

2025-26 BA (HONS) POLITICAL SCIENCE

COMPREHENSIVE

Bachelor of Arts (BA) General Requirements

- Complete 120 credit hours (40 courses) 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.

Key Progression Courses

You are strongly encouraged to complete courses in the order they are listed in this program map. Failure to do so can lead to delays in graduation. Key progression courses for this program include:

Year One: POSC 1000U. *LGLS 1000U is a recommended first year elective as it is a prerequisite for many upper year POSC Electives.*

Year Two: POSC 2000U, POSC 2100U, POSC 2200U, LGLS 2940U/SSCI 2900U

Elective Definitions

POSC Approved Electives are indicated in the list below.

FSSH Elective – Any non-required course with subject code ALSU, COMM, CRMN, 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.

Program Opportunities

To learn more about program opportunities, including eligible minors and specializations in your program, contact your [Academic Advisor](#).

Co-operative Education and Degree Progression

To obtain the Co-operative Education designation, students in the [co-operative education program](#) must maintain a 2.7 cGPA and successfully complete SSCI 2200C – Professional Skills (zero credit course) in year 2, followed by at least three work terms. With special approval students may take a maximum of one course while on a co-op work term. All students must return to full-time studies prior to graduation. Enrollment in the co-op program will extend your degree completion timeline due to the inclusion of mandatory work terms.

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.

2025-26 BA (HONS) POLITICAL SCIENCE – COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM MAP

Year 1	SOCI 1000U – Introductory Sociology	Two of: COMM 1100U – Intro to Communication and Digital Media Studies CRMN 1000U – Introduction to Criminal Justice LGLS 1000U – Foundations of Legal Studies (<i>recommended</i>) 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	One of: LGLS 2940U – Legal Research Methods or SSCI 2900U – Research Methods	General Elective
	POSC 2502U – Community Development and Social Change	POSC 2000U – Canadian Politics	General Elective	General Elective	FSSH Elective (2000-level or higher, not POSC)
Year 3	Two of: POSC 3201U – Rural Communities POSC 3203U – Urban Development POSC 3500U – Equity Policy POSC 3501U – Politics and Poverty 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 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 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		
	POSC 3800U – Business, Politics & the Macroeconomy	POSC 3000U – Policy, Democracy and Governance	FSSH Elective (2000-level or higher, not POSC)	FSSH Elective (2000-level or higher, not POSC)	General Elective
Year 4	One of: *POSC Approved Elective OR POSC 4005U - Independent Study OR SSCI 4101U – Honours Thesis I OR POSC 4104U -Directed Research	POSC 4000U – International Politics and Policy	One of: POSC 4300U – Special Topics in Political Science OR POSC 4310U – The Politics of Indigenous Rights	General Elective (2000-level or higher, not POSC)	General Elective (3000-level or higher, not POSC)
	One of: *POSC Approved Elective OR SSCI 4102U Honours Thesis II	One of: POSC Approved Elective OR SSCI 4098U – Practicum OR SSCI 4103W - Internship	POSC 4010U- Policy Development	General Elective (2000-level or higher, not POSC)	General Elective (2000-level or higher)

***POSC approved electives (not all courses will be offered every year)**

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

2025-26 BA (HONS) POLITICAL SCIENCE – BUSINESS AND SOCIETY SPECIALIZATION

Year 1	SOCI 1000U – Introductory Sociology	CRMN 1000U – Introduction to Criminal Justice	PSYC 1000U – Introductory Psychology	LGLS 1000U – Foundations of Legal Studies	COMM 1100U – Intro to Communication and Digital Media Studies
	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	LGLS 2940U – Legal Research Methods	General Elective
	POSC 2502U – Community Development and Social Change	POSC 2000U – Canadian Politics	General Elective	General Elective	One of: COMM 2220U – The Media, Creativity and Culture in Canada or COMM 2311U – The Creative Industries: Ideas, Art, Tech, Money, Power or COMM 2530U – Advertising as Social Communication or LGLS 2200U – Legal Theory or POSC 2800U – Introduction to Business, Economy and Society or SSCI 2101U – Making a Difference: An Introduction to Social Entrepreneurship
Year 3	Two of: POSC 3201U – Rural Communities POSC 3203U – Urban Development POSC 3500U – Equity Policy POSC 3501U – Politics and Poverty 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 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		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
	POSC 3800U – Business, Politics and the Macroeconomy	POSC 3000U – Policy, Democracy and Governance	General Elective	General Elective (2000-level or higher, not POSC)	One of: COMM 3510U – Work in the Creative and Tech Industries or CRMN 3301U – Green Criminology and Eco-Justice or LGLS 3410U – Labour and Employment Law or LGLS 3530U – Intellectual Property or LGLS 3700U – Law and Power
Year 4	One of: *POSC Approved Elective OR POSC 4005U - Independent Study OR SSCI 4101U – Honours Thesis I OR POSC 4104U -Directed Research	POSC 4000U – International Politics and Policy	One of: POSC 4300U – Special Topics in Political Science OR POSC 4310U – The Politics of Indigenous Rights	General Elective (2000-level or higher)	One of: COMM 4261U – Online Creator-Entrepreneurs: YouTubers, Influencers, and Streamers or COMM 4420U – Political Communication, Digital Media and Democracy or CRMN 4020U – Corporate Crime or CRMN 4021U – Cybercrime
	One of: *POSC Approved Elective OR SSCI 4102U Honours Thesis II	One of: POSC Approved Elective OR SSCI 4098U – Practicum OR SSCI 4103W - Internship	POSC 4010U- Policy Development	General Elective (2000-level or higher, not POSC)	General Elective (2000-level or higher)

POSC Approved Electives (not all courses will be offered every year)

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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
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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
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SSCI 2920U – Qualitative Research Methods
SSCI 3910U – Advanced Data Analysis
SSCI 3920U – Advanced Qualitative Methods
SSCI 4020U – Leadership and Administration

Recommended Choices for Business and Society Specialization

SSCI 2900U – Research Methods
POSC 3100U – Political Economy of Global Development
POSC 3101U – Inequality, Environment and Development
POSC 3300U – Building Sustainable Communities
POSC 3302U – Environment and Globalization
POSC 3305U – Energy Policy: Canada in a Transitioning World
POSC 3602U – Labour in the Global Economy

25-26 BA (HONS) POLITICAL SCIENCE – GLOBAL STUDIES SPECIALIZATION

Year 1	SOCI 1000U – Introductory Sociology	Two of: COMM 1100U – Intro to Communication and Digital Media Studies CRMN 1000U – Introduction to Criminal Justice PSYC 1000U – Introductory Psychology		LGLS 1000U – Foundations of Legal Studies	SSCI 1470U – Impact of Science and Technology of Society
	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	LGLS 2940U – Legal Research Methods	General Elective
	POSC 2502U – Community Development and Social Change	POSC 2000U – Canadian Politics	Two of: ENVS 1000U – Environmental Science COMM 2270U – Entertainment Goes Global: from Hollywood to the World LGLS 2120U – International Law SOCI 2020U – Issues in Diversity		General Elective
Year 3	Two of: POSC 3201U – Rural Communities POSC 3203U – Urban Development POSC 3500U – Equity Policy POSC 3501U – Politics and Poverty 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 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		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
	POSC 3800U – Business, Politics and the Macroeconomy	POSC 3000U – Policy, Democracy and Governance	General Elective	Two of: COMM 3350U – Environmental Communication: Media and Tech for Sustainability COMM 3510U – Work in the Creative and Tech Industries or COMM 3710U – Media, Identity and Intercultural Comm. CRMN 3045U – Terrorism CRMN 3301U – Green Criminology and Eco-Justice LGLS 3230U – Law and Globalization LGLS 3310U – Indigenous Peoples, Law & the State in Canada LGLS 3700U – Law and Power	
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SSCI 4020U – Leadership and Administration

Recommended POSC Electives for Global Studies Specialization

POSC 3100U – Political Economy of Global Development
POSC 3101U – Inequality, Environment and Development
POSC 3300U – Building Sustainable Communities
POSC 3302U – Environment and Globalization
POSC 3303U – Policies for Sustainability