

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 9 credit hours (3 courses) outside of your major, 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

Elective Definitions:

FSSH Elective – any non-required course offered by FSSH, with subject code ALSU, COMM, 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!



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Year 1	COMM 1100U – Introduction to Communication Studies	SOCI 1000U – Introductory Sociology	PSYC 1000U – Introductory Psychology	CRMN 1000U – Intro to Criminal Justice	General Elective
	SSCI 1910U – Writing for the Social Sciences	LGLS 1000U – Foundations of Legal Studies	POSC 1000U – Introduction to Political Science	POSC 1200U – Intro. to Democracy in Theory & Practice	General Elective
Year 2	POSC 2300U – Mobilizing for Change	POSC 2100U – Global Politics	POSC 2200U – Fundamentals of Policy Theory	SSCI 2900U – Research Methods	General Elective
	POSC 2502U – Community Development and Social Change	POSC 2000U – Canadian Politics	One of: SSCI 2910U – Data Analysis OR SSCI 2920U – Qualitative Research Methods OR LGLS 2940U – Legal Research Methods	General Elective (2000-Level or higher)	General Elective (2000-Level or higher)
Year 3	Two of: POSC 3201U – Rural Communities POSC 3203U – Urban Development POSC 3500U – Equity Policy POSC 3501U – Poverty and Public Policy POSC 3601U – The Politics of Health POSC 3602U – Labour in the Global Economy POSC 3603U – The Politics of Housing		Three of: POSC 3100U – Political Economy of Global Dev. POSC 3101U – Inequality, Environment and Dev. POSC 3102U – Race & Racism in Political Culture POSC 3300U – Building Sustainable Communities POSC 3301U – Eco-Justice POSC 3310U – Indigenous Peoples, Sustainability & Dev. POSC 3700U – Technology, Politics and Social Theory POSC 3750U – American Politics and Political Culture POSC 3302U – Environment and Globalization POSC 3303U – Policies for Sustainability POSC 3600U – Politics of Education in Canada POSC 3751U – Media, War & 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	One of: POSC 4300U – Special Topics in Political Science or POSC 4310U The Politics of Indigenous Rights	POSC 4000U – International Politics & Policy	One of: POSC 4005U – Independent Study OR SSCI 4101U – Honours Thesis I OR POSC 4104U – Directed Research OR POSC Elective	General Elective (2000-Level or higher)	SSH Elective (2000-Level or higher, not POSC)
	One of: SSCI 4102U – Honours Thesis II OR POSC Elective	One of: SSCI 4098U Practicum OR SSCI 4103U Internship OR POSC Elective*	POSC 4010U – Policy Development	SSH Elective (2000-Level or higher, not POSC)	SSH Elective (2000-Level or higher, not POSC)