

# Graduate studies in Political Science

The Department of Political Science welcomes students, faculty and sessional lecturers from many disciplines and all points of the globe to explore political science. In addition to opportunities within our department, students are offered many interdisciplinary resources and opportunities through partnerships with other departments. Political issues are explored in Indigenous governance, European studies, law, philosophy, women's studies, history, environmental studies and public administration. All five areas of concentration in the PhD program are deeply embedded in interdisciplinary perspectives: moreover, students in the MA and PhD programs are welcome to apply for a specialization in Cultural, Social and Political Thought.

## Political Science

[web.uvic.ca/polisci/graduate](http://web.uvic.ca/polisci/graduate)

Social Sciences and Mathematics  
Building, Room A316

phone: 250-721-7486  
fax: 250-721-7485  
email: [poligrad@uvic.ca](mailto:poligrad@uvic.ca)

### Graduate Adviser

Oliver Schmidtke  
[gradpol@uvic.ca](mailto:gradpol@uvic.ca) | 250-853-3527

### Graduate Secretary

Shelley Ma  
[poligrad@uvic.ca](mailto:poligrad@uvic.ca) | 250-721-7486

### Department Chair

Dr. Amy Verdun  
[chairpol@uvic.ca](mailto:chairpol@uvic.ca) | 250-853-3528

### Facilities

The Department of Political Science offers programs leading to the degrees of Master of Arts and Doctor of Philosophy. The MA program provides an opportunity for advanced research in most areas of political science. The PhD program is especially appropriate for students interested in any of the five areas of concentration:

- Contemporary Political Theory
- Transnational Politics and Global Political Economy
- Democratic Constitutionalism
- Comparative Public Policy and Governance
- Cultural, Social and Political Thought

Full information on supervisory resources and political science courses can be found on the department's website at [web.uvic.ca/polisci/graduate](http://web.uvic.ca/polisci/graduate).

### Program highlights

Faculty and students in our department routinely receive national and international honours. In the 2010–11 academic year, Dr. James Tully received the Killam Award, Dr. Warren Magnusson received the Faculty of Social Sciences Excellence in Teaching Award and several of our faculty members and graduate students received major Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) Awards.

### Funding opportunities and deadlines

Political science students are eligible for University of Victoria Fellowships and are automatically considered for internal scholarships if their application is received by the January 15 deadline (December 15 for international students). The department offers several scholarships and, in past years, the department has been able to offer financial support to all of its incoming graduate students. The department offers teaching and research assistantships—which are also awarded on a competitive basis—to incoming students. Our aim is to ensure that incoming doctoral students will have a minimum of \$15,000 per year in funding for three years from various sources (although we provide no guarantees beyond those in our letters of offer). All candidates applying to our MA program are automatically considered for a teaching assistantship and many will be offered research assistantships.

# Graduate studies in Political Science

## Co-operative Education

Full-time MA and PhD students may participate in graduate co-operative education by integrating two or three alternating work terms, each of a four-month duration, into their degree program. Application for the co-op program must be made before the second week of the student's first term.

## Faculty members and area of research

### Janni Aragon, PhD (California)

Gender and politics; feminist theories and methodologies; American politics; youth and politics; transnational feminisms and theories of pedagogy

### Colin J. Bennett, PhD (Illinois)

Comparative politics and public policy (advanced industrial countries); American government and politics; information and communications policy

### Michelle Bonner, PhD (Toronto)

Comparative politics; Latin American politics; democratization; human rights; social movements; police violence and reform; gender and politics

### Marlea Clarke, DPhil (York)

African politics (South and Southern Africa focus); political economy of development; labour and social movements; employment and labour market restructuring; globalization and democratization in Africa; gender and politics; health and human rights

### Claire Cutler, PhD (British Columbia)

International relations theory; international law and organization; private international trade law; international political economy; dispute resolution

### Avigail Eisenberg, PhD (Queen's)

Democratic theory including pluralism, feminism and minority rights; Canadian politics including constitutional law and politics; minority groups; human rights and civil liberties

### Cosmo Howard, PhD (Australia National University)

Canadian and comparative public administration; social policy; theories of individualization; public management; policy processes; service delivery

### Matt James, PhD (British Columbia)

Canadian constitutionalism and citizenship; Canadian politics; social movements; prestige; political theory

### Arthur Kroker, PhD (McMaster)

Technology, culture and theory; contemporary French and German political theory; Canadian political and social thought; ethics and biotechnology

### James (Jamie) Lawson, PhD (York)

Canadian Politics and Public Policy; natural resource policy and politics; environmental policy and politics; forest policy and politics; Canadian political economy; indigenous/newcomer relations; historical and geographical approaches to politics; philosophy of history

### Warren Magnusson, DPhil (Oxford)

Contemporary social and political thought; governmentality and politics; the local and the global; the political economy of the urban; urbanism as a way of life

### Oliver Schmidtke, PhD (European University Institute, Florence)

Citizenship and immigration; identity politics; comparative politics; xenophobia and racism; European integration

### Heidi Kiiwetinepinesik Stark (Turtle Mountain Ojibwe), PhD (Minnesota)

Indigenous comparative politics; Indigenous diplomacy and treaty relation; Indigenous law and governance; US/Canadian Indigenous law and policy

### James H. Tully, PhD (Cambridge)

Political philosophy; history of political philosophy; contemporary political philosophy; Canadian political theory; constitutional theory

### Amy C. Verdun, PhD (European University Institute, Florence)

European integration studies; monetary integration; European integration theory; European comparative politics; international political economy; international relations

### R. B. J. (Rob) Walker, PhD (Queen's)

Contemporary social and political thought; theories of discourse, ideology and culture; philosophy of social science; international political theory; concepts of space and time in political thought; modernity/postmodernity

### Scott Watson, PhD (British Columbia)

International relations theory; international security; migration and refugee policy; securitization theory

### Michael C. Webb, PhD (Stanford)

International political economy; globalization and governance; Canadian foreign policy

### Guoguang Wu, PhD (Princeton)

Comparative politics (developing, authoritarian, and communist countries); liberalization and democratization; East Asian politics; China; Hong Kong; Taiwan; Asia-Pacific international relations; Chinese political thought

### Feng Xu, PhD (York)

Chinese politics; comparative politics (East Asia); gender politics (especially East Asia); migration and citizenship; national and diaspora identities; policy ideas, translation theory and global hegemony

