

Graduate Studies in POLITICAL SCIENCE



MA/PHD
McGill University POLITICAL SCIENCE
MONTREAL, QUEBEC, CANADA



McGill

Department of
Political Science



WHY MCGILL?

- Study with distinguished international faculty
- Excellent placement record with graduates working around the globe
- Specialized research centres enrich academic and intellectual environment
- An international and diverse downtown campus located in vibrant, cosmopolitan Montréal

PhD Program

- Two points of entry into the PhD program
Regular Admission:
For students who hold an MA degree in Political Science. Credit for graduate work completed elsewhere
Direct Admission:
For students who hold a BA degree in Political Science
- Fields of concentration:
Canadian Politics, Comparative Politics, International Relations, Political Theory, Minor in Political Methodology
- Guaranteed generous funding package, including tuition for domestic and international students

MA Program

- For students who hold a BA degree in Political Science
- Research project (non-thesis) option or Master's thesis option
- Fields of concentration:
Canadian Politics, Comparative Politics, International Relations, Political Theory
- Opportunities for teaching and/or research assistantships
- Successful students embark on a professional career or continue their studies in the PhD program

Our Admission Requirements

- BA degree in political science with superior standing (M.A. and Direct Admission PhD programs)
- MA degree in political science with superior standing (Regular Admission PhD program)
- Statement of interest

- Official Transcripts
- Two Letters of Recommendation
- Writing Sample (PhD only)
- GRE Scores (PhD only)
- TOEFL, if applicable

Application Deadline

January 15

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Research Areas

Canadian Politics

Research themes encompass Canadian political institutions, including the courts, federalism, political behavior, public policy, gender and politics, and media and politics.

Comparative Politics

Research themes include democratization, political parties, political institutions, political economy, civil society, corruption, peace-building, development, nationalism, identity, religion, federalism, and political behavior. Western and post-Communist Europe, North America, Latin America, the Middle East, East Asia, Southeast Asia and South Asia are regional areas of expertise represented among the faculty.



International Relations

Research themes include theories of international politics, international security, crises, conflict and war, international political economy, international political sociology, global governance, and foreign policy in the developing world (particularly the Middle East and South Asia).

Political Theory

McGill maintains a strong tradition of research and training in political theory, both in contemporary normative theory and in the history of political thought. Current areas of emphasis include: international and global justice; affect, rhetoric, and the emotions; early modern political thought; pluralism; nationalism and multiculturalism; critical theory; and jurisprudence.

Political Methodology

The methods sequence provides graduate students with state-of-the-art training in research design, basic and advanced quantitative methods, and qualitative methods. The Department offers a minor in political methodology in the PhD program.

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Affiliated Research Centres

Numerous research centres and programs enrich the intellectual and academic environment in our Department. Among other things, the centres organize academic workshops, offer their own speaker series, and provide office space and additional funding opportunities for graduate students.

Institute for the Study of International Development



The Institute for the Study of International Development (ISID) gathers researchers from a multitude of disciplines in order to generate innovative evidence-based policies and practices, at the same time that it trains future generations of researchers, teachers, policymakers and development practitioners through some of the largest teaching programs in the Faculty of Arts.

European Union Centre of Excellence



The mission of the European Union Centre of Excellence (EUCE) is to increase understanding of Europe and to promote the study of the European Union in Montréal, Québec, and Canada. The EUCE offers graduate fellowship funding, graduate research travel grants, and thesis awards, as well as a speakers series, conferences, and workshops of special interest to graduate students.

Inter-University Consortium for Arab and Middle East Studies



The Interuniversity Consortium for Arab and Middle Eastern Studies facilitates collaboration among Montréal-area universities and scholars, as well as sponsoring speakers and hosting visiting researchers. Graduate students affiliated with ICAMES have access to office space, a meeting room, and other facilities.

Groupe de Recherche Inter-universitaire en Philosophie Politique



The *Groupe de Recherche Inter-universitaire en Philosophie Politique* (GRIPP) brings together faculty, postdoctoral fellows, and graduate students in political theory and political philosophy from McGill, the Université de Montréal, the Université du Québec à Montréal, and Concordia University. GRIPP meets roughly biweekly for a political theory workshop. In addition, GRIPP normally organizes at least two conferences per year and an annual book manuscript workshop. PhD students in political theory are eligible for competitive GRIPP fellowships that bring a stipend and membership in the research group.

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Centre for the Study of Democratic Citizenship



The Centre for the Study of Democratic Citizenship is made up of an interdisciplinary group of scholars from five Québec Universities with headquarters at McGill University. Research themes include: electoral and political behavior, political participation and civic engagement, consequences of ethnic diversity, political representation, political communication, and the role of political parties and institutions. Graduate students at the Centre are encouraged to be part of faculty's research projects, engage in co-authorships, attend various events at the Centre and use the Centre's media lab for experimental research.

Centre for International Peace and Security Studies



The Centre for International Peace and Security Studies (CIPSS) is an interdisciplinary research community of 30 Faculty members and a similar number of graduate fellows sharing an interest in peace and security studies. Our program of activities includes a speaker series, a graduate conference, and many more initiatives managed by the fellows in cooperation with Faculty members. Current research projects cover a wide variety of issues, ranging from International Political Economy to War Studies through Global Governance.

Research Group on Constitutional Studies

The Research Group on Constitutional Studies encourages research in political theory, political philosophy, jurisprudence, and normative and empirical studies of constitutionalism. It encompasses scholars from the Departments of Political Science and Philosophy and the Faculty of Law. Its emphases include federalism and legal pluralism; constitutional and analytical jurisprudence; the history of political thought, including the history of constitutionalism, social contract theory, and rights theory; theories of rights and justice; and the study of constitutional systems in practice. RGCS includes some 15 faculty members, several postdoctoral fellows, PhD fellows who are provided with office space, and a reading group fellowship for BA and MA students.