

Political Studies

In Political Studies, we consider the many ways in which we use power in human societies.

At EICC, the political studies program embraces both the social science and humanities aspects of political analysis. We examine the philosophic and practical aspects of the use and abuse of power, combining insights from both the humanities and social sciences.

Our Political Studies program embraces both the social science and humanities aspects of political analysis, adding depth to your studies. As a student of political studies, you will deepen your understanding of political science and explore your rights and responsibilities as a citizen and Christian. You will explore the organization of government and how this influences the amount and distribution of social and economic resources. In addition, you will develop an understanding of government institutions, legislative processes, foreign policy, international relations, and public law.

Our political studies program includes practicum courses, giving our students valuable experience. Our students have the option of studying at TWU's Laurentian Leadership Centre and interning in Ottawa or at Parliament Hill, and participating in our Pre-Law Society or Model United Nations.

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POLS 101	<p>POLS 101 - Introduction to Political Thinking 2022-2023</p> <p>An introduction to the basic concepts, institutions, and ruling ideas in political thought and action. Through the study of classic political texts, competing concepts like equality and freedom, justice and power, are introduced within the context of conflicting ideologies like liberalism, socialism, and conservatism. The meaning of citizenship in postmodern contemporary liberal democracies are examined and contrasted with competing visions of the good society.</p>	3
POLS 211	<p>POLS 211 - International Politics 2022-2023</p> <p>This course is an introduction to the theoretical and empirical concerns of international politics. It is designed to go beyond the simple observation of international politics and delve into the ways we seek to explain and predict how political actors behave. The first section of the course is dedicated to understanding the history of the field of international relations as a foundation for further study. The second section will consider the traditional Realist perspective of international relations and then move on to deal with more modern revisions of received scholarship such as Liberalism, Marxism, Feminism, and Constructivism. Along the way, we will encounter explanations for war and peace, cooperation and dispute, as well as explanations for the creation of major international treaties and organizations such as the United Nations. The third section of the course will begin to deal with modern challenges and themes in international political economy and security.</p>	3
POLS 234	<p>POLS 234 - CDN Government & Politics 2022-2023</p>	3

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	<p>Provides the student with an overview of the Canadian system of government in a comparative approach that includes study of British, American, and Canadian political and government institutions and practices. A comparative study of how basic concepts, principles, and institutions associated with different expressions of liberal-democratic governments highlight the diversity of political experience, reveal the interdependence of political systems and show the uniqueness of Canada's political system. Particular attention is given to the manner in which Parliament attempts to facilitate and develop public policy that reflects the diverse interests and aspirations of its citizens. Cross-listed:</p>	
POLS 237	<p>POLS 237 - Co-Existence, Genocide, Reconciliation: Indigenous Nationhood and Canada 2022-2023</p> <p>The history of First Nations, Métis Nations and Inuit Nations in Canada from time immemorial through to the present from various perspectives gained from interactions with Indigenous authors and guest speakers and cultural experiences such as immersion trips to Indigenous territories. Engage broad economic, social and political themes associated with Canada's settler society and gain cultural intelligence by analyzing from an Indigenous perspective how standard narratives of progress shaped early encounters, the fur trade economy, governmental policy, Christianity and culture, residential schools, land reserves and self- government. Considers the ways in which Indigenous nations utilized and reshaped Canada's historical narrative to resist assimilation, paternalism, civilization, marginalisation, and integration. Examines arguments for partnership, cooperation, negotiation and reconciliation in a movement towards peaceful co-existence.</p>	3
POLS 250	<p>POLS 250 - Classical Political Philosophy 2022-2023</p> <p>Examines the impact of Christianity on Western thought with respect to politics and political philosophy. It explores the unique encounter between Jerusalem and Athens that has been described as the secret vitality of the West. Special attention is paid to the disagreement or conflict between a theological and philosophical approach to the study of political life.</p>	3
POLS 308	<p>POLS 308 - Political Economy of Dev. Nations 2022-2023</p> <p>This course provides an analysis of the relationship of government policies and economic development in selected Asian, African, and Latin American countries. Topics include the role of leadership and public policy; challenges of development; obstacles to democratization; and the interaction of domestic and global political/economic structures.</p>	3
POLS 310	<p>POLS 310 - Issues in Social Justice 2022-2023</p> <p>An examination of ethical issues that pertain to social justice, addressing such topics as the distribution of wealth, the difference between equality and equity, the effects of globalization, and the morality of war.</p>	3
POLS 312	<p>POLS 312 - Globalization and Global Governance 2022-2023</p> <p>Examines the causes and consequences of globalization and the transitional institutions established to cope with this process. The course examines the meaning of global governance</p>	3

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	<p>and how this differs from governance of domestic societies. It also identifies the significant international institutions involved in global governance and assesses their contribution. The role of various international governmental and non-governmental organizations are studied in relation to such issues as global trade, the environment, human rights, economic development, and international migration.</p>	
POLS 314	<p>POLS 314 - International Political Economy 2022-2023</p> <p>A study of the globalization of the world economy and the political factors that shape this process. Students become familiar with the recent history of international trade, global economic relations, and the role of various players in foreign economic policy making. Using case studies of representative governments, students explore models of fiscal and monetary policy and types of trade protection. Other topics include political factors affecting emerging and transitional economies, role of trade groupings, impact of multinational corporations, negotiations in the World Trade Organization, and the problems related to global industries such as airlines or oil.</p>	3
POLS 320	<p>POLS 320 - Social and Political Philosophy 2022-2023</p> <p>An examination of foundational ideas and problems in political life and thought. Both classical and contemporary texts are used. Concepts treated include the state, the citizen, democracy, liberty, equality, authority, obligation, and disobedience.</p>	3
POLS 330	<p>POLS 330 - Law and Canadian Politics 2022-2023</p> <p>This course provides students with an overview of important themes in Canadian law: its sources, theories of jurisprudence, federalism and the courts, and how the legal framework and the Supreme Court decisions shape public discourse in Canada on political issues. Through the examination of milestone court cases, particularly Supreme Court decisions since the Charter of Rights and Freedoms (1981), the symbiotic relationship between the judiciary and the legislative branches of government are established.</p>	3
POLS 332	<p>POLS 332 - Issues in the History of British Columbia 2022-2023</p> <p>The history of British Columbia from its earliest beginnings to the late 1980s. The province's move from regionalism, to provincialism, to internationalism by examining many of the social, cultural, political, and economic forces Canada. Specific aspects of BC's history that particularly enlighten us about the character of the region, its unique place in Canadian history, and how these events have shaped the Province today change which shaped the West Beyond the West in Canada.</p>	3
POLS 334	<p>POLS 334 - Canadian Government and Politics 2022-2023</p> <p>Provides the student with a detailed examination of the political issues that divide and unite Canadians. Course topics include discussion of alternative theoretical approaches to Canadian politics; regionalism, citizenship, and political participation; the French-English Cleavage; provincialism versus federalism; aboriginal politics; gender and class issues; the United States' and Canada's uneasy relationship; multiculturalism and bilingualism as key indicators of Canadian political culture; the Executive in Parliament dispute; legislative politics and judicial interpretation;</p>	3

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POLS 335	<p>POLS 335 - Dev't of the Canadian Constitution 2022-2023</p> <p>A survey of the historical development of the Canadian Constitution from 1867 to the present. The search for an amending formula and the patriation of the Constitution. The evolving nature of the federation; the Meech Lake Accord; the Charlottetown Accord; the October 26 Referendum; western demands for major changes to the Senate and other national institutions of the federation; and the unfinished constitutional agenda. The profound effect on law and public policy development resulting from the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.</p>	3
POLS 352	<p>POLS 352 - Government and Politics of the USA 2022-2023</p> <p>An introduction to American politics, including the major branches of government: the presidency, the Congress, and the Supreme Court. The dynamics of American political institutions and their interaction. The prime emphasis is on national politics, especially the interaction of the executive and legislative, including presidential decision-making.</p>	3
POLS 355	<p>POLS 355 - American Foreign Policy 2022-2023</p> <p>A study of principal themes in United States foreign policy with in-depth review of postSecond World War Presidential periods. Students analyze the causes and results of American policy choices in the context of evolving world order. The course explores philosophy and leadership styles.</p>	3
POLS 361	<p>POLS 361 - Political Science Practicum 2022-2023</p> <p>A supervised field experience in an approved political, governmental, or related setting.</p>	1
POLS 377	<p>POLS 377 - 20th Century China and East Asia 2022-2023</p> <p>A cultural and political history of China and Japan since 1900 with an emphasis on late 20th century issues. Course includes discussion of Hong Kong and Taiwan as Chinese territories and Korea as a primary neighbour of China and Japan. Of special interest are the relations of Japan and China with the United States.</p>	3
POLS 378	<p>POLS 378 - Politics and Development of the Asia-Pacific Region 2022-2023</p> <p>This course explores the contemporary political, economic, and social conditions of countries in east and southeast Asia as case studies of development. Central to the course is the so-called Asian Miracle: what are its causes and why have some countries been left behind? Other topics include Japan's and Singapore's models of development; response to China's economic and political power in the region; international relations including selected conflict areas; and the prospects for regional integration. Countries typically covered in this region face the Pacific in a chain from Indonesia in the south to Korea and Japan in the north.</p>	3
POLS 391	<p>POLS 391 - Canadian Governmental Leadership 2022-2023</p>	3

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	<p>In the setting of the historical Booth Mansion in Ottawa, students are invited to explore the history of Canadian political leadership. Using the historical method, including research in primary sources, they will evaluate the leadership of Canadian Prime Ministers and examine how they addressed the needs and crises of the nation. By means of their enquiries into Canada's political leadership, students will develop their own theories of effective leadership.</p>	
POLS 392	<p>POLS 392 - Ethics and Public Affairs 2022-2023</p> <p>The philosophical basis for and nature of ethical decision-making. Recent and contemporary ethical issues facing leaders in the political, business, and communication fields. Students observe how leaders engage ethical dilemmas in the Ottawa setting of their discipline.</p>	3
POLS 406	<p>POLS 406 - War, Peace and Society 2022-2023</p> <p>A survey of the changing nature of and approaches to war and its effect on society from the Middle Ages to the present. Various visions and proposals for peace. The nature of nuclear war.</p>	3
POLS 421	<p>POLS 421 - The Contemporary Middle East 2022-2023</p> <p>An introduction to the concerns of contemporary political, economic, and social development such as state consolidation, ethnic and social movements, poverty, and conflict through study of the political economy of the Middle East. Students explore the region through analysis of selected Middle Eastern states, cultures, and emergent issues such as underdevelopment, religious and ethnic movements, external intervention, and regional conflicts and disputes.</p>	3
POLS 422	<p>POLS 422 - Contemporary South Asia 2022-2023</p> <p>An introduction to the concerns of contemporary political, economic, and social development such as state consolidation, ethnic and social movements, poverty, and conflict through study of the political economy of the Middle East. Students explore the region through analysis of selected Middle Eastern states, cultures, and emergent issues such as underdevelopment, religious and ethnic movements, external intervention, and regional conflicts and disputes.</p>	3
POLS 425	<p>POLS 425 - European Comparative Politics and Government 2022-2023</p> <p>An exploration of special topics in European comparative politics. The themes and geographic focus vary from year to year. They may include current political institutions and forces, and the historical evolution of the European politics, in both Western and Eastern Europe. Particular attention is given to the legal traditions that gird the institutional frameworks of the countries under study. This course blends an analysis of individual nation states with an examination of the critical issues that confront them all, which are addressed comparatively. It takes account of both the national and transnational factors that affect, and are affected by, politics in Europe—notably European integration and globalization.</p>	3
POLS 430	<p>POLS 430 - Global Politics 2022-2023</p> <p>A seminar course devoted to intensive study of selected issues in contemporary global politics.</p>	3

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POLS 431	<p>POLS 431 - Religion and Global Politics 2022-2023</p> <p>A survey of religion as a theme in global politics, beginning with case studies in the relationship of religion to politics and foreign policy in various areas of the world and among various religious traditions. Topics include religion and the politics of states, human rights, peace and conflict, international development, globalization, and the foundations of global order.</p>	3
POLS 434	<p>POLS 434 - Canadian Political Thought 2022-2023</p> <p>Examination of selected Canadian authors who have contributed significantly to the development of Canadian political discourse. Topics include federalism, social democracy, multiculturalism, feminism, compact theory, and national identity. The systematic study of these and related concepts in the context in which they were elaborated; comparison to current interpretations and usage.</p>	3
POLS 436	<p>POLS 436 - Canadian-US Relations 2022-2023</p> <p>A survey of relations between the two countries from their origins, ranging from military and diplomatic to intellectual and cultural contacts. Comparative developments in the two nations.</p>	3
POLS 440	<p>POLS 440 - The Evolution of Canadian Foreign Policy 2022-2023</p> <p>An overview of the formulation and trends of Canadian foreign policy in the period since Confederation. This course examines the domestic and external determinants of Canadian foreign policy, the nature of the foreign policy-making process, and the evolution of key themes in Canadian foreign policy.</p>	3
POLS 487	<p>POLS 487 - The Evolution of Canadian Foreign Policy 2022-2023</p> <p>An overview of the formulation and trends of Canadian foreign policy in the period since Confederation. This course examines the domestic and external determinants of Canadian foreign policy, the nature of the foreign policy-making process, and the evolution of key themes in Canadian foreign policy.</p>	3
POLS 488	<p>POLS 488 - Special Topics in Political Science 2022-2023</p> <p>An examination of special topics or issues in political studies that are not considered in-depth in other courses.</p>	3
POLS 495	<p>POLS 495 - Honours Thesis I 2022-2023</p> <p>Under supervision of the departmental faculty, students conduct a careful review of the literature on a topic of their choice as well as an empirical study of some portion of the topic. The final written result is submitted in a 12,000 to 15,000-word thesis. Taken in fourth year by Honours students in Political and International Studies.</p>	3
POLS 496	<p>POLS 496 - Honours Thesis II 2022-2023</p> <p>Under supervision of the departmental faculty, students conduct a careful review of the literature</p>	3

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