

POLITICAL SCIENCE



Master of Arts (MA) Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)

The department of Political Science offers a high quality graduate program in a small, collegial department. There is extensive contact between professors and students, and we support flexibility in designing programs of study (e.g., working with cognate disciplines such as International Development Studies). There is also a congenial social environment, enhanced by the excellent entertainment and environmental amenities of the City of Halifax. The Department is complemented by the Centre for the Study of Security and Development, which is active in various aspects of international relations and development policy; the Jean Monnet European Union Centre of Excellence, which engages in research on a range of topics pertaining to EU-Canada relations; the Jean Monnet Network in Health Law and Policy, which focuses on building connections and capacity in health law and capacity across Europe and North America; the Romeo Dallaire Child Soldiers Initiative, which advocates for prevention of the recruitment and use of child soldiers; and the MacEachen Institute for Public Policy and Governance, which supports the development of progressive public policy and greater citizen engagement.



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Why study Political Science at Dalhousie?

RESEARCH STRENGTHS

- An intimate research environment working with faculty who have a strong national and international presence
- Access to a network of complementary specialized institutions that facilitate connections with key individuals within discrete fields (foreign policy, development, public policy)
- Research areas include Canadian government, comparative politics, international relations and foreign policy, political theory, environmental politics, health politics, urban politics, political behaviour and political parties, public policy, women in politics, and issues in democracy, accountability and representation

COMPLEMENTARY RESOURCES:

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POTENTIAL CAREERS

- Academic
- Civil Service
- Communication and Public Relations
- Consultant
- Diplomat
- Government Relations or Lobbyist
- Law
- NGO sector
- Policy analyst
- Political advisor
- Political Staff for members of cabinet
- Pollster
- Project Coordinator
- Public Servant
- Writer/Journalist

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Must satisfy the general requirements for admission to the Faculty of Graduate Studies.
- Minimum TOEFL score of 600 (or the equivalent score on a comparable test).
- Minimum 3.7 GPA
- Application requires 2 original transcripts from each attended university, 3 references, personal statement, statement of research, CV/resume, and writing sample

LENGTH OF PROGRAM

- MA: typical time to complete is 1-2 years
- PhD: typical time to complete is 4-6 years

APPLICATION DEADLINE

January 31

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