

2025-26 BA (HONS) POLITICAL SCIENCE

ADVANCED ENTRY

Bachelor of Arts (BA) General 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 (including transfer credit hours) with a minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA
- Complete all degree requirements as outlined in the [Academic Calendar](#) and the program map below, including specific year-level limits and requirements.

Transfer Credits: Advanced Entry students receive specific transfer credits. To avoid duplication, please view your transfer credits on your [MyOntarioTech](#) unofficial transcript (under Student Records) before choosing your elective courses.

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 3: POSC 2000U Canadian Politics, POSC 2100U Global Politics, POSC 2200U Fundamental of Policy Theory and SSCI 2900U Research Methods

Experiential Learning: Students with fourth year standing and a cumulative GPA of 2.7 or higher are eligible to participate in a semester-long work experience through a practicum (SSCI 4098U) or internship (SSCI 4103W). Pre-placement requirements will begin in the winter of third year, please refer to the [FSSH Experiential Learning Office](#) for more information.

Elective Definitions:

POSC Approved Electives – Any non-required 3000 or 4000 level POSC course, plus non-POSC options. See list below. Note – not all courses will be offered every year, please plan accordingly for prerequisites.

FSSH Elective – Any non-required course with subject code ALSU, COMM, FPSY, INDG, LBAT, LGLS, PSYC, SOCI, SUST, or SSCI.

General Elective – Any course that is not mandatory in your program map, and for which you meet any restrictions/requirements.

This program map assists you in tracking your degree progression and is designed as a guide to help with course selection and planning. Your Academic Advisor can assist you with reviewing and interpreting your degree requirements. We encourage you to meet with your Advisor at least once during your studies to ensure you are on track to complete your program as expected. It is your responsibility to ensure your familiarity with the degree requirements in the [Academic Calendar](#) and review your transcript to verify the accuracy of this map. To contact your Academic Advisor, please visit academicadvising.ontariotechu.ca.

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Year 3	<p>One of: POSC 2000U Canadian Politics POSC 2100U Global Politics</p>	<p>POSC 2200U – Fundamentals of Policy Theory</p>	<p>POSC 3000U – Policy, Democracy and Governance</p>	<p>POSC 3800U Business, Politics and the Macroeconomy</p>	<p>SSCI 2900U – Research Methods</p>
	<p>Two of: 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</p>	<p>Three of: POSC 3100U – Political Economy of Global Dev. POSC 3101U- Inequality, Environment and Dev. 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 3304U – Planetary Health and Global Environmental Justice</p>		<p>POSC 3305U – Energy Policy: Canada in a Transitioning World POSC 3310U – Indigenous Peoples, Sustainability & Development POSC 3700U – Technology, Politics and Social Theory POSC 3750U – American Politics & Political Culture COMM 3751U - Media, War and Conflict</p>	
Year 4	<p>One of: POSC 4005U Independent Study SSCI 4101U Honours Thesis I POSC 4104U Directed Research POSC approved elective*</p>	<p>POSC 4010U/SSCI 4010U – Policy Development</p>	<p>POSC Elective*</p>	<p>One of: SSCI 4098U –Practicum SSCI 4103W - Internship POSC approved elective*</p>	<p>FSSH Elective**</p>
	<p>POSC 4000U – International Politics & Policy</p>	<p>One of: POSC 4005U - Independent Study SSCI 4102U Honours Thesis II POSC Approved elective*</p>	<p>One of: POSC 4300U – Special Topics in Political Science POSC 4310U – The Politics of Indigenous Rights</p>	<p>FSSH Elective (2000-level or higher)**</p>	<p>FSSH Elective**</p>

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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
POSC 2800U – Introduction to Business, Economy and Society
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