What is Politics and International Relations?

Learn, Experience, Lead

Politics and International Relations

In a world that is being reshaped in challenging ways, Politics and International Relations is where the action is. It provides real student engagement with small class sizes where professors know your name and what you’re about. Every year our students and faculty travel together to some of the most important sites of political action – in Canada, Africa and Europe. You learn why societies look this way they do, and how politics is the ultimate tool for change.

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POLITICS AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS FOR STUDENTS WHO WANT TO...  
- Acquire political and international relations skills that understand society and countries, and their interactions�  
- Learn about how politics can change people’s lives.  
- Participate in national and international experiential learning opportunities  
- See leaders in action and cultivate their own leadership potential  
- Learn from innovative faculty about pressing issues such as Canadian and international life, global affairs, social and media elections, and negotiating peace in conflict zones

LEARNING OUTCOMES:
- King’s Politics and International Relations graduates are highly valued for their ability to think creatively and critically. Our degree emphasizes applied theory that combines research and critical reflection of contemporary political and social problems. The program creates an environment that encourages students to work as a team, fostering collaboration.
- Every course has specific learning outcomes that become more sophisticated over the years. On completion of a degree in Politics and International Relations, students will have the following knowledge, skills and experience:

  **KNOWLEDGE**
  - Know how national and international political systems work and what they do.  
  - Understand the nature of power and influence in an interdependent world.  
  - Propose innovative solutions to contemporary political and social problems in Canada and abroad.

  **SKILLS AND COMPETENCIES**
  - Research: Develop and apply skills including accessing and interpreting primary and secondary sources as well as qualitative and quantitative data.  
  - Written communication: express ideas clearly, construct and explain arguments and make knowledge claims about political life.  
  - Verbal communication: develop skills for presenting ideas to a formal and informal settings.  
  - Critical reflections: develop skills to analyze and interpret primary sources.  
  - Autonomous thinking: propose inventive solutions to contemporary political and social problems in Canada and abroad.

  **LEARNING**
  - Attend Orientation Week activities at king’s and read the king’s Week and The King's Postgraduate Student Association Newsletter before your arrival.  
  - Sign up for the Co-Curricular Placements in French Lakeside.  
  - Consider joining the king’s Political Science Students’ Association (KPSSA).  
  - Take a career shadowing opportunity such as visiting a local organization.  
  - Consider volunteering with the king’s Political Science Students’ Association (KPSSA) to help shape the future of the program.  
  - Take your last chance to participate in one of our experiential learning opportunities.

PROGRAM STRUCTURE:
- **FIRST YEAR**
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- **MIDDLE YEARS**
  - Consider different ways to build your research into your degree.  
  - Check out the life after king’s series.  
  - Think about setting up a blog or a podcast.  
  - Explore opportunities such as work-study jobs and research assistantships.  
  - Don’t just be a club member – join the executive of the king’s Political Science Students’ Association (KPSSA).  
  - Look at the education opportunities for universities in other countries.

- **GRADUATING YEAR**
  - Challenge yourself by enrolling in one or two interdisciplinary courses.  
  - Meet with alumni and employers for informational interviews.  
  - Use career services to review your resume and job search tools.  
  - Attend Pillar Non-Profit Network “Kingspolitic Career Talk.”

ENGAGE in Local and Global Community
- **WELLNESS RESOURCES**
  - Student life well-being

  **WHY STUDY POLITICS AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS TODAY?**
  - Enjoy high career demand and job satisfaction.

  **LEADERSHIP**
  - Meet regularly with the Academic Dean’s Office to ensure you are on track towards your degree requirements.
  - Check our programs offered by Student Affairs.
  - Continuously review your financial aid.
  - Check out opportunities to work on campus or off-campus throughout your degree.
  - Volunteer and support your community at King’s.
  - Use the library resources offered by the Cardinal Carter Library.
  - Check out Career Connect on a regularly.
  - Meet with faculty during their office hours.

ALLUMNI PROFILE
- Sulamita Romanchik, MA
  - Honours Specialization in Political Science (2019) and Honours Specialization in Political Science (2018) in Global Governance, Balsillie School of International Affairs (2016), University of Waterloo Graduation Year: 2017, 2019

CURRENT CAREER
- Paid mission visits, mentorship, and volunteering, Youth Volunteer Coordinator, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

CAREER OVERVIEW
- After completing my foreign service Global Affairs Canada Foreign Policy and Diplomacy (FPDS) streams. The Foreign Service is a societal career, where senior officers are appointed to offices at headquarters or one- to three-year postings abroad. FPDS officers typically spend 50% of their career outside of Canada, serving at various Canadian missions worldwide. It is a very rewarding career, where you get to build and maintain relationships with high-level officials, and work on diverse cases, from human rights to security and stability.

LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR ALUMNI
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