

UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD FROM LOCAL TO GLOBAL



POLITICAL SCIENCE

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TOP REASONS TO STUDY POLITICAL SCIENCE AT DALHOUSIE

- Our small class sizes (particularly in upper years) allow for fantastic personalized interaction with professors.
- Our faculty members are renowned in their areas of expertise and many have authored award-winning books.
- Political science is a good foundation for a career in varied fields such as government, law, journalism, advocacy, or business. It complements many other subjects, including: economics; history; international development studies; law, justice and society; and environment, sustainability and society.
- Our diverse range of courses allows you to study everything from local governments to global conflict and sex, race and the state to the politics of pandemic.
- We encourage undergraduate honours students to conduct independent research of their choice, while working closely with faculty members.
- We are home to the Centre for the Study of Security and Development, which organizes regular seminars, workshops, and conferences on current issues in international relations and foreign policy.
- Our Jean Monnet European Union Centre of Excellence is the only one in Atlantic Canada and part of a network of just 30 around the world. It is a dynamic window on the affairs of the European Union.
- As the major urban centre in Atlantic Canada, Halifax is home to many governmental, voluntary, cultural, and private sector organizations. There are numerous opportunities to get involved politically and to learn from events and organizations in the community.

EXCELLENCE AND ACHIEVEMENT

Our faculty members have received awards for teaching, national recognition for publications, and prestigious positions as research chairs, including a new Canada Research Chair in Forced Migration Governance and Refugee Protection. Faculty hold substantial research grants, which create opportunities for student assistantships as well as national and international recognition. Our students excel and are recognized for their achievements. Undergraduate alumni have won competitive national scholarships at leading graduate programs across Canada and beyond as well as a coveted Parliamentary Internship and a Governor's Award for exceptional student leaders.

Our graduate students often receive competitive and generous scholarships from national and international sources to support their research. Our alumni go on to internships, advanced degrees, and successful careers in various fields, including the civil service, the academic world, journalism, law, and non-governmental organizations. To find out more about student and faculty accomplishments, see our annual newsletter (visit: dal.ca/politicalscience then click: Alumni & Friends – News & Events).

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

Our students have participated in many internships, exchanges, and special events including the Parliamentary Internship Program, UIBE China Exchange Program, Model NATO Youth Summit, and the Foreign National Student Internship Program (U.S. Mission, Canada). In recent years, Dalhousie students have regularly participated in Model UN simulations, and the department has developed a Public Policy Practicum course enabling advanced undergraduate students to connect their academic studies to 'real world' organizations and initiatives.

STUDENT SOCIETIES

Our departmental student societies play vital social and academic roles in student life.

WHAT WE CAN OFFER YOU WHILE STUDYING WITH US

We offer a high-quality undergraduate program (with Honours option) and graduate programs (MA and PhD) in a collegial, small department with open and accessible professors. We provide a welcoming environment, enhanced by the City of Halifax – the cultural hub of Atlantic Canada – which features great restaurants, music, pubs, beaches, hiking trails, sea air, and so much history.

We offer courses and specializations in four sub-fields (Canadian Government & Politics, Comparative Politics, International Relations and Foreign Policy, and Political Theory) and many opportunities for combined degrees with other disciplines.

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