

## 5 Things to Know

### 1. What is Political Science?

Political Science is the study of power and governance. It examines the values, laws, institutions, and policy processes that govern our lives; it asks how and why forms of government vary between jurisdictions; and it investigates the sources of conflict between and within nations, as well as the opportunities for collaborative action. It attempts to understand why political change occurs and how power is exercised. It also addresses normative issues in governance: why ought we to accept certain laws, processes, and institutions, and not others?

### 2. Why study Political Science at Dalhousie?

At Dalhousie, you're surrounded by Canadian political history. Halifax is home to Canada's first elected assembly and the birthplace of responsible government in the British Empire. You'll have the opportunity to work closely with outstanding faculty in smaller classes. The World Universities List ranks Political Science as one of Dalhousie's top subject areas.

### 3. What degrees and courses are offered?

Our diverse range of courses include classes on municipal, provincial, national, and international politics, as well as specialized classes on the environment, social media, political parties, human rights, sports, and health care. In addition to a major or honours degree in Political Science, students can choose a double major with one of many complementary subjects, such as Economics, History, International Development Studies, and Law, Justice, and Society; or they can combine a Political Science degree with an interdisciplinary minor.

### 4. What kinds of jobs do Political Science graduates have?

Political Science is a good foundation for a wide range of careers, including **political/policy/security advisors, civil servants, consultants, public relations specialists, pollsters, managers, researchers, journalists, politicians, human rights officers, political aides, and diplomats**, among many other possibilities.

### 5. I want in! Where do I begin?

Register for a first-year course such as POLI 1060 (Political Worlds: Themes and Concepts) or POLI 1065 (Political Worlds: The Global Domain).

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