engage in teamwork and write individual papers on both specific endangered species and related concepts such as trade, development, corruption, conflict, public relations, and adaptive governance.

*NOTE: Students who have received credit for this topic under a POLI 486 or 498 number may not take this course for credit.*

**POLI 421 Transnational Politics** (3 credits)

Prerequisite: See N.B. number (3) and POLI 205; or permission of the Department. This seminar examines the activities of non-state actors, including NGOs, social movements, corporations, and individuals, and their roles in creating global society, building international institutions, and shaping foreign policy. Emphasis is placed on theories which seek to explain the relative influence of these actors in the international political system.

**POLI 422 Canadian Foreign Policy** (3 credits)

Prerequisite: See N.B. number (3) and POLI 205; or permission of the Department. This course examines Canada's foreign policy. In this seminar, particular emphasis is given to the decision-making process by which foreign policy is formulated and implemented, with particular reference to Canadian relations vis-à-vis the United States, the Commonwealth, and the developing countries.

**POLI 423 Peace Studies and Global Governance** (3 credits)

Prerequisite: See N.B. number (3) and POLI 205; or permission of the Department. This seminar focuses on the theory and practice of peace amongst nations. The course begins with a survey of analyses explaining the causes of aggression, war and peace, including theories of structural violence and revolution; nationalism and cosmopolitanism. It then examines the roles played by the state, international organizations, and peace movements, focusing on global and regional disarmament initiatives and peace-keeping.

**POLI 424 Corruption** (3 credits)

Prerequisite: See N.B. number (3) and POLI 203; or permission of the Department. This seminar deals with the corruption, patronage, and clientelism that characterize politics in much of the world. Case studies are used to explore the structures and processes leading to the use of informal channels and personal connections for doing politics.

*NOTE: Students who have received credit for this topic under a POLI 487 or 498 number may not take this course for credit.*

**POLI 425 Foundations of Liberalism** (3 credits)

Prerequisite: See N.B. number (3) and POLI 206; or permission of the Department. This seminar examines the genesis, principles and purposes of classical liberalism as it is articulated by early modern authors. This involves investigating conceptions of and arguments for personal freedom, natural equality, private property, individual rights and limited government, among other topics. It then explores the subsequent development and distortion of liberal ideas by later theorists in the tradition.

*NOTE: Students who have received credit for this topic under a POLI 490 number may not take this course for credit.*

**POLI 426 Nietzsche** (3 credits)

Prerequisite: N.B. number (3) and POLI 206; or permission of the Department. This seminar is devoted to an exploration of the philosophical teaching of Friedrich Nietzsche and the subsequent influence of this teaching on the political and spiritual developments of Western culture. Nietzsche's influence on such movements as deconstruction, nihilism, and postmodernism is explored.

*NOTE: Students who have received credit for this topic under a POLI 498 number may not take this course for credit.*

**POLI 427 Political Thought of the Enlightenment** (3 credits)

Prerequisite: See N.B. number (3) and POLI 206; or permission of the Department. This course examines the impact of Enlightenment thinking in Europe, especially Scotland and the reformed parts of Northern France, Switzerland, the Netherlands, and the German states.

*NOTE: Students who have received credit for this topic under a POLI 498 number may not take this course for credit.*

**POLI 428 Constitutional Politics in Canada** (3 credits)

Prerequisite: See N.B. number (3) and POLI 204; or permission of the Department. This seminar considers the emergence of "mega constitutional politics" in the 1960-1995 period involving state and societal actors. Topics include the Victoria Charter, Patriation, Meech Lake Accord, Charlottetown Accord, the 1980 and 1995 Quebec referenda, and attempts at non-constitutional reform since 1995.

*NOTE: Students who have received credit for this topic under a POLI 488 number may not take this course for credit.*

**POLI 429 Political Socialization in Canadian and Comparative Perspective** (3 credits)

Prerequisite: See N.B. number (3) and POLI 203 or 204; or permission of the Department. This course aims at understanding the social origins of political opinions, attitudes and values, under what conditions they change, and how they affect political dynamics in Canada and in a comparative perspective.

*NOTE: Students who have received credit for this topic under a POLI 487 number may not take this course for credit.*

**POLI 431 State-Society Relations in China** (3 credits)

Prerequisite: See N.B. number (3) and POLI 203; or permission of the Department. This course explores different approaches to the study of state-society relations in the People's Republic of China. Specifically, the course considers the applicability of concepts such as neo-traditionalism, state reach, corporatism, civil society, and rightful resistance during both the Maoist and reform eras.

*NOTE: Students who have received credit for this topic under a POLI 487 number may not take this course for credit.*

**POLI 433 Critics of Modernity** (3 credits)

Prerequisite: See N.B. number (3) and POLI 206; or permission of the Department. This seminar studies selected writings by major critics of modernity during the 20th century. The authors studied may include Hannah Arendt, Albert Camus, Fyodor Dostoevsky, George Grant, Bertrand de Jouvenel, Alasdair MacIntyre, Jacques Maritain, Richard Niebuhr, Michael Oakeshott, Leo Strauss, Charles Taylor, and Eric Voegelin.

**POLI 434 Politics of Violence in Latin America** (3 credits)

Prerequisite: See N.B. number (3) and POLI 203; or permission of the Department. This course provides an overview of Latin American history and development, beginning with conquest, through the lens of violence. Latin America is one of the most violent regions of the world. Gang wars, drug trafficking, kidnappings, and femicides are the regular fodder of the news media, but the class focuses on the structural violence — the marginalization and oppression of the poor masses inherent to local societies — that underlies the more spectacular forms of violence.

*NOTE: Students who have received credit for this topic under a POLI 487 number may not take this course for credit.*

**POLI 435 Advanced Seminar in U.S. Politics** (3 credits)

Prerequisite: See N.B. number (3) and POLI 203; or permission of the Department. This course examines specific substantive or thematic topics in U.S. government and politics, such as the U.S. Congress and the legislative process, U.S. constitutional law, U.S. law and society, and American political development.

*NOTE: Students who have received credit for this topic under a POLI 487 number may not take this course for credit.*

**POLI 436 State and Society in the Middle East** (3 credits)

Prerequisite: See N.B. number (3) and POLI 203; or permission of the Department. This seminar explores patterns of authority and protest in the Middle East. The topics include the institutional and ideological sources of authoritarianism, the role of the military in politics, the tension between religion and secularism in the formation of national identities, and the various social movements, including religious and ethnic movements, that challenge prevailing structures of power.

*NOTE: Students who have received credit for this topic under a POLI 487 number may not take this course for credit.*

**POLI 437 Special Issues in African Development** (3 credits)

Prerequisite: See N.B. number (3) and POLI 203; or permission of the Department. This course surveys debates concerning development with a special focus on sub-Saharan Africa. Topics include the role of the state in development, the effect of African economies' global connections, the activities of non-governmental organizations, and the effect of natural resources on development.

*NOTE: Students who have received credit for this topic under a POLI 487 number may not take this course for credit.*

**POLI 438 Decentralization and Development** (3 credits)

Prerequisite: See N.B. number (3) and POLI 203; or permission of the Department. This course introduces concepts related to the various forms of decentralization and explores the diverse expectations, politics, and outcomes associated with decentralization.

*NOTE: Students who have received credit for this topic under a POLI 487 or 498 number may not take this course for credit.*

**POLI 463 Government and Business in Canada** (3 credits)

Prerequisite: See N.B. number (3) and POLI 204; or permission of the Department. This seminar in public policy is designed to explore the relationship between government and business in Canada. Particular attention is paid to the formation and implementation of policy intended to promote and control enterprise, and the role of government as entrepreneur.

**POLI 480 Workshops on Social Science Research** (3 credits)

Prerequisite: See N.B. number (3); or permission of the Department. Students must complete the permissions request form at [concordia.ca/WSSR](http://concordia.ca/WSSR) before registering for the course. Led by scholars, public officials, politicians, and policy analysts, these workshops are intensive short learning experiences designed to enhance students' knowledge and skills in the areas of democratic governance, public policy, and research methodology.

**POLI 481 Advanced Seminar in European Politics** (3 credits)

Prerequisite: See N.B. number (3) and POLI 203; or permission of the Department. This seminar examines the nature of politics of the states and societies of Western Europe, including the significance of their membership in the European Union.

**POLI 483     *State and Society in Latin America* (3 credits)**

Prerequisite: See N.B. number (3) and POLI 203; or permission of the Department. This seminar examines the nature of politics in Latin America. A specific focus is placed on selective issues of state-society relations, and the emergence of new political forces and institutions in response to changes in the socio-economic structure of the region.

**POLI 484     *Post-Communist Democracies* (3 credits)**

Prerequisite: See N.B. number (3) and POLI 203; or permission of the Department. This seminar reviews the post-communist states' transition to democracy and their state-formation. The seminar focuses on the interplay between the forces of nationalism, ethnicity, identity, and the transition to democratic structures.

**POLI 485     *Issues in Development and Democracy* (3 credits)**

Prerequisite: See N.B. number (3) and POLI 203; or permission of the Department. This seminar focuses on the political and economic problems of the new nations. A particular emphasis is placed on understanding the process of development and state formation within a democratic context.

**POLI 486     *Advanced Seminar in International Relations* (3 credits)**

Prerequisite: See N.B. number (3) and POLI 205; or permission of the Department.

**POLI 487     *Advanced Seminar in Comparative Politics* (3 credits)**

Prerequisite: See N.B. number (3) and POLI 203; or permission of the Department.

**POLI 488     *Advanced Seminar in Canadian and Quebec Politics* (3 credits)**

Prerequisite: See N.B. number (3) and POLI 204; or permission of the Department.

**POLI 489     *Advanced Seminar in Public Policy and Administration* (3 credits)**

Prerequisite: See N.B. number (3) and POLI 203 or 204; or permission of the Department.

**POLI 490     *Advanced Seminar in Political Theory* (3 credits)**

Prerequisite: See N.B. number (3) and POLI 206; or permission of the Department.

Advanced seminars deal with selected topics in sub-fields of political science. Topics vary from year to year.

*NOTE: Students should consult the Department for a description of these courses.*

**POLI 491     *Directed Studies in Political Science* (3 credits)**

Prerequisite: See N.B. number (3) and permission of the undergraduate program director. This special reading course is designed in conjunction with a faculty member to explore topics and themes in a specific research area of interest to the student and faculty member.

**POLI 495     *Honours Thesis* (6 credits)**

Prerequisite: Enrolment in the Honours (Thesis Option B) in Political Science. The student works with an individual faculty member in a particular field of study in Political Science. Students are asked to produce a sustained piece of written work to be defended before a departmental committee.

**POLI 496     *Honours Seminar* (3 credits)**

Prerequisite: Permission of the Department. This seminar involves the student in formulating an honours research proposal, and the research and writing of an honours paper. Topics of the seminar vary from year to year.