



POLITICAL SCIENCE

Understand Power, Governance and Political Culture



Huron
AT WESTERN

DISCOVER WHAT DRIVES

PEOPLE

AND NATIONS

POLITICAL SCIENCE EXPLORES THE MANY FACES OF POWER IN SOCIETY, INVESTIGATES BIG POLITICAL IDEAS AND VISIONS, WORLD-TRANSFORMING MOVEMENTS INSPIRED BY POLITICAL IDEALS, THE DAILY LIVES OF POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONS AS WELL AS THE INNER MECHANISMS OF GOVERNMENTS.

In the study of Political Science, we recognize many of today's most urgent and complex public challenges require new forms of ethical leadership that combine social justice and inclusive decision-making.

THE HURON ADVANTAGE

With our small class sizes and dedicated faculty, we challenge our students to be Leaders with Heart by investigating both the human struggles of political conflict as well as the creative forces of political cooperation – from the local to the global.



“Studying Political Science empowers you to develop a holistic understanding of how the world works. Huron’s unique experiential learning opportunities and personalized learning environments enable you to develop real relationships with students and professors. These relationships really come into play when you’re applying for jobs and graduate school. Through this program, you will learn many different things and broaden your horizons to become a global thinker.”

MALLORY DUNLOP | YEAR 4
Honours Specialization in Political Science
Erin, Ontario

AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

In addition to awards open to students in all disciplines, students of Political Science at Huron are eligible for numerous special awards and scholarships, including:

- The Introduction to Political Science 1020E Prize
- The Political Science Prize in Political Theory
- The Political Science Prize in Canadian Politics
- The Political Science Prize in International Politics
- The Political Science Prize in Comparative Politics

WHAT DO OUR GRADS DO?

Among Canada's most visible Leaders with Heart, including Members of Parliament, are graduates from Huron's Political Science department who are found across a range of sectors and platforms.

Career paths span the civil service, media, private and non-profit sectors. **Huron Political Science graduates frequently pursue advanced study in Political Science or Legal Studies to build rewarding careers as university professors and lawyers. Other popular career choices include:**

- Policy Analyst/Public Servant
- Politician/Political Staff
- Market Analyst/Foreign Service Officer/Diplomat
- Management Consultant/Economic Development Officer
- Professor/Lawyer
- Market Research/Opinion Polling
- Journalist/Media Relations
- Community Development/Urban Planning
- Advocacy/Lobbyist

"Political Science was the most natural extension of my love of real stories. The subject matter leapt off the page at me, in bright, bold colours. It's a living entity, as it constantly changes and evolves, and the program at Huron provides you with a solid foundation to recognize the intricate patterns that form - and inform - one another."

ADRIENNE ARSENAULT '90

Major in Political Science
Senior Correspondent, CBC Television
Toronto, Ontario



TRAVEL STUDY

The Political Science Department leads a field-study course to Rwanda, taking 15-20 students for a first-hand exploration of the politics of genocide and the process of reconciliation. Conducting original political research, students meet with a range of non-governmental and governmental organizations and travel to various sites of memorialization.

The Political Science Department also leads an experiential learning opportunity to Detroit, Michigan where students explore the relationship between various forms of public art, popular culture and urban revitalization. Students engage with the world-renowned Heidelberg Project in the heart of the city.

Political Science students are also encouraged to participate in one of the many international exchanges offered at Huron, including China University Politics and the Law Summer Institute and Human Rights and Law.

FIRST YEAR: UNLIMITED POSSIBILITIES

**YOUR FIRST YEAR IS ALL ABOUT
EXPLORATION AND DISCOVERY.**

During this time, there are minimal required courses so you can try out a wide variety of subjects and disciplines. Learn about something completely new.

Political Science opens the intellectual door to many exciting fields of inquiry.

Find your passion.

PROGRAM OPTIONS	Honours Specialization	Specialization	Major	Minor
Political Science	✓		✓	✓
Globalization & Governance			✓	✓
Identity & Ideology			✓	✓
State & Policy			✓	✓

FIRST-YEAR COURSE

INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL SCIENCE

This course introduces you to the study of politics, focusing on ideas, ideologies, institutions, political mobilization and research skills, with an emphasis on Canadian, comparative and international examples. Students prepare for independent research and work collaboratively on contemporary political challenges.



NEED A MENTOR? BE A MENTOR.

Senior students and alumni will help you plan your studies and your career. In your senior years, volunteer to mentor another student!

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SCHOLAR'S ELECTIVES

Are you a high-achieving, self-motivated student interested in pursuing independent research?

Apply to be a part of this community of scholars that fosters research skills and collaboration.



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SAMPLE FIRST-YEAR TIMETABLE

Required courses Elective courses

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
9:30am – 10:30am Economics 1021A Principles of Microeconomics <i>0.50 credit</i>	11:30am – 12:30pm Political Science 1020E Intro to Political Science <i>1.00 credit</i>	9:30am – 10:30am Economics 1021A Principles of Microeconomics <i>0.50 credit</i>	11:30am – 12:30pm Political Science 1020E Intro to Political Science Tutorial <i>1.00 credit</i>	11:30am – 1:30pm History 1801E Major Issues in World History <i>0.50 credit</i>
1:30pm – 2:30pm Psychology 1100E Method & Theory in General Psychology Lab <i>1.00 credit</i>	1:30pm – 2:30pm Psychology 1100E Method & Theory in General Psychology <i>1.00 credit</i>	11:30am – 12:30pm History 1801E Major Issues in World History Tutorial <i>0.50 credit</i>	1:30pm – 2:30pm Psychology 1100E Method & Theory in General Psychology <i>1.00 credit</i>	
	3:30pm – 5:30pm Sociology 1020 Intro to Sociology <i>1.00 credit</i>	1:30pm – 2:30pm Political Science 1020E Intro to Political Science Tutorial <i>1.00 credit</i>	3:30pm – 4:30pm GGB 2000F/G* Human Nature and the Meaning of Life <i>.50 credit</i>	

As a Huron student, you can combine any program with a minor, major or specialization from another Huron program or a major or minor in many of the programs offered at Western, Brescia or King's, such as:

- History
- Governance, Leadership & Ethics
- Management & Organizational Studies
- Economics
- Global Studies
- Global Great Books
- Philosophy



“Through my teaching, I aim to expand my students’ political horizons, encouraging them to challenge themselves by studying new and unfamiliar political practices. One of the most effective ways to do this is through experiential learning, which is why I take students to Rwanda to study the peacebuilding and reconciliation methods in place there. It’s often difficult to understand political systems by just being in the classroom; it’s so helpful to talk to the people who are actively working on and have lived the issues we’re studying.”

DR. LINDSAY SCORGIE
Assistant Professor, Political Science



HURON & IVEY

In collaboration with the Ivey School of Business, Huron offers five-year combined degrees, during which students earn both an Honours Business Administration (HBA) degree and an Honours Specialization Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Political Science.

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**HARVARD
BUSINESS SCHOOL**

HURON & HARVARD

As the only university partner in Ontario, Huron students can earn a Credential of Readiness from Harvard’s Online Business School.

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FACULTY RESEARCH EXPERTISE

Huron’s faculty are experienced researchers and mentors. They have received many national and international awards for their research and published books and scholarly articles in all the areas they teach, including Canadian Politics, Media and Politics, Public Policy, International Relations, African Politics, Comparative Politics, Chinese Politics, Popular Culture and the History of Political Thought and Philosophy.

DR. DAVID BLAIR

International politics, including the United Nations and other international organizations, energy security, trade, globalization and the environment.

DR. NEIL BRADFORD

Public policy, Civic Leadership and multi-level governance with a particular interest in “place-based” approaches to politics, policy and planning.

DR. SARA MACDONALD

Political philosophy, with a particular interest in freedom and democracy, as well as popular culture in politics.

DR. JAMES E. CRIMMINS Professor Emeritus

Political theory, American constitutional law and history of political thought.
Fulbright Fellow.

DR. JENNIFER MUSTAPHA

Critical approaches to international relations, security and global governance, Southeast Asian regional politics.

DR. LINDSAY SCORGIE

Conflict studies, peacebuilding and African politics.

DR. PAUL NESBITT-LARKING Professor Emeritus

Politics and the media, political identities, Canadian and comparative politics.

DR. ALFRED CHAN Professor Emeritus

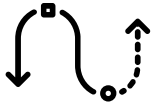
Comparative politics, Asian politics, Chinese politics and the foreign relations of East Asian states.

AFTER FIRST YEAR, You Can Study:

- International Relations
- Political Theory
- American Constitutional Law
- Comparative Politics
- Global Political Economy
- Critical Security Studies
- Inside Governments
- Politics of Genocide
- Global Environmental Politics
- Political Authority and Resistance
- Media and Elections
- Citizenship, Borders and the State
- Women and the Philosophy of Rights
- Genocide

GET INVOLVED!

Huron Political Science Students’ Association hosts events to engage Huron’s Political Science students and politically-minded students in politics. Through speakers, social events and discussions, the club emphasizes the importance of politics in our lives.



BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

From the first day of classes, Political Science students are invited to participate in the research process and explore learning opportunities beyond the classroom.

- Many courses include options for students to conduct their own research and Huron's faculty-to-student ratio permits full supervision of such initiatives.
- As their professors' research assistants, students also develop a range of analytical, communication and leadership skills that provide an excellent foundation for graduate studies and professional careers.
- In recent years, students have been involved with faculty research projects, investigating topics such as urban planning, multiculturalism, globalization and the environment, and the history and theory of utilitarianism.
- Political Science students have undertaken major independent research projects, including the Honours Specialization thesis and CURL studies, with faculty supervision on topics such as immigrant political representation, genocide and reconciliation, urban planning and governance, and art-based research in tackling homelessness.
- Political science students have participated in a variety of community-based learning opportunities including Policy Internships, Provincial Model Parliament and Federal Daughters of the Vote.
- On a biannual basis, Political Science students have the opportunity to attend an undergraduate conference in Political Theory held at universities across North America.
- Such research and experiential learning opportunities position Huron Political Science students to compete for prestigious internship programs and research placements with governments in Canada and internationally.
- Our students also have opportunities to participate in City Studio courses that link classroom teaching with the London municipal government. Joint projects include neighbourhood planning and urban policy.

EARN & LEARN

AT HURON, EVERY STUDENT IS GUARANTEED A PAID INTERNSHIP and volunteer positions to help you build valuable experience.

Political Science students have received prestigious internship opportunities in the Federal Civil Service, as well as participation as representatives in the Model NATO, the Ontario Model Parliament and the Federal Daughters of the Vote.

OTHER RECENT EXAMPLES OF INTERNSHIPS HELD BY STUDENTS OF POLITICAL SCIENCE INCLUDE:

- Community Arts Intern at London Arts' Council
- Summer Intern with Competition Bureau (Government of Canada)
- Lead Analyst, G7 Research Group & G20 Research Group
- Law Clerk, Alla Kikinova Law Professional Corporation
- Customer Service Representative, TD Associate Director of Policy and Research at HanVoice

RECENT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES INCLUDED POSITIONS AT:

- Political Science Students' Association
- Huron Underground Dramatic Society (HUDS)
- Academic Programming Commissioner
- Red Surge member

LEADERSHIP *with heart*



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