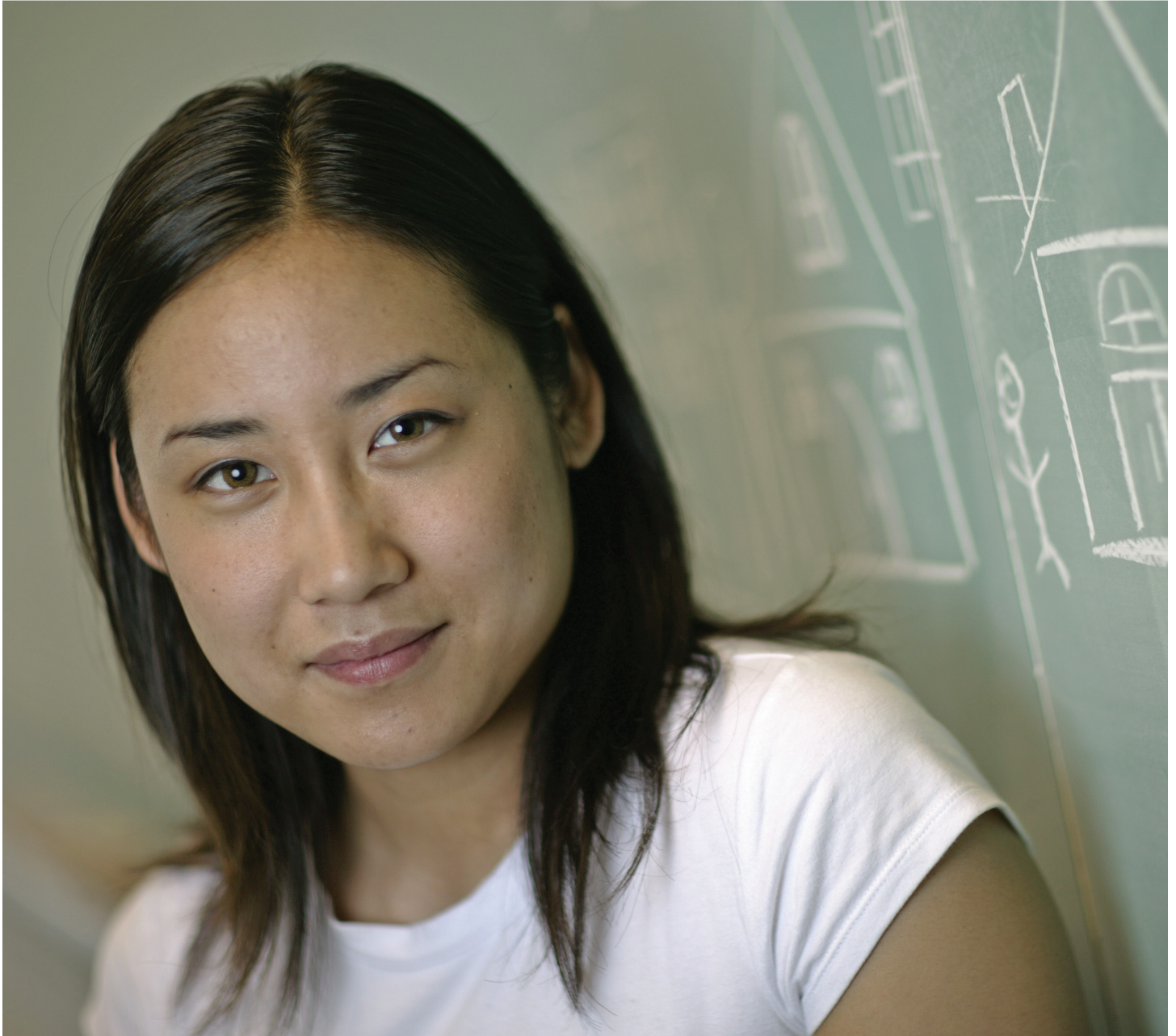


# Political Science





# What is Political Science?



**Political Science** explores how communities make collective decisions. You can study ideas, activities and problems associated with the governance of nations, states, and societies both past and present. Learn about the impact of globalization, the making of American foreign policy, the role of the courts in politics, political development in the Muslim world and the multilevel governance of Canadian cities.

The influence of politics on our lives is inescapable. The policies and principles which governments endorse and follow shape our everyday lives. Our values, our careers, our freedoms and our responsibilities are all formed in a political context. The study of political science provides students with a chance to examine their lives in this context.

## Areas of Study

- **Political Science (Honors Specialization, Major, Minor)**

Students may focus their studies on one (or more) of these sub-fields within the department: Canadian politics, political theory, public policy, comparative politics, international relations, and local government.

- **International Relations (Honors Specialization)**

This program is offered jointly by the Departments of History and Political Science. Unique in Canada, Western's program in International Relations is genuinely interdisciplinary, blending history and political science approaches and methods in courses such as International Justice and American Foreign Policy. Graduates of this program would be prepared for careers relating to law, journalism, or public service.

For more information on International Relations, **please visit** <http://www.ssc.uwo.ca/polisci/undergrad/internationalrelations.html>

- **Political Science/LLB (Honors Specialization Political Science/Law Program)**

The concurrent B.A./LLB program allows exceptional students to complete both the B.A. Honors Specialization in Political Science degree and the LLB in six years instead of the seven years it would take if the programs were pursued separately.

For more information on the Combined Political Science/LLB Program, **please visit** [http://www.law.uwo.ca/newSite/info-centres-progs/concurrent\\_polisci.html](http://www.law.uwo.ca/newSite/info-centres-progs/concurrent_polisci.html)

## Sample Courses

### *International Human Rights*

This course explores the topic of human rights from its origins to the current 21st century reality. Students explore issues of concern, abuses, and potential solutions.

### *Global Political Economy – North South*

This course examines the nature of relations between developing and industrialized states with special focus on the topics of development, aid, trade, investment, food, and agriculture.

### *Business and Government*

A review of the relationship between business and government, emphasizing their respective responses to problems of economic and social change. The course will focus primarily on Canada.

## After Graduation

Political Science graduates have skills that allow them to succeed in a wide variety of environments, such as:

- Public Affairs Departments
- Non-Governmental Organizations (human rights, health organizations, lobby groups and policy/program analysts)
- Survey Research and Focus Group Analysis
- Political-risk Analysis Departments
- Policy Development
- Foreign Service Officers
- Third World Development Agencies
- Research Assistants for Members of Parliament
- Government Departments (Foreign Affairs & International Trade, International Research & Development Corporation, Fisheries & Oceans, Indian & Northern Affairs, National Defence, Municipal Affairs & Housing, Economic Development, Trade & Tourism)



*"My experience as a political science student has been magnificent and has really opened my eyes to the world around me. The University of Western Ontario offers an array of courses in the discipline of political science, giving students a unique perspective on ideas and theories. The professors make the experience even more wonderful with guest speakers, interactive question/answer sessions, and much more. Whether you're writing a paper or fulfilling your curiosity, Western's library resources and helpful staff will have all that you require in your quest for information."*

Darshan Patel  
Major in Political Science and Minor in Psychology

*"Being a political science student at Western is an experience like no other. We are provided with a great quantity of resources from The Weldon Library to wonderful professors. Throughout the year there are also many seminars and presentations held by professors from other universities and politicians, which are fantastic learning opportunities. My experience as a political science student here at Western has been phenomenal."*

Ray Park  
Major in Political Science and Minor in Philosophy



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