

MAJOR IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

Are you curious about different political structures and how countries are governed?

What is Political Science?

Political Science is the study of governments and other political units. It is social justice, human rights, gender equality, conflict and security, global governance, international development, and environmental sustainability.

What are the strengths of studying Political Science at Saint Mary's University?

This small, student-focused and dynamic department offers interesting courses on important contemporary issues. Political Science students have multiple opportunities for awards and exchanges, and are provided with an excellent foundational program for many careers.

Living Learning opportunities

Last year, Political Science students travelled to New York for the annual Model UN conference for course credit; participated in international exchanges with Norway, Hong Kong, Finland, France, Mexico, Japan and Uganda; worked at the Nova Scotia Legislature part time during the school year as a Legislative page; volunteered at the Halifax International Security Forum; attended lectures by a member of Omar Khadr's legal team; and received many academic awards, including the William J. Dalton Award for Political Science and the prestigious Homburg Mobility Award.

Potential employers

You may be employed by such employers as government, international organizations, non-government organizations, consulting firms, the publishing industry, or law firms.

Skills acquired

Expect to obtain such skills as research, writing, problem solving, interpersonal, communication, debate, and critical thinking.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Political analyst
Politician
Civil servant
Intelligence officer
Lawyer
Diplomat
Political advisor
Journalist
Teacher
Writer

A FEW OF THE COURSES OFFERED

Contemporary Issues
Law and Politics
Politics and Globalization
Spying and International Politics
Politics and Sex
Political Terrorism
Canadian Foreign Policy
Latin American Politics
Women in Public Policy
Model United Nations

"The faculty is exceptional. They really care about students and want to get the best out of them. Dr. Keeble really makes students think, not only when they are in class – the discussions continue out of the class, too. She's really good at getting people engaged. She's inspiring."

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