



**Huron**  
AT WESTERN

# POLITICAL SCIENCE

Understand Power,  
Governance and  
Political Culture

**LEADERSHIP** *with heart*

POLITICAL SCIENCE

WHAT **DRIVES**

**PEOPLE**

**AND NATIONS**

**POLITICAL SCIENCE EXPLORES THE MANY FACES OF POWER IN SOCIETY**, INVESTIGATES BIG POLITICAL IDEAS AND VISIONS, THE WORLD-TRANSFORMING MOVEMENTS INSPIRED BY POLITICAL IDEALS, THE DAILY LIVES OF POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONS, AS WELL AS THE INNER MECHANISMS OF GOVERNMENTS.

In the study of Political Science, we recognize that many of today's most urgent and complex public challenges require new forms of ethical leadership that combine social justice and inclusive decision-making.

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## **THE HURON ADVANTAGE**

With our small class sizes and dedicated faculty, we challenge our students to be Leaders with Heart by investigating both the human struggles of political conflict as well as the creative forces of political cooperation – from the local to the global.

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**ROHAN NORONHA** | YEAR 2

Political Science Major, CURL Research Fellow

*“Employers have been blown away by my growing research portfolio. They cannot believe the level and intensity of investigative work I’m engaging with because this just doesn’t happen at other undergraduate schools.”*



# FIRST YEAR: UNLIMITED POSSIBILITIES

Your first year is all about exploration and discovery.

During this time, there are minimal required courses so you can try out a wide variety of subjects and disciplines. Learn about something completely new. Find your passion. Political Science opens the intellectual door to many exciting fields of inquiry.

## NEED A MENTOR? BE A MENTOR.

Senior students and alumni will help you plan your studies and your career. In your senior years, volunteer to mentor another student!



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## Program options

	Honors Specialization	Specialization	Major	Minor
Political Science	✓		✓	✓
Globalization & Governance			✓	✓
Identity & Ideology			✓	✓
State & Policy			✓	✓

## First-Year Course

### INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL SCIENCE

An introduction to the study of politics, focusing on ideas, ideologies, institutions, political mobilization and research skills, with an emphasis on Canadian, comparative and international examples. Students prepare for independent research and work collaboratively on contemporary political challenges.



**SCHOLAR'S ELECTIVES: ARE YOU A HIGH-ACHIEVING, SELF-MOTIVATED STUDENT INTERESTED IN PURSUING INDEPENDENT RESEARCH?** APPLY TO BE A PART OF THIS COMMUNITY OF SCHOLARS THAT FOSTERS RESEARCH SKILLS AND COLLABORATION.

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## Sample First-Year Timetable

Required courses  Elective courses

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>9:30am – 10:30am</b> <b>Economics 1021A</b> Principles of Microeconomics 0.50 credit	<b>11:30am – 12:30pm</b> <b>Political Science 1020E</b> Intro to Political Science 1.00 credit	<b>9:30am – 10:30am</b> <b>Economics 1021A</b> Principles of Microeconomics 0.50 credit	<b>11:30am – 12:30pm</b> <b>Political Science 1020E</b> Intro to Political Science Tutorial 1.00 credit	<b>11:30am – 1:30pm</b> <b>History 1801E</b> Major Issues in World History 0.50 credit
<b>1:30pm – 2:30pm</b> <b>Psychology 1100E</b> Method & Theory in General Psychology Lab 1.00 credit	<b>1:30pm – 2:30pm</b> <b>Psychology 1100E</b> Method & Theory in General Psychology 1.00 credit	<b>11:30am – 12:30pm</b> <b>History 1801E</b> Major Issues in World History Tutorial 0.50 credit	<b>1:30pm – 2:30pm</b> <b>Psychology 1100E</b> Method & Theory in General Psychology 1.00 credit	
	<b>3:30pm – 5:30pm</b> <b>Sociology 1020</b> Intro to Sociology 1.00 credit	<b>1:30pm – 2:30pm</b> <b>Political Science 1020E</b> Intro to Political Science Tutorial 1.00 credit	<b>3:30pm – 4:30pm</b> <b>Sociology 1020</b> Intro to Sociology 1.00 credit	

As a Huron student, you can combine any program with a minor, major or specialization from another Huron program or a major or minor in many of the programs offered at Western, Brescia or King's, such as:

- History
- Governance,
- Management &
- Economics
- Leadership & Ethics
- Organizational Studies
- Philosophy
- Global Studies
- Global Great Books

## Huron and IVEY

In collaboration with the Ivey School of Business, Huron offers five-year combined degrees, during which students earn both an Honors Business Administration (HBA) degree and an Honors Specialization Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Political Science.

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form-centre/ivey](http://huronatwestern.ca/form-centre/ivey)

*“My task is to help students build the tools they need to go out into the world as principled and thoughtful people.”*

**JENNIFER MUSTAPHA, PhD**

Assistant Professor,  
Political Science

## Huron and HARVARD

As the only university partner in Ontario, Huron students can earn a Credential of Readiness from Harvard's Online Business School.

[huronatwestern.ca/harvard-online](http://huronatwestern.ca/harvard-online)



## AFTER FIRST YEAR, You Can Study:

- International Relations
- Political Theory
- American Constitutional Law
- Comparative Politics
- Global Political Economy
- Critical Security Studies
- Inside Governments
- Politics of Genocide
- Global Environmental Politics
- Political Authority and Resistance
- Media and Elections
- Citizenship, Borders and the State
- Women and the Philosophy of Rights
- Genocide



## FACULTY RESEARCH EXPERTISE

Huron's faculty are experienced researchers and mentors. They have received many national and international awards for their research and published books and scholarly articles in all the areas they teach, including on Canadian Politics, Media and Politics, Public Policy, International Relations, African Politics, Comparative Politics, Chinese Politics, Popular Culture and the History of Political Thought and Philosophy.

### DR. DAVID BLAIR

International politics, including the United Nations and other international organizations, energy security, trade, globalization and the environment.

### DR. NEIL BRADFORD

Public policy, Civic Leadership, and multi-level governance with a particular interest in “place-based” approaches to politics, policy and planning.

### DR. SARA MACDONALD

Political philosophy, with a particular interest in freedom and democracy, as well as popular culture in politics.

### DR. JAMES E. CRIMMINS

Political theory, American constitutional law and history of political thought. Fulbright Fellow.

### DR. JENNIFER MUSTAPHA

Critical approaches to international relations, security and global governance, Southeast Asian regional politics.

### DR. LINDSAY

#### SCORGIE-PORTER

Conflict studies, peacebuilding and African politics. Recipient of multiple teaching awards.

### DR. PAUL NESBITT-LARKING

Politics and the media, political identities, Canadian and comparative politics.

### DR. ALFRED CHAN Professor Emeritus

Comparative politics, Asian politics, Chinese politics and the foreign relations of East Asian states.



## GET INVOLVED!

HURON POLITICAL SCIENCE STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION HOSTS EVENTS TO ENGAGE HURON'S POLITICAL SCIENCE STUDENTS AND POLITICALLY-MINDED STUDENTS IN POLITICS. THROUGH SPEAKERS, SOCIAL EVENTS AND DISCUSSIONS, THE CLUB EMPHASIZES THE IMPORTANCE OF POLITICS IN OUR LIVES.





## TRAVEL STUDY

The Political Science Department leads a **field-study course to Rwanda**, taking 15-20 students for a first-hand exploration of the politics of genocide and process of reconciliation. Conducting original political research, students meet with a range of non-governmental and governmental organizations and travel to various sites of memorialization.

A joint Political Science/Economics Public Policy course is planned involving travel to Washington, DC to learn about issues and decisions from practitioners in the field including government officials, international diplomats, think tanks and lobbyists. Students will compare and contrast Canadian and American politics and policy.

Political Science students are also encouraged to participate in one of the many international exchanges offered at Huron including China University Politics and the Law Summer Institute on Human Rights and Law.

## WHAT DO OUR GRADS DO?

Among Canada's most visible Leaders with Heart, including Members of Parliament, are graduates from Huron's Political Science department, and they are to be found across a range of sectors and platforms.

Career paths include the civil service as policy analysts and advisors to governments and international agencies, the private sector as policy researchers, social entrepreneurs and management consultants, the media as television and radio journalists, and community or volunteer organizations as advocates and planners. **Huron Political Science graduates frequently pursue advanced study in Political Science or Legal Studies to build rewarding careers as university professors or lawyers.**

- Policy Analyst/Public Servant
- Politician/Political Staff
- Market Analyst/Foreign Service Officer/Diplomat
- Management Consultant/Economic Development Officer
- Professor/Lawyer
- Market Research/Opinion Polling
- Journalist/Media Relations
- Community Development/Urban Planning
- Advocacy/Lobbyist

***“The emphasis on Liberal Arts gave me the opportunity to take a lot of different courses on anything I wanted. When I decided what to focus on, I was able to excel.”***

**SHAFIN TEJANI, Class of 2001, BA in Political Science, CEO Victory Square Ventures**



## AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

In addition to awards open to students in all disciplines, students of Political Science at Huron are eligible for numerous special awards and scholarships, including:

- The Introduction to Political Science 1020E Prize
- The Political Science Prize in Political Theory
- The Political Science Prize in Canadian Politics
- The Political Science Prize in International Politics
- The Political Science Prize in Comparative Politics

## EARN & LEARN

**AT HURON, EVERY STUDENT IS GUARANTEED A PAID INTERNSHIP and volunteer positions to help you build valuable experience.** Political

Science students have received prestigious internship opportunities in the Federal Civil Service, as well as participation as representatives in the Model NATO, the Ontario Model Parliament and the Federal Daughters of the Vote.

### OTHER RECENT EXAMPLES OF INTERNSHIPS HELD BY STUDENTS OF POLITICAL SCIENCE INCLUDE:

- Community Arts Intern at London Arts' Council
- Summer Intern with Competition Bureau (Government of Canada)
- Lead Analyst, G7 Research Group & G20 Research Group
- Law Clerk, Alla Kikinova Law Professional Corporation
- Customer Service Representative, TD Associate Director of Policy and Research at HanVoice

### RECENT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES INCLUDED POSITIONS AT:

- Political Science Students' Association
- HUDS
- Academic Programming Commissioner
- Red Surge member



## BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

**From the first day of classes, Political Science students are invited to participate in the research process and explore learning opportunities beyond the classroom.**

- Many courses include options for students to conduct their own research and Huron's faculty-to-student ratio permits full supervision of such initiatives.
- As their professors' research assistants, students also develop a range of analytical, communication and leadership skills that provide an excellent foundation for graduate studies and professional careers.
- In recent years, students have been involved with faculty research projects investigating topics such as urban planning, multiculturalism, globalization and the environment, and the history and theory of utilitarianism.
- Political Science students have also completed major independent research projects, including the Honours Specialization thesis and CURL-based studies, with faculty supervision on topics such as immigrant political representation, genocide and reconciliation, urban planning and governance, and the ideas of political theorists.
- Political science students have participated in a variety of community-based learning opportunities including Policy Internships, Provincial Model Parliament and Federal Daughters of the Vote.
- In 2019, one of our outstanding Political Theory students travelled to the United States to present original research on Plato's Republic at the Association of Core Texts and Courses Student conference.
- Such research and experiential learning opportunities position Huron Political Science students to compete for prestigious internship programs and research placements with governments in Canada and internationally.

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