

# BA POLITICAL SCIENCE

## Comprehensive

### Bachelor of Arts BA (Honours) Requirements

To graduate with your BA Honours from the Faculty of Social Science and Humanities (FSSH) the following criteria must be met:

- Successfully complete 120 credit hours
- Achieve a minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA
- Complete all major requirements as outlined for your major (as per the [academic calendar](#) and program map below)
- Complete at least 36 credit hours (12 courses) at the senior level (3000 or 4000 level)
- Complete no more than 42 credit hours (14 courses) at the 1000-level
- Complete at least 18 credit hours (6 courses) outside of your major, 9 credit hours of which are not at the 1000 level.

**Key Progression Courses:** We strongly encourage students to complete courses in the order/year they are listed where possible. Failure to do so may lead to unexpected delays in the completion of your degree requirements due to prerequisites. Key progression courses for your program include:

Year 1: POSC 1000U Introduction to Political Science

Year 2: POSC 2000U Canadian Politics, POSC 2100U Global Politics, POSC 2200U Fundamental of Policy Theory, SSCI 2900U Research Methods/LGLS 2940U.

### Elective Definitions:

**FSSH Elective** – any non-required course offered by FSSH, with subject code ALSU, COMM, CRMN, FPSY, INDG, LBAT, LGLS, POSC, PSYC and SSCI.

**General Elective:** any course that is not mandatory for your program to which you have the prerequisites and meet any restrictions on that course – courses from inside or outside FSSH can satisfy this requirement.

**POSC Elective:** Any non-required 3000 or 4000 level POSC course, plus non-POSC options. A full list can be found in the [Academic Calendar](#). Note – not all courses will be offered every year, please plan accordingly for prerequisites.

### Important Notes:

This program map helps you to track your degree progression during your studies at Ontario Tech and can be used as your guide for course selection and planning. Your Academic Advisor can assist you with reviewing and interpreting your degree requirements, we encourage you to meet with your Academic Advisor at least once throughout your studies to ensure you are on track to complete your program as expected. Please ensure your familiarity with the degree requirements in the Academic Calendar and review your transcript to verify accuracy.

**Scan this QR code for more information, and to contact your academic advisor!**



### 2023-24 BA Political Science – Comprehensive

Year 1	SOCI 1000U – Introductory Sociology	<b>Two of:</b> COMM 1100U – Intro to Communication and Digital Media Studies CRMN 1000U – Introduction to Criminal Justice LGLS 1000U – Foundations of Legal Studies PSYC 1000U – Introductory Psychology		General Elective	General Elective
	SSCI 1910U – Writing for the Social Sciences	POSC 1000U – Introduction to Political Science	POSC 1200U – Introduction to Democracy in Theory & Practice	General Elective	General Elective
Year 2	POSC 2300U – Mobilizing for Change	POSC 2100U – Global Politics	POSC 2200U – Fundamentals of Policy Theory	<b>One of:</b> SSCI 2900U – Research Methods <b>OR</b> LGLS 2940U – Legal Research Methods	General Elective
	POSC 2502U – Community Development and Social Change	POSC 2000U – Canadian Politics	General Elective (not POSC)		General Elective (not POSC)
Year 3	<b>Two of:</b> POSC 3201U – Rural Communities POSC 3203U – Urban Development POSC 3500U – Equity Policy POSC 3501U – Politics and Poverty POSC 3601U – The Politics of Health POSC 3602U – Labour in the Global Economy POSC 3603U – The Politics of Housing		<b>Three of:</b> POSC 3100U – Political Economy of Global Development POSC 3101U- Inequality, Environment and Development POSC 3102U – Race and Racism in Political Culture POSC 3300U – Building Sustainable Communities POSC 3301U – Eco-Justice POSC 3302U – Environment and Globalization POSC 3303U – Policies for Sustainability POSC 3310U – Indigenous Peoples, Sustainability and Development: A Global Perspective POSC 3600U – Politics of Education in Canada POSC 3700U – Tech, Politics and Social Theory POSC 3750U – American Politics and Political Culture POSC 3751U – Media, War and Conflict		
	POSC 3800U – Capitalism and Socialism	POSC 3000U – Policy, Democracy and Governance	General Elective (2000 level or higher)	General Elective (2000-level or higher)	General Elective (2000-level or higher)
Year 4	<b>One of:</b> *POSC Approved Elective <b>OR</b> POSC 4005U - Independent Study <b>OR</b> SSCI 4101U – Honours Thesis I <b>OR</b> POSC 4104U -Directed Research	POSC 4000U – International Politics and Policy	<b>One of:</b> POSC 4300U – Special Topics in Political Science <b>OR</b> POSC 4310U – The Politics of Indigenous Rights	General Elective (2000-level or above, not POSC)	General Elective (2000-level or higher)
	<b>One of:</b> *POSC Approved Elective <b>OR</b> SSCI 4102U Honours Thesis II	<b>One of:</b> POSC Approved Elective <b>OR</b> SSCI 4098U – Practicum <b>OR</b> SSCI 4103U - Internship	POSC 4010U- Policy Development	General Elective (2000-level or above, not POSC)	General Elective (2000-level or above, not POSC)

### 2023-24 BA Political Science – Business and Society Specialization

Year 1	SOCI 1000U – Introductory Sociology	LGLS 1000U – Foundations of Legal Studies	COMM 1100U – Introduction to Communication Studies	CRMN 1000U – Introduction to Criminal Justice	General Elective
	SSCI 1910U – Writing for the Social Sciences	POSC 1000U – Introduction to Political Science	POSC 1200U – Introduction to Democracy in Theory & Practice	PSYC 1000U- Introductory Psychology	General Elective
Year 2	POSC 2000U – Canadian Politics	POSC 2100U – Global Politics	POSC 2200U – Fundamentals of Policy Theory	POSC 2300U – Mobilizing for Change	POSC 2502U – Community Development and Social Change
	LGLS 2940U – Legal Research Methods	<b>Two of:</b> COMM 2220U – The Media, Creativity and Culture in Canada COMM 2530U – Advertising as Social Communication LGLS 2200U – Legal Theory SSCI 2101U – Making a Difference: An Introduction to Social Entrepreneurship		General Elective	General Elective (2000-level or higher, NOT POSC)
Year 3	<b>Two of:</b> POSC 3201U – Rural Communities POSC 3203U – Urban Development POSC 3500U – Equity Policy POSC 3501U – Politics and Poverty POSC 3601U – The Politics of Health POSC 3602U – Labour in the Global Economy POSC 3603U – The Politics of Housing		<b>Three of:</b> POSC 3100U – Political Economy of Global Development POSC 3101U- Inequality, Environment and Development POSC 3102U – Race and Racism in Political Culture POSC 3300U – Building Sustainable Communities POSC 3301U – Eco-Justice POSC 3302U – Environment and Globalization POSC 3303U – Policies for Sustainability		
	General Elective (2000-level or above, NOT POSC)	POSC 3000U – Policy, Democracy and Governance	POSC 3800U – Capitalism and Socialism	<b>Two of:</b> COMM 3510U – Work in the Creative and Tech Industries CRMN 3301U – Green Criminology and Eco-Justice LGLS 3410U – Labour and Employment Law LGLS 3530U – Intellectual Property LGLS 3700U – Law and Power	
Year 4	<b>One of:</b> POSC Approved Elective <b>OR</b> POSC 4005U - Independent Study <b>OR</b> SSCI 4101U – Honours Thesis I <b>OR</b> POSC 4104U Directed Research	<b>One of:</b> *POSC 4300U – Special Topics in Political Science <b>OR</b> POSC 4310U – The Politics of Indigenous Rights	POSC 4000U – International Politics and Policy	POSC 4010U- Policy Development	General Elective (2000-level or above NOT POSC)
	<b>One of:</b> *POSC Approved Elective <b>OR</b> SSCI 4102U Honours Thesis II	<b>One of:</b> *POSC Approved Elective <b>OR</b> SSCI 4098U – Practicum <b>OR</b> SSCI 4103U - Internship	<b>One of:</b> COMM 4261U – Online Creator- Entrepreneurs: YouTubers, Influencers and Streamers <b>OR</b> COMM 4420U – Political Communication, Digital Media and Democracy <b>OR</b> CRMN 4020U – Corporate Crime <b>OR</b> CRMN 4021U - Cybercrime	General Elective (2000-level or above)	General Elective (2000-level or above)

## 2023-24 BA Political Science – Global Studies Specialization

Year 1	SOCI 1000U – Introductory Sociology	<b>Two of:</b> COMM 1100U – Introduction to Communication and Digital Media Studies CRMN 1000U – Introduction to Criminal Justice PSYC 1000U – Introductory Psychology		LGLS 1000U – Foundations of Legal Studies	General Elective
	SSCI 1910U – Writing for the Social Sciences	POSC 1000U – Introduction to Political Science	POSC 1200U – Introduction to Democracy in Theory & Practice	SSCI 1470U – Impact of Science and Technology on Society	General Elective
Year 2	POSC 2000U – Canadian Politics	POSC 2100U – Global Politics	POSC 2200U – Fundamentals of Policy Theory	POSC 2300U – Mobilizing for Change	POSC 2502U – Community Development and Social Change
	LGLS 2940U – Legal Research Methods	<b>Two of:</b> ENVS 1000U – Environmental Science COMM 2270U – Entertainment Goes Global: from Hollywood to the World LGLS 2120U – International Law SSCI 2020U – Issues in Diversity		General Elective	General Elective (2000-level or higher, NOT POSC)
Year 3	<b>Two of:</b> POSC 3201U – Rural Communities POSC 3203U – Urban Development POSC 3500U – Equity Policy POSC 3501U – Politics and Poverty POSC 3601U – The Politics of Health POSC 3602U – Labour in the Global Economy POSC 3603U – The Politics of Housing		<b>Three of:</b> POSC 3100U – Political Economy of Global Development POSC 3101U Inequality, Environment and Development POSC 3102U – Race and Racism in Political Culture POSC 3300U – Building Sustainable Communities POSC 3301U – Eco-Justice POSC 3302U – Environment and Globalization POSC 3303U – Policies for Sustainability		POSC 3310U – Indigenous Peoples, Sustainability and Development: A Global Perspective POSC 3600U – Politics of Education in Canada POSC 3700U – Tech, Politics and Social Theory POSC 3750U – American Politics and Political Culture POSC 3751U – Media, War and Conflict
	General Elective (2000-level or above, NOT POSC)	POSC 3000U – Policy, Democracy and Governance	POSC 3800U – Capitalism and Socialism	<b>Two of:</b> COMM 3350U – Environmental Communication: Media and Tech for Sustainability COMM 3510U – Work in the Creative and Tech Industries COMM 3710U – Media, Identity and Intercultural Communication CRMN 3045U – Terrorism CRMN 3301U – Green Criminology and Eco-Justice LGLS 3230U – Law and Globalization LGLS 3310U – Indigenous Peoples, Law and the State in Canada LGLS 3700U – Law and Power	
Year 4	<b>One of:</b> POSC Approved Elective <b>OR</b> POSC 4005U - Independent Study <b>OR</b> SSCI 4101U – Honours Thesis I <b>OR</b> POSC 4104U Directed Research	<b>One of:</b> POSC 4300U – Special Topics in Political Science <b>OR</b> POSC 4310U – The Politics of Indigenous Rights	POSC 4000U – International Politics and Policy	General Elective (2000-level or above, NOT POSC)	General Elective (2000-level or above)
	<b>One of:</b> POSC Approved Elective <b>OR</b> SSCI 4102U Honours Thesis II	<b>One of:</b> POSC Approved Elective <b>OR</b> SSCI 4098U – Practicum <b>OR</b> SSCI 4103U - Internship	<b>One of:</b> CRMN 3050U – Police and Society <b>OR</b> COMM 4420U – Political Communication, Digital Media Democracy <b>OR</b> COMM 4710U – Global Media, the Internet and International Relations <b>OR</b> HLSC 4803U – Global Health	POSC 4010U Policy Development	General Elective (2000-level or above)

### **\*POSC approved electives**

Students must be aware of and plan appropriately for elective prerequisites.

- [COMM 3310U – Communication for Social Change, Community and Development](#)
- [COMM 3350U – Environmental Communication: Media and Tech for Sustainability](#)
- [COMM 3510U – Work in the Creative and Tech Industries](#)
- [COMM 3710U – Media, Identity and Intercultural Communication](#)
- [COMM 3720U – Knowing Your Audience: Audience Studies for Media Professionals and Creators](#)
- [COMM 4261U – Online Creator-Entrepreneurs: YouTubers, Influencers, and Streamers](#)
- [COMM 4420U – Political Communication, Digital Media and Democracy](#)
- [COMM 4610U – The Struggle is Real: Transformation for Communication, Conflict, and Peace](#)
- [COMM 4710U – Global Media, the Internet and International Relations](#)
- [CRMN 3040U – Restorative Justice](#)
- [CRMN 3050U – Police and Society](#)
- [CRMN 3056U – Race-ing Justice](#)
- [CRMN 3301U – Green Criminology and Eco-Justice](#)
- [CRMN 4020U – Corporate Crime](#)
- [CRMN 4021U – Cybercrime](#)
- [HLSC 4803U – Global Health](#)
- [LGLS 2940U – Legal Research Methods](#)
- [LGLS 3230U – Law and Globalization](#)
- [LGLS 3300U – Disability and the Law](#)
- [LGLS 3310U – Indigenous Peoples, Law and the State in Canada](#)
- [LGLS 3320U – Race, Ethnicity and the Law](#)
- [LGLS 3410U – Labour and Employment Law](#)
- [LGLS 3520U – Law and Technology](#)
- [LGLS 3530U – Intellectual Property](#)
- [LGLS 3620U – Human Rights Mediation](#)
- [LGLS 3700U – Law and Power](#)
- [LGLS 4040U – Law and the Environment](#)
- [LGLS 4070U – Public Governance through Law](#)
- [LGLS 4200U – Law and Social Change](#)
- [SSCI 2900U – Research Methods](#)
- [SSCI 2910U – Data Analysis](#)
- [SSCI 2920U – Qualitative Research Methods](#)
- [SSCI 3910U – Advanced Data Analysis](#)
- [SSCI 3920U – Advanced Qualitative Methods](#)
- [SSCI 4020U – Leadership and Administration](#)