

Political Science

MINOR; EXTENDED STUDIES CERTIFICATE

Why study political science?

Political science investigates what is possible for humankind, and the public processes and institutions through which we seek to realize those possibilities. Thus, political science is the study of ends: happiness, freedom, prosperity, security. Political science is also the study of means: public law and authority, policy-making and administration, interest groups and political parties, political power and compromise, political action and public participation, political leadership and public opinion.

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Political science enables you to understand the way in which our governments and our international liaisons, both public and private, will deal with changes. When you are well informed regarding the institutions and processes of our own public affairs, as well as those of our neighbours, both near and far, you are better able to act effectively as a citizen or in a political role.

WHY STUDY POLITICAL SCIENCE AT UFV?

UFV's Political Science department offers a range of lower- and upper-level courses that concentrate in the fields of Canadian politics, comparative politics, international relations, and political theory. A major advantage of studying political science at UFV is the instructor/student ratio. This creates a personalized learning environment where we feature small classes as well as the chance to get to know your instructors and fellow students.



“An informed and engaged citizenry is the best defence against bad government — that’s why it’s so important to study politics.”

— DR. HAMISH TELFORD
UFV Political Science.

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“Studying political science at UFV has been an intellectually challenging and highly rewarding experience mainly because of the outstanding professors and a supportive learning environment. I truly think that the opportunities are endless with this kind of education.”

— PARMIS BEHMARDI, BA.

HOW WILL THIS HELP WITH MY CAREER GOALS?

By studying political science, you will be better prepared to make informed and intelligent decisions about your own life, which unavoidably exists in an environment that is substantially influenced by politics and government. You will be able to consider careers in law, public service, community organizations and advocacy, or even politics.

WHAT OPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE TO ME?

You can take a minor in applied ethical and political philosophy as part of a Bachelor of Arts degree at UFV, or enroll in a few courses for personal interest.

If you are in the Applied Ethical and Political Philosophy program you will develop capacities for creative and critical thinking. You will also acquire an understanding of the social and political institutions that govern our communities, our country, and the world. Our lessons will increase your sensitivity to the ethical and political dimensions of our lives as individuals, as members of families, communities, interest groups, professions and nations, and as citizens of the world.

The applied ethical and political philosophy minor continues the long-standing traditions of philosophy and political studies by developing your ability to think critically and imaginatively in your role as a responsible person. Completion of the minor would indicate that you have developed skills, knowledge, values, and sensitivities that will complement most career paths, including advanced studies in applied ethics, where career opportunities are expanding.

EXTENDED STUDIES CERTIFICATE

The extended studies certificate is designed for students who have baccalaureate degrees who wish to complete the equivalent of a minor in applied ethics and political philosophy. For details about entrance requirements and program requirements, contact the Philosophy and Politics department at 604-557-4035, or email politicalscience@ufv.ca or check out our website at www.ufv.ca/politicalscience.

WHAT DO I NEED TO GET IN?

UFV offers two options for admission. If you are applying straight from high school, follow option one. If you have attended some post-secondary school, follow option two.

OPTION ONE: STUDENTS WITH HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION ONLY

You will need B.C. Secondary school graduation or equivalent and a minimum of B in English 12, and a minimum of a B average on two other provincially examined grade 12 subjects.

OPTION TWO: UNIVERSITY ENTRANCE

You will need a minimum of nine university-level credits complete with a cumulative GPA of 2.0 on all university-level credits attempted.

WHAT TYPE OF COURSES WILL I TAKE?

COURSE #	TITLE
POSC 100	Introduction to Political Science
POSC 110	Canadian Politics
POSC 120	Ideology and Politics
POSC 190	International Relations
POSC 200	Introduction to Political Analysis
POSC 210	Canadian Constitutional Politics
POSC 230	Comparative Politics
POSC 270	Introduction to Political Theory
POSC 290	International Organizations
POSC 310	Canadian Federalism
POSC 311	History of Political Thought I
POSC 312	History of Political Thought II
POSC 320	Canadian Political Thought
POSC 322	Introduction to American Politics
POSC 330	Human Rights: Theory and History
POSC 332	Politics of Multiculturalism
POSC 335	Civil Liberties and the Charter in Canada
POSC 350	Gender Feminist Political Theory
POSC 410	Intergovernmental Relations in Canada
POSC 480	Selected Topics in Political Theory
POSC 481	Selected Topics in Comparative Politics
POSC 482	Selected Topics in Canadian Politics
POSC 483	Selected Topics in International Relations
POSC 490	Directed Studies in Political Thought
POSC 491	Directed Studies in Politics

APPLIED ETHICAL AND POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY MINOR

LOWER-LEVEL REQUIREMENTS: 15 CREDITS

- One of PHIL 110, 210, 230, POSC 120, 270
- One of POSC 110, 190, 230
- One of PHIL 120, 220, 250, 251, 252
- One of ANTH 112, BUS 261, CRIM 109, CRIM 135, HSER 261, MACS 240, POSC 110, POSC 190, POSC 230, POSC 290, SOWK 210 (or an upper-level course which, at the discretion of the program head, has significant empirical political content.)
- One additional lower-level course in PHIL or POSC Note: A single course cannot be used to satisfy more than one criterion.

UPPER-LEVEL REQUIREMENTS: 15 CREDITS

- Two POSC courses, including at least one of POSC 311 or 312
- Two of PHIL 305, 310, 315
- One additional PHIL or POSC

I'M INTERESTED. WHAT SHOULD I DO NEXT?

Check out our online calendar at www.ufv.ca/calendar and read the Political Science section carefully. From our website you can go to the download centre and download the application form. Fill it out and submit it, along with the required documents and the \$45 application fee, to the Admissions and Records office at any UFV campus or centre or through the internet at www.pas.bc.ca.

WHEN SHOULD I APPLY?

If you plan to start your studies in the fall, your application should be received by January 31. Applications received after this deadline will be considered if space is still available in the program.

HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?

It's best to consult the UFV calendar for tuition fees, keeping in mind that new fees are usually set in May. Keep in mind that books and other fees will cost about \$100 per course.

You should also visit the UFV Financial Aid and Awards office, which facilitates the disbursement each year of about \$12 million in federal and provincial student loans, grants, bursaries, scholarships, and awards to UFV students. A helpful budget planning worksheet is available online at www.ufv.ca/fineaid/budget.

WHAT KIND OF SUPPORT WILL I HAVE?

Visit www.ufv.ca/student-services to learn about the broad range of services designed to help you learn about and adjust to the university environment.

CAN I GET ACADEMIC CREDIT FOR THE SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE GAINED IN MY LIFE SO FAR?

Yes. UFV offers Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR), a flexible assessment process that evaluates your experiential learning (what you already know and can do) for post-secondary credit. Experiential learning includes independent study, volunteer activities, non-credit courses, workplace learning, and military service. To find out more, check out the PLAR website at www.ufv.ca/plar or contact Susan Brown, Assessment Services Coordinator, PLAR at 604.851.6342 or susan.brown@ufv.ca.

CAN I SPEAK WITH SOMEONE ABOUT MY OPTIONS?

Absolutely. We want to hear from you! If you're unsure of your direction, contact Student Services at 1-888-504-7441 to connect with an educational advisor, or arrange for career counselling. You can also contact the Philosophy and Politics department at 604-557-4035, or email politicalscience@ufv.ca to speak to a program advisor.



The information contained in this document is subject to change. Please refer to www.ufv.ca/politicalscience for up-to-date information. UFV reserves the right to cancel courses and programs.



About UFV

Nestled in the beautiful Fraser Valley just east of Vancouver, in B.C., UFV is a fully accredited, public university that enrolls more than 11,000 students each year. UFV has campuses in Abbotsford, Chilliwack, and Mission and regional centres in Hope and Agassiz, and a growing presence in Chandigarh, India.

UFV is committed to exceptional post-secondary instruction and a nurturing learning environment. We are large enough to offer variety, yet small enough to offer the personal attention that our students need to thrive. Our small class sizes and focus on teaching allow our students to get to know their instructors and learn in a hands-on setting.

We offer more than 80 programs, including 13 bachelor's degrees, a master's degree, and more than a dozen trades and technology programs. We believe that anyone who wants to go to university should be given the chance, so our admission policies are flexible, and we provide university prep courses and high school completion options. There are many options for learning: full-time, in class, online, as part of a structured program or one tailored specifically to your interests.

Many of our programs "ladder" into one another, allowing students to keep their options open. Our international programming makes for a culturally diverse student body and great opportunities to study abroad, while our continuing studies offerings make learning a lifelong experience.

UFV is recognized nationally for student success, an excellent learning environment, creative integration of programming, and our work with our local communities.

Get to know us better at www.ufv.ca.

