

Bachelor of Arts in Policy Studies 120 credits

2024-2025 Year of Entry

General Education (10 courses)

Policy Studies (20 3-credit courses, one 15-credit internship)

Courses listed in recommended order of completion (see p. 2):

- 1. PLSC 1101—Introduction to Government and Politics
- 2. ECON 1101— Principles of Microeconomics
- 3. ECON 1103—Principles of Macroeconomics
- 4. PLSC 2231—The Canadian State
- 5. POST 2201—Introduction to Public Policy
- ECON 2244—Managerial Economics OR
 ECON 2211—Intermediate Economic Theory Microeconomics I
- 7. POST 2208—Qualitative Research Methods
- 8. POST 2209—Methodology and Statistics
- 9. POST 3303—Federalism
- 10. POST 3305—Interest Groups and Group Behaviour
- 11. PLSC 2259—Comparative Government and Politics
- 12. PLSC 2287—Introduction to International Relations
- 13. ECON 2213— Intermediate Economic Theory Macroeconomics I
- 14. POST 3030—Policy Studies Internship
- 15. POST 4421—International Economic Policy
- 16. POST 4431—Managing and Implementing Public Policy
- 17. POST 5010—Selected Topics in Public Policy
- 18. POST 4443—Survey of Public and Private Law Principles
- 19. POST 5020—Integrative Professional Practice
- 20. ECON 2255—Economics of the Public Sector
- 21. Indigenous context course: One of INST 1101, HIST 2221, HIST 2234, HIST 3343, HIST 3345 (can be completed in any semester)

Students must obtain a minimum grade of 2.00 (C) in all core courses.

Students must complete the **Professional Development seminar** for eligibility to register for the POST 3030—Policy Studies Internship. Consult the Policy Studies advisor in about registration.

For Honours, students must complete POST 5120—Honours Thesis in addition to the requirements outlined above. As a result, the Honours stream reduces the number of electives in the program to four.

Contact the Policy Studies advisor about entry to Honours.

The list of approved General Education courses can be found in the academic calendar.				
Tier 1 Foundation (4 courses) One (1) approved course from each cluster				
Cluster 1				
Cluster 2				
Cluster 3				
Cluster 4				
Tier 2 (3 courses) Three (3) approved Tier 2 courses, one must be from Cluster 1 Cluster 1				
Two Tier 2 courses chosen from two of Clus-				
ter 2, 3 or 4 (no duplicate clusters)				
Cluster				
Cluster				
Tier 3 (3 courses) Three (3) approved Tier 3 courses from at least two different clusters				
Cluster				
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Electives (4-5 courses)

Any three credit post-secondary level course. The number of electives depends on the number of courses taken in the major. Honours stream has 4 electives.

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Policy Studies 4-year plan

It is recommended to target core courses based on the pattern below. POST prefix courses are only offered in the semester indicated below and previous core courses act as necessary prerequisites.

Minimum passing grade for all core courses = C (65%) grade	GPA minimum = 2.0 [Honours = 3.0]					
FALL		WINTER				
FIRST YEAR						
PLSC 1101 Introduction to Government and Politics		PLSC 2231 The Canadian State				
ECON 1101 Introduction to Microeconomics		ECON 1103 Introduction to Macroeconomics				
GNED 11_Foundation in Numeracy and Scientific Literacy Clus	GNED 11Foundation in Numeracy and Scientific Literacy Cluster 1 [Fall or Winter (F or W)]					
GNED 12_Foundation in Values, Beliefs, and Identity Cluster 2 [F or W]						
GNED 13_Foundation in Community and Society Cluster 3 [F or W]						
GNED 14_Foundation in Communication Clus	GNED 14_Foundation in Communication Cluster 4 [F or W]					
Elective		Indigenous context course* or Elective				
SECOND YEAR						
Professional Development Seminar [Must be completed before Internship = 5% of POST 3030 grade]		POST 3303 Federalism				
POST 2201 Introduction to Public Policy		POST 3305 Interest Groups				
ECON 2211 Intermediate Economic Theory: Microeconomics I or ECON 2244 Managerial Economics		POST 2209 Statistics and Methodology				
Indigenous context course* or Elective		POST 2208 Qualitative Research Methods				
General Education Tier 2 in Numeracy and Scientific Literacy Clu	General Education Tier 2 in Numeracy and Scientific Literacy Cluster 1 [F or W]					
General Education Tier 2 Cluster 2, 3 or 4 [F or W] (recommend	General Education Tier 2 Cluster 2, 3 or 4 [F or W] (recommended INST 1101 for Cluster 3 Tier 2)					
General Education Tier 2 Cluster 2, 3 or 4 [F or W] (recommend	General Education Tier 2 Cluster 2, 3 or 4 [F or W] (recommended INST 1101 for Cluster 3 Tier 2)					
THIRD YEAR						
Professional Development Seminar [Must be completed before II	Professional Development Seminar [Must be completed before Internship = 5% of POST 3030 grade]					
PLSC 2259 Comparative Government		POST 3030 Internship Note: Students must complete PD [Professional Development Seminar] before POST 3030 Prerequisites for POST 3030 are: PLSC 1101, 2231, 2259, 2287, ECON 1101, 1103, 2211, 2213, POST 2201, 2208, 2209, 3303, 3305				
PLSC 2287 International Relations						
ECON 2213 Intermediate Economic Theory: Macroeconomics						
Indigenous context course* or Elective						
General Education Tier 3						
FOURTH YEAR						
POST 4421 International Economic Policy		POST 4443 Survey of Public and Private Law Principles				
POST 4431 Managing and Implementing Public Policy		POST 5020 Integrative Professional Practice				
POST 5010 Selected Topics in Public Policy		ECON 2255 Economics of the Public Sector				
General Education Tier 3 [F or W]						
General Education Tier 3 [F or W]						
Indigenous context course* or Elective [F or W]						
Elective [F or W] or POST 5120 [Honours Thesis]	Elective [F or W] or POST 5120 [Honours Thesis]					

*One Indigenous context course is required for this program. INST 1101 can be completed in fall or winter of first year. Either HIST 2000 level course can be completed in the winter semester of the first year. HIST 3000 level courses should only be attempted second year onward.

- Only 16 courses can be at the junior/first year level (1000).
- Thirty-two (32) courses must be from the Faculties of Arts or Science or be designated General Education courses.
- Use this planning guide in coordination with mruGradU8. Save a copy of the audit every term prior to registering for classes. If you are interested in a minor, Honours, or a double major seek academic advising from the Policy Studies advisor.

This information is available in the Academic Calendar 2024-2025. If there are discrepancies between information on this program planning page and the academic calendar, the academic calendar is deemed correct.

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