

# Political Science

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Join a small yet vibrant and welcoming community of scholars, students and alumni. You'll study alongside faculty members who are leading researchers and innovative teachers in international relations, political theory, Canadian politics and public policy, and comparative politics – with particular strengths in U.S., Canadian, Latin American and European politics. Through your courses, you'll understand the major issues of our time: democracy and participation, liberalism and illiberalism, human rights, peace and security, migration and citizenship, inequality, and corruption and global governance. You'll be prepared to make a change globally and locally with highly valued skills in reading, writing, analysis, clear thinking, intercultural awareness, collaboration and communication.



*“This program gave me a unique perspective on political, economic, legal and ethical issues in a rapidly changing world. I earned a strong academic foundation that helped me pursue paid research positions and professional consulting opportunities during my studies and after graduation. I honed my critical thinking, writing, editing and research skills. It also gave me a platform to openly debate with students and professors during classes, giving me the confidence to speak and pitch in professional settings.”* – Alex B.F., BA' 19



## Boost Your Major

- Join activities such as the IR Film Club, and attend guest lectures, faculty roundtables and research presentations
- Put your studies into practice by participating in Glendon's Model United Nations team and other simulations
- Travel abroad with courses on European or American politics

## Skills You'll Earn

- How to search for innovative solutions and promote change for greater justice and prosperity around the world
- Strong critical thinking, communication and problem-solving skills
- How to ask the right question, find the answer, consider alternatives and provide an original and considered explanation
- Understand the forces driving social and political change

## Career Paths

As a graduate, you'll be well-equipped to become a leader and changemaker. You can choose to pursue grad studies or get additional qualifications for careers in areas such as:

- Banking
- Corporate/non-profit management
- Government service
- International/community development
- International human rights
- International trade
- Journalism
- Lawyer
- Mediation/arbitration
- Policy work/advocacy
- Public health
- Public policy analysis



# Your Path To Success

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	First Year	Middle Years	Final Year	Other Skills You'll Earn
Academics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attend an enrolment-planning workshop with the Academic Advising team</li> <li>Check your program requirements in the <b>Academic Calendar</b></li> <li>Start/continue your language journey; visit our <b>language-learning support</b> centres</li> <li>Enrol in <i>Foundations of Political Science</i> to gain an overview of the field</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enrol in core courses in the program's four subfields: Canadian politics, political theory, comparative politics and international relations</li> <li>Check your eligibility to apply for a combined BA and MA with our graduate school of Public and International Affairs</li> <li>Request a progress report and meet with your academic advisor</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enrol in courses with hands-on experience, such as <i>International Relations Through Film and Literature</i> or <i>Transnational Crime and Corruption</i></li> <li>Take a summer course abroad</li> <li>Plan for your bilingual or trilingual certification; apply for the exam</li> <li>Get your degree audit</li> <li>Apply to graduate</li> </ul>	<p><b>Communication, Data Gathering &amp; Organizational Skills</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Present your thoughts clearly and intelligently in written statements</li> <li>Organize, understand and analyze ideas and sources of information, and apply novel forms of technology or new information and ideas to different professional settings and tasks</li> <li>Critically analyze problems, think creatively and make sound decisions while considering different sides of an argument</li> <li>Clearly explain complex ideas to others and apply complex theoretical concepts to everyday practice and professional dilemmas</li> <li>Conceptualize and think critically about crucial dimensions of political life, including the values, ideas, institutions and social structures that shape it</li> <li>Learn interpersonal and cross-cultural skills, as well as resource and time management</li> </ul> <p><b>Management &amp; Teamwork</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Interpret and analyze information presented by peers, and efficiently and constructively support or challenge their proposals, theories, ideas and reports in order to achieve a project's intended result</li> <li>Lead and interact with a variety of people with different approaches, and personal and professional backgrounds</li> <li>Work effectively in group situations, participating in decision-making, leading and contributing to the ultimate success of the team and task</li> <li>Identify priorities and proper courses of action, plan the execution of tasks, and delegate responsibilities to group members to most effectively carry out projects</li> </ul>
Get Involved	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Participate in orientation activities like JumpStart and Frosh Week</li> <li>Join/start a club, such as the Glendon Political Science Student Association</li> <li>Visit the <b>Salon francophone</b> or <b>ESL Open Learning Centre</b></li> <li>Meet the Student Life Coordinator</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Become a Student Ambassador</li> <li>Develop leadership skills in the Student Union</li> <li>Represent students' voices in university governance/committees</li> <li>Participate in groups promoting leadership development, such as Glendon Model United Nations or the Foreign Affairs Council of Glendon</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Join a professional association, such as the Canadian Political Science Association or the International Political Science Association</li> <li>Become a Peer Mentor</li> </ul>	
Gain Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contact the <b>Experiential Education office</b> to find opportunities</li> <li>Develop your digital media skills at the <b>Glendon Digital Media Lab</b></li> <li>Attend lectures from visiting professors, policymakers and diplomats</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pursue your passion project through <b>G21</b>, <b>Glendon's inquiry-based incubator</b>, or <b>GENIAL</b>, Glendon's business incubator for francophone and bilingual startups</li> <li>Apply to be a Research Assistant</li> <li>Volunteer with a national organization, such as <b>the Canadian International Council</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enrol in <i>Canadian Foreign and Defence Policy</i></li> <li>Work on practical challenges by enrolling in the <b>Cross-Campus Capstone Classroom (C4)</b></li> </ul>	
Think Globally	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Learn another language – 20 languages are taught at Glendon and Keele Campuses, including French, Spanish and Ojibwe!</li> <li>Develop your intercultural competencies</li> <li>Choose to complete the program as a bilingual or trilingual international bachelor of arts (iBA)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consider completing an exchange abroad or with one of our partner universities in Quebec</li> <li>Apply to <i>Le français par l'expérience</i> to expand your knowledge of French and francophone culture by doing a work placement</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enrol in an intensive summer course focusing on the European Union in the Netherlands or American politics in Washington, DC</li> <li>Volunteer with organizations that have a focus on international issues or diversity in Canada</li> <li>Attend the <b>Glendon Global debates</b></li> </ul>	
Plan Your Future	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Build your transferable skills by participating in workshops about skills and career development</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Explore career options and learn more about the skills required</li> <li>Discover career opportunities by connecting with alumni</li> <li>Book an appointment with the Career Centre to start working on your resumé, cover letters and interview skills</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Become a student member of an association, such as the Canadian Political Science Association and International Political Science Association</li> <li>Attend Glendon's Bilingual Job Fair</li> <li>Enhance your resumé and LinkedIn profile and the Career Centre</li> <li>Attend a grad school application workshop</li> </ul>	
				Admission Requirements
				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ontario Secondary School Diploma or equivalent, with average* of mid-to-high 70s</li> <li>A minimum of six 4U or 4M courses, including 4U English (ENG4U) or FRA4U</li> <li>A combination of U and M course; OACs are accepted</li> <li>Proficiency in English <b>OR</b> French</li> </ul> <p>*Average is calculated based on the top six 4U; 4M or DU courses</p>
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				<p>Domestic students: <a href="mailto:liaison@glendon.yorku.ca">liaison@glendon.yorku.ca</a></p> <p>International students: <a href="mailto:international@glendon.yorku.ca">international@glendon.yorku.ca</a></p> <p>Attend one of our <b>events!</b></p> <p><a href="#">f</a> <a href="#">t</a> <a href="#">in</a> <a href="#">@</a> GlendonCampus</p>