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Political Science

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Degrees Offered
MA, PhD

Career Options
Our location in Ottawa places students in the heart of the country’s political process, which provides unparalleled access to resources and career opportunities unavailable elsewhere in the country.

Fall Application Deadline
January 31, in order to be considered for funding

Admission Requirements

MASTER’S: A BA (Honours), or the equivalent, with at least a B+ standing. Honours graduates in fields other than political science will be considered on the basis of their academic background and standing, and will be assessed on a case-by-case basis.

PhD: A master’s degree, or equivalent, in political science with at least an A- standing. Students with master’s degrees in other disciplines will be considered on a case-by-case basis, and may be required to take additional courses as part of the program.

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