

**Faculty of Arts  
and Social Sciences**

# **Political Science**



# **Understanding the World from Local to Global**

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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 government to global conflict, or focus on migration, public health, human rights, or climate change.
- Our undergraduate honours students gain valuable experience that prepares them for graduate school and other advanced research by writing a thesis on a topic of their choice, working closely with a faculty mentor.
- 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

The World Universities List ranks Political Science as one of Dalhousie's top subject areas. Our faculty members have received awards for teaching and national recognition for publications. Five of our full-time faculty members hold prestigious Research Chairs. Faculty hold substantial research grants, which create opportunities for student assistantships. Our students excel and are recognized for their achievements. Undergraduate alumni have won competitive national scholarships at leading graduate programs across Canada and beyond. Students have also won distinguished awards such as the Rhodes Scholarship, Trudeau Fellowship, Parliamentary Internships, and

Governors' Awards for exceptional student leaders.

To find out more about student and faculty accomplishments, see our news page and annual newsletter at

[dal.ca/faculty/arts/politicalscience/news-events.html](http://dal.ca/faculty/arts/politicalscience/news-events.html).

## 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.

The department provides a welcoming environment, and so does 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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