

# Department of Political Science

## General Interest Courses

The study of politics is an important element of a liberal education. Students with a general interest in politics are invited to enroll in one or more of the courses offered. Students in senior-level Political Science courses must have completed 3 credit hours at the 1000 level in Political Science or have permission of the instructor.

## Major in Political Science

Students majoring in Political Science are required to complete a minimum of 36 credit hours in Political Science, including POLS 1013 and 6 credit hours in each of the four fields of Political Science offered at St. Thomas.

- i) For **Canadian Government and Politics**, the 6-credit requirement is satisfied by completing POLS 2103 and one other Canadian politics course at the 2000 or 3000 levels.
- ii) For **Comparative Government and Politics**, the 6-credit requirement is satisfied by completing POLS 2303 and 2313.
- iii) For **International Relations and Foreign Policy**, the 6-credit requirement is satisfied by completing two of the following: POLS 2613, 2623, 3313, 3513, 3523, 3533, and/or 4603.
- iv) For **Political Philosophy**, the 6-credit requirement is satisfied by completing POLS 2806 or POLS 2803 and 2813.

## Minor in Political Science

The Minor in Political Science requires 3 credit hours at the introductory level and 15 credit hours from at least two different fields of Political Science.

## Honours in Political Science

An Honours BA in Political Science consists of 54 credit hours in Political Science including:

POLS 1013	Law, Power, and Politics
POLS 2103	Canadian Constitutional Politics and one other Canadian politics course at the 2000 or 3000 levels
POLS 2303	Comparative Politics of the Developed World
POLS 2313	Comparative Politics of the Developing Areas
POLS 2613	International Relations I
POLS 2623	International Relations II
POLS 2803	The Western Tradition of Political Philosophy I
POLS 2813	The Western Tradition of Political Philosophy II
or	
POLS 2806	The Western Tradition of Political Philosophy
POLS 3913	Honours Thesis Proposal
POLS 4903	Capstone Seminar – Problems in Political Inquiry
POLS 4923	Honours Thesis

In addition, students must take another 3 credit hours at the 4000 level. Of the remaining courses, two must be at the 3000 or 4000 levels. Honours students are strongly encouraged to take PHIL-2513 Introduction to Logic and one of the University's courses in statistical analysis (CRIM-2113, ECON-2123, MATH-3913, PSYC-2013 or SOCI-2023). Please consult with your thesis advisor in this matter.

Candidates will be expected to maintain a grade point average of 3.0 in the Honours subject. In calculating the grade point average for Honours, all courses in the Honours subject will be counted. Students must achieve at least a B in each of Political Science 3913 and 4923.

Students who wish to take the Honours BA in Political Science are strongly encouraged to consult with the Chair of the Department before the end of their second year. Students are expected to take Political Science 3913 during their third year.

Students in Political Science may count the following Great Books courses toward their Major or Honours programs: GRID 2006/2106, 2206, 3306, and 3506. However, each of these courses counts for only 3 credits in their Political Science programs.

Students who have taken POLS 1006 and GRID 2006/2106 will have satisfied the POLS 2803 and 2813 (or 2806) requirement for the Honours and Majors programs. Students must, however, satisfy the minimum credit requirements in those programs.

## Introductory Courses

### **POLS-1003. Foundations of Liberal Democracy**

The purpose of this course is to introduce students to the fundamental principles of the liberal democratic political regime. The course will be divided into three main components: a discussion of liberalism; a discussion of equality; and, an examination of how liberal democratic principles are incorporated into parliamentary and congressional political regimes.

### **POLS-1006. Introduction to Political Science**

This course is normally taught as part of the Aquinas Program. Through the study of a small number of core texts, it provides an introduction to some of the key questions at the centre of political life. The course provides students with a solid foundation in the history of political thought. It also concentrates on the development of the skills in logical analysis, writing, and political argument necessary for upper-level courses in the discipline.

### **POLS-1013. Law, Power, and Politics**

This course is an introduction to the study of politics. It has two objectives. The first is to give students a sense of the meaning and importance of politics. The second is to study a number of the concepts essential to the study of contemporary politics: the state, sovereignty, legitimacy and authority, law, power, equality, democracy, nationality, freedom, and citizenship are typically covered. The specific content and readings used vary from section to section. This course is required for all students planning to major or honour in political science.

### **POLS-1103. Canadian Government**

This course provides an introduction to the concepts of the regime, authority, the rule of law, citizenship, and political obligation. It does so through a consideration of the institutions of Canadian government and covers the following topics: the framing of the constitution, federalism, parliamentary government, the Charter of Rights, the judiciary, political parties, public opinion, interest groups, and constitutional reform.

### **POLS-1603. Global Politics (HMRT 1203)**

This course provides an introduction to the concepts of nation and state, sovereignty, forms of government, and political conflict. It does so through consideration of issues in world politics, such as human rights and social justice, ecological imbalance, economic inequalities, war, global governmental institutions and organizations.

## Canadian Government and Politics

### **POLS-2103. Canadian Constitutional Politics**

This course will examine fundamental disagreements at the core of the Canadian polity that have plagued constitutional debate since its creation. Special attention is paid to the constitutional implications of conflicting conceptions of individual, provincial, ethno-linguistic, and multi-national equality.

### **POLS-2113. Contemporary Issues in Canadian Politics**

This course will examine a number of issues animating Canadian politics. Themes may include public policy problems, the stresses of Canadian federalism, the fortunes of political parties, ethics in government, and Canada in the global political context.

### **POLS-3103. Political Parties and Elections in Canada**

Canada's major national parties are examined in regard to their historical evolution, internal structure, ideological orientation, and public image and reputation. Trends in voting behaviour are discussed, as are the implications of voting patterns in Canada. Distinctive provincial political parties (such as the Parti Québécois) are also considered.

### **POLS-3113. Canadian Federalism: Theory and Practice**

This course examines the idea of federalism in Canada and how those ideas take shape in the practice of Canadian federalism. Attention is paid to the political theory of federalism, the institutions of federalism, and the diversities which underlie the Canadian federal system.

### **POLS-3123. The Canadian Constitution: Federalism**

This course will focus on the manner in which the evolution of constitutional law has shaped the Canadian federal system. The course will proceed primarily by means of class discussion of leading constitutional decisions and by student presentations.

### **POLS-3133. The Canadian Constitution: The Charter of Rights and Freedoms (HMRT 3233)**

This course will focus on the impact our constitution has had on civil liberties in Canada. The course will proceed primarily by means of class discussion of leading constitutional decisions and student presentations.

### **POLS-3203. Canadian Provincial Government and Politics**

The course offers a comparative view of the Canadian provinces. Provincial cabinets, party systems, legislative development, and economic and social issues are considered. Special attention is directed to the problem of Quebec in Confederation.

### **POLS-3213. Media and Politics in Canada**

This course will examine the role of media in Canadian politics and government. It will examine the effect of media on policy agenda setting and public opinion, and how political elites seek to use media to advance political goals. Prerequisite: POLS 1013, or permission of the instructor.

**POLS-3223. Public Administration**

This course is designed to introduce students to the theory and practice of public administration. Attention will also be given to the development of skills necessary for use in the civil service.

**POLS-4103. Seminar in Canadian Government and Politics**

This is a seminar directed primarily at Political Science Majors and Honours students. The specific topic of the seminar will change from year to year. Students will be expected to do advanced research and to present and defend their work in class. Prerequisite: POLS 2103, or permission of the instructor.

## Comparative Government and Politics

**POLS-2303. Comparative Politics of the Developed World**

This course introduces students to the comparative study of governments in the industrial and post-industrial societies. It examines the question of how various political systems are classified, dealing with such issues as organization of the state, governance and policy-making, representation, and political legitimacy. Prerequisite: 3 credits in Political Science, or permission of the instructor.

**POLS-2313. Comparative Politics of the Developing Areas**

This course introduces students to the comparative study of governments in the developing world. It focuses on such issues as the politics of development, modernization, and the interplay of political and social forces in selected developing nations. Prerequisite: 3 credits in Political Science, or permission of the instructor.

**POLS-2323. Religion and Politics**

Religious traditions and actors mobilize and in turn are mobilized by political movements at international, national, and community-based levels. Within a multi-religious and comparative framework, this course explores the way in which religious and political identities, actors, and systems interact on issues related, for example, to religiously-based political parties, democratization movements, nationalism, fundamentalism, and the politics of resistance.

**POLS-3303. US Government and Politics**

This course examines the national political institutions of the United States of America - Congress, the Presidency, the Supreme Court, and the federal bureaucracy. Political parties, interest groups, elections, and the role of the media will also be studied. Issues surrounding the modern presidency, as well as those involving social and moral issues, will be examined in a debate format.

**POLS-3323. Political Leadership: Local, National, and Global**

This course will be a study of the fundamental concepts and prevalent theories of political leadership using a comparative methodology involving local, national, and global levels of leadership. It will allow students to study the significance of individual leaders' personalities, styles, and ideas in relation to their institutional and cultural contexts.

**POLS-3333. Introduction to Political Economy**

The purpose of this course is to introduce students to the study of political economy as a subfield of political science. The first part of the course examines main conceptual frameworks in the study of the relationship between states and markets on the basis of classic

readings. The second part of the course covers topics in market regulation, politics of development, and international political economy. Prerequisites: ECON 2153, or POLS 1603 and permission of the instructor.

#### **POLS-3413. The European Union and Europe**

This course examines the formation and present politics of the European Union (EU), a unique community of democratic countries that agreed to delegate some of their sovereignty to common institutions. The course will look at the history of European integration, the key institutions and policies of the EU, and ongoing debates about European identity, EU enlargement, and economic developments in the Euro zone.

#### **POLS-3423. Politics & Society in Russia and Eurasia**

This course examines politics and society in Russia and Eurasia, focusing on the post-communist transitions, Russia's relations with other post-Soviet states, and the nexus between domestic and international politics of the region. Prerequisite: POLS 2303, or permission of the instructor.

#### **POLS-4303. Seminar in Comparative Politics**

Designed as an upper-level seminar for students of Political Science, this course will focus on theories of comparative politics and their application to a major issue of interest to the discipline. Prerequisites: POLS 2303 and 2313, or permission of the instructor.

## International Relations and Foreign Policy

#### **POLS-1603. Global Politics**

This course provides an introduction to the concepts of nation and state, sovereignty, forms of government, and political conflict. It does so through consideration of issues in world politics, such as human rights and social justice, ecological imbalance, economic inequalities, war, global governmental institutions and organizations.

#### **POLS-2603. Political and Economic Integration in the Americas**

This course will examine economic and political integration theory in relation to theories of globalization, using the European Union and the Americas as central cases. The course will analyze, in depth, the issues of social justice, labour and environmental standards, poverty, gender issues, capitalism, and social democracy. This course will have online interactive features and may be taught in collaboration with other universities.

#### **POLS-2613. International Relations I**

This course introduces students to International Relations (IR) theory, with a focus on the mainstream theories in the field, namely realism and its variants, and liberalism and constructivism. These theories are illustrated and developed through the use of case studies and examinations of the institutions and structures of the international system. Prerequisite: POLS 1013, or permission of the instructor.

#### **POLS-2623. International Relations II**

This course introduces students to the critical and non-mainstream variants of International Relations (IR) theory. These include Marxism, Gramscianism, feminist theories of IR, and other forms of critical theory. These theories are illustrated and developed through the use of case studies and examinations of the institutions and structures of the international system. They are also contrasted with mainstream IR theories. Prerequisite: POLS 1013, or permission of the instructor.

**POLS-3313. US Foreign Policy**

This course examines the foreign policy of the United States of America. It examines the roles of the Presidency, bureaucracy, and Congress in the making of foreign policy. The history of American foreign policy will be studied to contextualize present foreign policy and likely future scenarios. The impact of US economic policy in an era of globalization will be explored. Central to the course will be an investigation of the relationship of the US to other major powers and to international institutions.

**POLS-3503. Human Rights in International Relations and Foreign Policy (HMRT 3243)**

This course considers human rights in international relations. It focuses on how the emerging human rights regime is affecting the practice of traditional state sovereignty. Special attention will be paid to the political and philosophical arguments around such issues as universal human rights versus cultural relativism, and the problems associated with humanitarian intervention.

**POLS-3513. Canadian Perspectives on International Law**

The course covers the major topics of international law: the law creation process, the law application process, participants in international law, territory and resources, and international dispute settlement. The lectures on each topic focus on particular Canadian economic, political, or geographic characteristics that raise legal questions, and discuss how Canada has interpreted and tried to influence the law in question.

**POLS-3523. International Relations in the Asia Pacific Region**

This course will focus on how the relations of the regional powers (China, Japan, and the United States) intersect and affect the shape of the Asia Pacific's politics and economics. The course will also provide an overview of the interactions between the other regional states and the various efforts to build Asia Pacific-wide economic and security institutions.

**POLS-3533. Canadian Foreign Policy**

This course is a study of Canada and its role in the world. It will focus, in particular, on the historical development of Canada's foreign policy and the continuities between the past and the present. Is Canada a principal power or is it highly constrained by the imperatives of its relationship with the United States? A significant component of the course will be spent in evaluating Canada's role in a post-Cold War and post-9/11 world. Particular attention will be paid to issues related to the question of multilateralism and Canada's evolving approach to this tradition. Prerequisite: POLS 2613 or POLS 2623, or permission of the instructor.

**POLS-3603. The United Nations**

This course will examine the UN as an international political institution, its structure and processes in the context of contemporary and enduring issues of world politics, including peace, security, development, and environmental sustainability.

**POLS-3613. Model United Nations (HMRT 3253)**

This course will prepare students for participation in a Model United Nations, either Canadian or American sponsored. In a model UN simulation, students represent an assigned country's foreign policy on assigned issues on the UN agenda. The course will begin with an examination of the UN and its procedures. Subsequent topics will include researching the assigned UN issues and the assigned country's policy on them; preparation of working papers and motions, and strategies for effective conference participation. Fund raising for the trip required: half credit course, but meets first and second terms; limited enrolment.

### **POLS-4603. Seminar in International Relations**

This is a seminar directed primarily at senior Political Science Majors and Honours students. The specific topic of the seminar will change from year to year, but will consider, in depth, an issue or issues in international relations. Students will be expected to do advanced research and to present and defend their work in class. Prerequisite: POLS 2613 or 2623, or permission of the instructor.

## Political Philosophy

### **POLS-2703. Philosophy of Human Rights**

This course will introduce to students philosophical questions concerning the foundations of human rights. On what are human rights based? What makes something a human right? Are human rights universally and permanently valid or is the notion of human rights merely a construct of Western culture? The course will familiarize students with alternative theoretical answers to these and other related questions.

### **POLS-2803. Western Tradition of Political Philosophy**

This course will introduce students to seminal texts in political philosophy focussing on the ancient and early medieval period. Texts may include: Plato's *Apology*, Plato's *Republic*, Aristotle's *Nicomachean Ethics*, Aristotle's *Politics*, *Bible*, and St. Augustine's *City of God*.

### **POLS-2806. The Western Tradition of Political Philosophy (HMRT 2236)**

This course will introduce students to the following seminal texts in the Western political tradition. Texts may include: Plato's *Apology*, Plato's *Republic*, Aristotle's *Nicomachean Ethics*, Aristotle's *Politics*, *Bible*, St. Augustine's *City of God*, Aquinas' *Treatise on Law*, Machiavelli's *The Prince*, Hobbes' *Leviathan*, Locke's *Second Treatise on Government*, Rousseau's *Discourses*, Marx's 1844 *Manuscripts*, *Communist Manifesto*, and Nietzsche's *The Genealogy of Morals*. Students who took either POLS 2803 or 2813 cannot receive credit for 2806.

### **POLS-2813. The Western Tradition of Political Philosophy II**

This course will introduce students to seminal texts in political philosophy focussing on the medieval, early modern and modern periods. Texts may include: Aquinas' *Treatise on Law*, Machiavelli's *The Prince*, Hobbes' *Leviathan*, Locke's *The Second Treatise on Government*, Rousseau's *Discourses*, Marx's 1844 *Manuscripts*, *Communist Manifesto*, and Nietzsche's *The Genealogy of Morals*. Prerequisite: POLS 2803.

### **POLS-3813. Classical Political Philosophy**

In this course, students will engage in an intensive study of a small number of texts by some of the following authors: Herodotus, Thucydides, Aristophanes, Plato, Xenophon, and Aristotle. Among the problems to be considered are: the nature of justice, the character of the best regime, the good life for a human being, and the relationship between the individual and the political community. Prerequisites: POLS 2803 (or 2806), or permission of the instructor.

### **POLS-3823. Modern Political Philosophy**

The focus of this course is on the problems modern political philosophy has confronted in attempting to show how nature can be used as a standard for judging the best life and the just political order. The writings of one or two of the following authors will be considered: Machiavelli, Hobbes, Montesquieu, Rousseau, Burke, Jefferson, Nietzsche, and Heidegger. Prerequisites: POLS 2803 and 2813 (or 2806), or permission of the instructor.

**POLS-3833. Women in Western Political Thought**

An examination of selected texts in ancient and modern political philosophy focusing on understanding both historical and current accounts of the role of women in the political community. Texts will vary from year to year but may include Aristotle's *Politics*, Aquinas' *Summa Theologia*, Locke's *Two Treatises on Government*, Engels' *The Origin of Family*, de Beauvoir's *The Second Sex*, and Firestone's *The Dialectic of Sex*.

**POLS-4803. Seminar in Political Philosophy**

This course will involve the intensive study of a theme or an author or authors in the history of political philosophy. Students will be expected to engage in advanced study and to make regular presentations to the class. Prerequisites: POLS 2803 and 2813 (or 2806), or permission of the instructor.

## Honours

**POLS-3913. Honours Thesis Proposal**

The purpose of this course is to afford students who seek to write the Honours thesis an opportunity to develop a thorough thesis proposal, including a substantial annotated bibliography. A small number of classes will be held at the beginning of the course in order to show students how to prepare the proposal. Thereafter, the class will meet only occasionally.

**POLS-4903. Capstone Seminar - Problems in Political Inquiry**

This course is intended to serve as a capstone seminar for Majors and Honours students in Political Science. The course is an investigation of the perennial issues involved in the study of politics. We shall examine critically the dominant approaches in Political Science with the aim of understanding how the method utilized affects the substance of any account of political phenomena.

**POLS-4923. Honours Thesis**

The Honours Thesis is an extended scholarly paper on a topic written under the supervision of a faculty member who agrees to serve as thesis Director. Students will be expected to follow the Guidelines for the Honours Thesis published by the Department of Political Science. Students must have completed POLS 3913, Honours Thesis Proposal, with a minimum grade of B to be eligible for POLS 4923.

## Independent Study

**POLS-4013. Independent Study**

Students may undertake independent studies under the direction of a member or members of the Department with the permission of the Department Chair. The course is limited to students of proven academic merit. It is expected that the students will have a clear idea of their area of study, and they will be expected to submit a written proposal about it, including a preliminary bibliography, research topic, and argument justifying it as an independent course of study.

# International Relations

The program in International Relations allows students to develop specific subject-area expertise in the complex matter of state-to-state relations within the international system. This multidisciplinary program draws on courses in Political Science, Economics and foreign languages, and can include electives from Criminology, Human Rights, and History.

## Honours

Students who wish to do an Honours degree in International Relations must complete 48 credit hours for their degree, including:

IREL-4003	Independent Study
IREL-4013	Honours Thesis in International Relations
POLS-3913	Honours Thesis Proposal
POLS-4903	Capstone Seminar - Problems in Political Inquiry
POLS-4603	Seminar in International Relations

## Major

Students majoring in International Relations are required to complete a minimum of 36 credit hours in courses specified by the program. It is suggested that they do 3 credit hours in their first year of study, 12 in their second, and a total of 21 credit hours in their third and fourth years. In addition, students are required to complete either a Minor in Economics (18 credit hours) or 12 credit hours in a foreign language. Students are encouraged to do both.

### Year 1

POLS-1603	Global Politics
ECON-1013/1023	Introduction to Economics (Micro) and Introduction to Economics (Macro) or 6 credit hours in a foreign language

### Year 2

POLS-2303	Comparative Politics of the Developed World
POLS-2313	Comparative Politics of the Developing Areas
POLS-2613	International Relations I
POLS-2623	International Relations II

### Years 3 and 4

15 credit hours in designated advanced courses in International Relations

6 credit hours in designated advanced courses in Area Studies

In Years 2-4, students will also complete the requirement of 12 credit hours in a second language or a Minor in Economics.

## Minor

The requirements for a Minor in International Relations are:

POLS-2613	International Relations I
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**POLS-2623 International Relations II**

An additional 12 credits from the list of “advanced international relations courses” approved for the Major

## Double Major with Political Science

The Major in International Relations and the Major in Political Science both require the completion of the following POLS courses: 1013, 1603, 2303, 2313, 2613, and 2623. Students who have completed those six courses in order to meet the requirements for the Major in International Relations may count them toward the Major in Political Science as well. No other courses taken for the Major in International Relations may be counted toward a second Major in Political Science.

## Courses

### Year 1

#### **POLS-1603. Global Politics**

This course provides an introduction to the concepts of nation and state, sovereignty, forms of government, and political conflict. It does so through consideration of issues in world politics, such as human rights and social justice, ecological imbalance, economic inequalities, war, global governmental institutions and organizations.

#### **ECON-1013. Introduction to Economics (Micro)**

This course, which is equivalent to one half of ECON 1006, examines the behaviour of consumers and producers in a market economy. Among the issues discussed will be environmental protection, wealth and poverty, and the extent of corporate power. (Credit will not be given for both ECON 1006 and ECON 1013.)

#### **ECON-1023. Introduction to Economics (Macro)**

This course, which is equivalent to one half of ECON 1006, analyzes the Canadian economy and how it works. It includes a discussion of output, unemployment, growth, money, international trade, and finance. (Credit will not be given for both ECON 1006 and ECON 1023.)

*Introductory-level courses in Spanish, French, and Japanese are available at St. Thomas University. Introductory-level courses in German and Russian are available at the University of New Brunswick.*

### Year 2

#### *A.) International Relations Core (6 credit hours)*

#### **POLS-2613. International Relations I**

This course introduces students to International Relations theory, with a focus on the mainstream theories in the field, namely realism and its variants, liberalism and constructivism. These theories are illustrated and developed through the use of case studies and examinations of the institutions and structures of the international system. Prerequisite: POLS 1603, or permission of the instructor.

#### **POLS-2623. International Relations II**

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other forms of critical theory. These theories are illustrated and developed through the use of case studies and examinations of the institutions and structures of the international system. They are also contrasted with mainstream IR theories. Prerequisite: POLS 1603, or permission of the instructor.

*B.) Comparative Core (6 credit hours)*

**POLS-2303. Comparative Politics of the Developed World**

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**Years 3 and 4**

*A.) Advanced International Relations (15 credit hours)*

**POLS-2603. Political and Economic Integration in the Americas**

This course will examine economic and political integration theory in relations to theories of globalization, using the European Union and the Americas as central cases. The course will analyze, in depth, the issues of social justice, labour and environmental standards, poverty, gender issues, capitalism, and social democracy. This course will have online interactive features and may be taught in collaboration with other universities.

**POLS-3313. US Foreign Policy**

This course examines the foreign policy of the United States of America. It examines the roles of the Presidency, bureaucracy, and Congress in the making of foreign policy. The history of American foreign policy will be studied to contextualize present foreign policy and likely future scenarios. The impact of US economic policy in an era of globalization will be explored. Central to the course will be an investigation of the relationship of the US to other major powers and to international institutions.

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**POLS-3523. International Relations in the Asia Pacific Region**

This course will focus on how the relations of the regional powers (China, Japan, and the United States) intersect and affect the shape of Asia Pacific's politics and economics. The course will also provide an overview of the interactions between the other regional states and the various efforts to build Asia Pacific-wide economic and security institutions.

**POLS-3533. Canadian Foreign Policy**

This course is a study of Canada and its role in the world. It will focus, in particular, on the historical development of Canada's foreign policy and the continuities between the past and the present. Is Canada a "principal power" or is it highly constrained by the imperatives of its relationship with the United States? A significant component of the course will be spent in evaluating Canada's role in a post-Cold War and post-9/11 world. Particular attention will be paid to issues related to the question of multilateralism and Canada's evolving approach to this tradition. Prerequisites: POLS 2613, or 2623, or permission of the instructor.

**POLS-3603. The United Nations**

This course will examine the UN as an international political institution, its structure and processes in the context of contemporary and enduring issues of world politics, including peace, security, development, and environmental sustainability.

**POLS-3613. Model United Nations**

This course will prepare students for participation in a Model United Nations, either Canadian or American sponsored. In a model UN simulation, students represent an assigned country's foreign policy on assigned issues on the UN agenda. The course will begin with an examination of the UN and its procedures. Subsequent topics will include researching the assigned UN issues and the assigned country's policy on them; preparation of working papers and motions, and strategies for effective conference participation. Fund raising for the trip required; half-credit course, but meets first and second terms; limited enrolment.

**POLS-4603. Seminar in International Relations**

This is a seminar directed primarily at senior Political Science Majors and Honours students. The specific topic of the seminar will change from year to year, but will consider, in depth, an issue or issues in international relations. Students will be expected to do advanced research and to present and defend their work in class. Prerequisite: POLS 2613, POLS 2623, or permission of the instructor.

**SOCI-3153. The Political Sociology of War**

Competing theories about the origin and nature of war from different disciplines are introduced, and a sociological approach to war as an intersocietal political institution of long-standing and extending across the evolution of many social systems is developed. The effects of the institution of war on contemporary societies are examined, the utility of war in the age of nuclear weapons is questioned, and the social movements that have arisen to challenge the institution of war are scrutinized.

*The University of New Brunswick offers courses that may be counted towards the 15 credits required in Advanced International Relations courses. Please consult the Chair of the Department of Political Science for a current listing.*

*B.) Area Studies (6 credit hours)*

**POLS-3303. US Government and Politics**

This course examines the national political institutions of the United States of America – Congress, the Presidency, the Supreme Court, and the Federal bureaucracy. Political parties, interest groups, elections, and the role of the media will also be studied. Issues surrounding the modern presidency, as well as those involving social and moral issues, will be examined in a debate format.

**POLS-3413. The European Union and “Europe”**

This course examines the formation and present politics of the European Union, a unique community of democratic countries that agreed to delegate some of their sovereignty to common institutions. The course will look at the history of European integration, the key institutions and policies of the European Union, and ongoing debates about European identity, European Union enlargement, and economic developments in the Euro zone.

**POLS-3423. Politics and Society in Russia and Eurasia**

This course examines politics and society in Russia and Eurasia, focusing on the post-communist transitions, Russia's relations with other post-Soviet states, and the nexus between domestic and international politics of the region. Prerequisite: POLS 2303, or permission of the instructor.

**POLS-4303. Seminar in Comparative Politics**

Designed as an upper-level seminar for students of Political Science, this course will focus on theories of comparative politics and their application to a major issue of interest to the discipline. Prerequisites: POLS 2303 and POLS 2313, or permission of the instructor.

## Special

**POLS-3003. Special Topics**

The content of this course changes from year to year to reflect the special strengths of faculty and particular needs of students.

**IREL-4003. Independent Study**

This course is an independent study course that is designed to encourage students enrolled in the International Relations Program to seek international experience for credit. The course is flexible with respect to what international experiences will count as part of the course. It is geared towards promoting student exchanges between St. Thomas students and STU-affiliated institutions around the world, but summer internships, student working-abroad programs, and similar endeavors may be considered acceptable examples of international exposure. The final determination of the acceptability of a program will be made by the International Relations Program Director. The course is also designed to allow students to do a separate writing project for credit, if that is their preference. The IR Program Director or another, suitable member of the faculty, will supervise any written projects. Prerequisite: Course is restricted to students who are enrolled in the International Relations Program.

**IREL-4013. Honours Thesis**

The Honours Thesis is an extended scholarly paper on a topic related to international relations, written under the supervision of a faculty member who agrees to serve as thesis Director. A booklet entitled *Guidelines for the Honours Thesis*, produced by the International Relations Program, will serve to provide answers to the technical questions involved in writing the thesis. Prerequisite: Course is restricted to students who are enrolled in the International Relations Program.

*The University of New Brunswick offers courses that may be counted towards the 6 credits required in the Areas Studies requirement. Please consult the Chair of the Department of Political Science for a current listing.*