Political Economy

Program Requirements

M.A. Political Economy (5.0 credits)

Requirements - Thesis option (5.0 credits)

1. 1.0 credit in:

PECO 5000 [0.5] Theories of Political Economy
PECO 5001 [0.5] The Methodology of Political Economy

2. 2.0 credits in thesis (and an oral examination of the thesis)

3. 2.0 credits in approved graduate level electives (see Selection of Courses, below)

Total Credits 5.0

Requirements - Research essay option (5.0 credits)

1. 1.0 credit in:

PECO 5000 [0.5] Theories of Political Economy
PECO 5001 [0.5] The Methodology of Political Economy

2. 1.0 credit in research essay

3. 3.0 credits in approved graduate level electives (see Selection of Courses, below)

Total Credits 5.0

1 Up to one (1.0) credit may be taken at the 4000 (honours undergraduate) level.

M.A. Political Economy with Specialization in African Studies (5.0 credits)

Requirements - Thesis option (5.0 credits)

1. 0.5 credit in:

AFRI 5000 [0.5] African Studies as a Discipline: Historical and Current Perspectives

2. 0.0 credit in:

AFRI 5800 [0.0] Scholarly Preparation in African Studies

3. 1.0 credit in:

PECO 5000 [0.5] Theories of Political Economy
PECO 5001 [0.5] The Methodology of Political Economy

4. 2.0 credits in thesis (and an oral examination of the thesis)

5. 1.5 credits in approved graduate level electives (see Selection of Courses, below)

Total Credits 5.0

Requirements - Research essay option (5.0 credits)

1. 0.5 credit in:

AFRI 5000 [0.5] African Studies as a Discipline: Historical and Current Perspectives

2. 0.0 credit in:

AFRI 5800 [0.0] Scholarly Preparation in African Studies

3. 1.0 credit in:

PECO 5000 [0.5] Theories of Political Economy
PECO 5001 [0.5] The Methodology of Political Economy

4. 1.0 credit in research essay

5. 2.5 credits in approved graduate level electives (see Selection of Courses, below)

Total Credits 5.0

1 Up to one (1.0) credit may be taken at the 4000 (honours undergraduate) level.

Ph.D. Anthropology with Specialization in Political Economy (10.0 credits)

Requirements:

1. 0.5 credit in:

PECO 6000 [0.5] Political Economy: Core Concepts

2. 0.5 credit in relevant political economy course from the approved list

3. 1.0 credit in:

ANTH 6000 [1.0] Doctoral Seminar: Theory and Method in Contemporary Anthropology

4. 0.5 credit in:

ANTH 6002 [0.5] Research Design
ANTH 6100 [0.0] Thesis Writing Seminar

5. 0.0 credit in (two terms satisfactory participation in):

ANTH 6100 [0.0] Thesis Writing Seminar

3. 0.5 credits in SOCI or ANTH courses at the 5000 or 6000 level.

4. A satisfactory research preparation portfolio

5. A satisfactory thesis proposal and (when required) Research Ethics Board clearance to undertake thesis research

6. Satisfactory thesis research

7. 7.0 credits in:

ANTH 6909 [7.0] Ph.D. Thesis (including successful oral defence)

Total Credits 10.0

Ph.D. Canadian Studies with Specialization in Political Economy (10.0 credits)

Requirements:

1. 0.5 credit in:

PECO 6000 [0.5] Political Economy: Core Concepts

2. 0.5 credit in a relevant political economy course from the approved list or the comprehensive in the major field of Policy, Economy and Society

3. 1.0 credit in:

CDNS 6900 [1.0] Ph.D. Core Seminar: Interdisciplinarity in Canadian Studies: Concepts, Theories and Methods

4. 1.0 credit in the successful completion of two 0.5-credit written comprehensive examinations. Students will be examined in two fields

5. Language requirement: satisfactory demonstration of an understanding of a language other than English. Although French is the preferred second language, students may be permitted to substitute an Aboriginal language indigenous to Canada or another language if it is demonstrably relevant to their research interests
6. A public defence, in English, of a written thesis proposal. Following the completion of their comprehensives, students will be expected to defend a proposal of the research and analysis they plan to undertake in completing their Ph.D. thesis. The thesis proposal defence should normally occur within six months after completion of a student's comprehensive examinations and within the first 27 months of registration in the program. The thesis committee will be composed of three faculty members, always including one from each university.

7. **7.0 credits in** a Thesis, which must be successfully defended in English at an oral examination.

8. Comprehensive Examinations: full-time students are expected to complete their comprehensive examinations within 24 months of their initial registration in the Ph.D. program. Part-time Ph.D. students should finish their comprehensive examinations within 36 months of completing course work. Both full-time and part-time students should complete their comprehensive examinations before defending their dissertation proposal.

9. Candidates are required to take an oral examination after each written examination.

### Ph.D. Geography

**with Specialization in Political Economy (10.0 credits)**

**Requirements:**

1. **1.0 credit in:**
   - GEOG 6000 [0.5] Doctoral Core Seminar: Geography, Society and the Environment
   - GEOG 6001 [0.5] Doctoral Core Seminar: Geography, Society and the Environment

2. **0.5 credit in:**
   - PECO 6000 [0.5] Political Economy: Core Concepts

3. **0.5 credit from:**
   - GEOG 6003 [0.5] Field Seminar: Geography of Societal Change
   - GEOG 6004 [0.5] Field Seminar: Geography of Societal Change

4. **0.0 credit in:**
   - GEOG 6906 [0.0] Comprehensive Examination: The Geography of Societal Change

5. Presentation and oral defence of the thesis proposal as outlined below

6. **8.0 credits in** Thesis which must be defended at an oral examination

Total Credits: 10.0

### Ph.D. Communication

**with Specialization in Political Economy (10.0 credits)**

**Requirements:**

1. **1.0 credit in:**
   - COMS 6000 [1.0] Doctoral Seminar in Communication Studies

2. **1.0 additional credit from the list of optional courses below:**
   - up to 0.5 credit may be taken in a relevant discipline outside of the School; students in the Ph.D. program are restricted to 0.5 credit in directed studies:
   - COMS 6010 Directed Studies

3. **0.5 credit in:**
   - PECO 6000 [0.5] Political Economy: Core Concepts

4. **5.0 credits in:**
   - A relevant political economy course from the approved list.
   - COMS 6909 [5.0] Ph.D. Thesis

Total Credits: 10.0

### Ph.D. History

**with Specialization in Political Economy (10.0 credits)**

**Requirements:**

1. **0.5 credit in:**
   - PECO 6000 [0.5] Political Economy: Core Concepts

2. **0.5 credit in:**
   - HIST 6701 [0.5] History and Political Economy

Or 0.5 credit in a relevant political economy course from the approved list.

Total Credits: 10.0
Ph.D. Legal Studies
with Specialization in Political Economy (10.0 credits)

Requirements:
1. 0.5 credit in:  
   LAWS 6000 [0.5]  Doctoral Seminar in Legal Studies  
2. 0.5 credit in:  
   LAWS 6001 [0.5]  Proseminar in Legal Studies  
3. 2.0 credits in:  
   LAWS 6095 [1.0]  Field Comprehensive  
   LAWS 6096 [1.0]  Thesis Proposal  
4. 0.5 credit from:  
   LAWS 6002 [0.5]  Law, Regulation and Governance  
   LAWS 6003 [0.5]  Human Rights, Citizenship and Global Justice  
   LAWS 6004 [0.5]  Crime, Law, and Security  
5. Language requirement as noted below  
6. 0.5 credit in:  
   PECO 6000 [0.5]  Political Economy: Core Concepts  
7. 0.5 credit in:  
   A relevant political economy course from the approved list  
8. 5.5 credits in:  
   LAWS 6909 [5.5]  Ph.D. Thesis  

Total Credits 10.0

Ph.D. Political Science
with Specialization in Political Economy (10.0 credits)

Requirements:
1. 2.0 credits in courses at the 6000 level in each of the candidate's two major fields of study  
2. 1.0 credit in:  
   PSCI 6900 [0.5]  Ph.D. Field Examination I  
   PSCI 6905 [0.5]  Ph.D. Field Examination II  
   Field examinations normally take place once per year, in August. At the discretion of the Department, candidates may be required to take an oral examination following the written examination. Full-time students are normally required to complete the comprehensive examinations within 24 months of entering the program.  
3. Proficiency in a research skill, as outlined below under Research Skill Requirement  
4. 0.5 credit in:  
   PECO 6000 [0.5]  Political Economy: Core Concepts  
5. 0.5 credit in:  
   A relevant political economy course from the approved list  
6. 1.0 credit in:  
   PSCI 6907 [0.5]  Research Methods and Design  
   PSCI 6908 [0.5]  Thesis Proposal Workshop  
7. A public defence of a written dissertation proposal. Full-time students must normally complete the public defence of the proposal, preceded by its formal acceptance by the supervisory committee, in the third year of their doctoral program.  
8. 5.0 credits in:  
   Total Credits 10.0

Ph.D. Social Work
with Specialization in Political Economy (10.0 credits)

Requirements:
1. 1.0 credit in:  
   SOWK 6101 [0.5]  Theoretical Foundations  
   SOWK 6102 [0.5]  Ethical Foundations  
2. 0.5 credit in:  
   PECO 6000 [0.5]  Political Economy: Core Concepts  
3. 0.5 credit in a relevant political economy course from the approved list  
4. 1.0 credit in:  
   SOWK 6201 [0.5]  Theory and Methods  
   SOWK 6202 [0.5]  Research Design  
5. 0.5 credit in:  
   SOWK 6401 [0.5]  Critical Pedagogy  
6. 1.0 credit in:  
   SOWK 6301 [0.25]  Ph.D. Seminar  
   SOWK 6302 [0.25]  Ph.D. Seminar  
   SOWK 6303 [0.25]  Ph.D. Seminar  
   SOWK 6304 [0.25]  Ph.D. Seminar  
7. 0.5 credit in:  
   SOWK 6600 [0.5]  Advocacy Practicum  
8. 0.5 credit in:  
   SOWK 6800 [0.5]  Qualifying Examination  
9. 4.5 credits in:  
   SOWK 6909 [4.5]  PhD. Dissertation  

Total Credits 10.0

Ph.D. Sociology
with Specialization in Political Economy (10.0 credits)

Requirements:
1. 1.0 credit in:  
   SOCI 6000 [1.0]  Doctoral Seminar  
2. 7.0 credits in:  
   SOCI 6909 [7.0]  Ph.D. Thesis  
3. Written and oral comprehensive examinations in two areas of specialization  
4. Presentation of a thesis proposal  
5. 0.5 credit in:  
   PECO 6000 [0.5]  Political Economy: Core Concepts  
6. 0.5 credit in:  
   A relevant political economy course from the approved list or part of comprehensive preparation in the subfield of political economy  
7. 1.0 credit in SOCI courses at the 5000- or 6000-level or, with the permission of the graduate supervisor, up to 1.0 credit of graduate level courses from another unit at Carleton  
8. An oral defence of the thesis  

Total Credits 10.0
Selection of Courses - Political Economy

In addition to the graduate courses offered by, or associated with, the Institute of Political Economy, the courses listed below are relevant to students of political economy and would, with the prior approval of the Institute, be used to design a coherent and internally complementary set of courses to fulfill degree requirements. The list is not exclusive and is subject to change.

Master's students may select 1.0 credit in political economy at the 4000-level.

Note: the number of spaces in graduate courses offered by other departments may be limited, and registration may be conditional upon obtaining the prior approval of the department concerned. It is the student's responsibility to ensure that permission is obtained from the appropriate department prior to registering in any of the following courses.

**Anthropology**

ANTH 5106 [0.5] North American Indigenous Peoples

ANTH 5107 [0.5] Issues in North American Ethnohistory

ANTH 5109 [0.5] Ethnography, Gender and Globalization

ANTH 5202 [0.5] The Anthropology of Underdevelopment

ANTH 5208 [0.5] Anthropology of Indigeneity

ANTH 5210 [0.5] Special Topics in Indigenous Studies

ANTH 5560 [0.5] Economic Anthropology

ANTH 5704 [0.5] Anthropology of the Body, Health, Illness and Healing

ANTH 5808 [0.5] Selected Topics in North American Native Studies

ANTH 5809 [0.5] Selected Topics in the Anthropology of Development and Underdevelopment

**Canadian Studies**

CDNS 5101 [0.5] Indigenous Peoples, Canada and the North

CDNS 5102 [0.5] Indigenous Politics and Resurgence in Canada

CDNS 5201 [0.5] Critical Perspectives on Canadian Feminism

CDNS 5202 [0.5] Gendering Canada: Selected Contemporary Debates

CDNS 5501 [0.5] Decolonizing Canada: Cultural Politics and Collective Identities

CDNS 5601 [0.5] Constructing Canada: The Politics of National Identity

**Communication and Media Studies**

COMS 5200 [0.5] Civic Media

COMS 5206 [0.5] Communication, Culture, Regulation

COMS 5214 [0.5] The Local and the Global

COMS 5219 [0.5] Regional Studies of Media

COMS 5224 [0.5] Internet, Infrastructure, Materialities

COMS 5225 [0.5] Critical Data Studies

**Geography**

GEOG 5005 [0.5] Global Environmental Change: Human Implications

GEOG 5400 [0.5] Territory and Territoriality

GEOG 5500 [0.5] Special Topics in the Study of Cities and Urbanization

GEOG 5502 [0.5] Special Topics in Geography of Globalization

GEOG 5600 [0.5] Empire and Colonialism

**History**

HIST 5210 [0.5] Power

HIST 5211 [0.5] Consumption

HIST 5314 [0.5] Colonialism and Postcolonialism in Canada

HIST 5315 [0.5] State and Society in Canadian History

HIST 5803 [0.5] History of Women, Gender and Sexuality: Foundations

**Law**

LAWS 5002 [0.5] Law and Gender Relations

LAWS 5003 [0.5] Law, Economy and Society

LAWS 5004 [0.5] Law, Crime and Social Order

LAWS 5005 [0.5] Law, State and Politics

LAWS 5006 [0.5] Historical Perspectives on Law and Society

LAWS 5007 [0.5] Race, Ethnicity and the Law

LAWS 5200 [0.5] International Economic Law: Regulation of Trade and Investment

LAWS 5302 [0.5] Feminism, Law and Social Transformation

LAWS 5306 [0.5] Police and Capital

**Political Economy**

PECO 5501 [0.5] Selected Problems in Political Economy I

PECO 5502 [0.5] Selected Problems in Political Economy II

**Political Science**

PSCI 5003 [0.5] Political Parties in Canada

PSCI 5008 [0.5] The Politics of Climate Change

PSCI 5009 [0.5] Canadian Political Economy

PSCI 5100 [0.5] Indigenous Politics of North America

PSCI 5105 [0.5] Post-Communist Politics in East Central Europe

PSCI 5107 [0.5] Globalization, Adjustment and Democracy in Africa

PSCI 5202 [0.5] Development Theory and Issues

PSCI 5207 [0.5] International Political Sociology

PSCI 5208 [0.5] Global Social Policy

PSCI 5209 [0.5] Migration and Global Politics

PSCI 5303 [0.5] Governmentality and Politics

PSCI 5410 [0.5] Postcolonial Theories and Practices

PSCI 5509 [0.5] Governing in the Global Economy
PSCI 5607 [0.5]  Politics of North America
PSCI 5802 [0.5]  Political Economy of Global Money and Finance
PSCI 5808 [0.5]  International Political Economy
PSCI 5810 [0.5]  Approaches to Environmental Politics

Public Administration
PADM 5213 [0.5]  Gender and Public Policy
PADM 5220 [0.5]  Regulation and Public Policy
PADM 5224 [0.5]  Aboriginal Policy
PADM 5228 [0.5]  Social Policy
PADM 5811 [0.5]  The International Policy Framework
PADM 5813 [0.5]  The Evolution of World Bank/IMF Policy Conditionality
PADM 5814 [0.5]  Program and Project Management

Social Work
SOWK 5102 [0.5]  Political Economy of Health
SOWK 5105 [0.5]  Poverty and Income Security
SOWK 5106 [0.5]  Women and Social Policy
SOWK 5301 [0.5]  Women, Male Violence and Social Change
SOWK 5805 [0.5]  Social Development in the International Context

Sociology
SOCI 5000 [0.5]  Classical Sociological Theory
SOCI 5002 [0.5]  Contemporary Sociological Theory
SOCI 5007 [0.5]  Social Change and Economic Development
SOCI 5204 [0.5]  Consuming Passions: The Regulation of Consumption, Appearance and Sexuality
SOCI 5205 [1.0]  Canadian Society
SOCI 5209 [0.5]  Sociology of Science and Technology
SOCI 5305 [0.5]  Police and Capital
SOCI 5308 [0.5]  Feminist Analyses
SOCI 5400 [0.5]  Political Sociology
SOCI 5404 [0.5]  Race, Ethnicity and Class in Contemporary Societies
SOCI 5405 [0.5]  Power and Stratification
SOCI 5407 [0.5]  Governmentality and Politics
SOCI 5408 [0.5]  Feminism and Materialism
SOCI 5409 [0.5]  The Politics of Social Movements and the State
SOCI 5504 [0.5]  Selected Problems in Political Economy I
SOCI 5607 [0.5]  Contemporary Theories of Crime and Social Regulation
SOCI 5804 [0.5]  Modern Marxist Theory
SOCI 5806 [0.5]  Selected Topics in Sociology

Regulations
See the General Regulations section of this Calendar.

All master's candidates must maintain B standing or better (GPA of 8.0). A candidate may, with the recommendation of the Institute and the approval of the Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research, be allowed a grade of C+ in 0.5 credit.

Academic Regulations
See the General Regulations section of this Calendar.

Admission
The normal requirement for admission to the master's program is B.A. Honours, with at least high honours standing, in one of the disciplines represented in the Institute. Prospective applicants without such qualifications may be considered for admission if they have both a strong academic record and relevant work experience.

Admission
Students who are enrolled in a doctoral program in one of the participating units may apply to the Institute of Political Economy for admission to the Collaborative Specialization. Admission to the specialization is determined by the Specialization Committee and will normally take place before the end of the first year of registration in one of the participating doctoral programs. Admission requirements to the Collaborative Ph.D. with a Specialization in Political Economy are:

- Registration in the Ph.D. program of one of the participating units;
- Registration in, or successful completion of, at least one course or comprehensive field with political economy content. This will normally be a course offered by the student’s home unit but could also be selected from appropriate courses in other units. See Selection of Courses for a list of acceptable courses;
- Selection of a thesis topic with political economy content. The Specialization Committee will determine, in consultation with the supervisor, if the political economy content of the thesis meets the requirements of the Collaborative Specialization.

Political Economy (PECO) Courses

PECO 5000 [0.5 credit]
Theories of Political Economy
A survey of the core concepts and ideas proposed by both the founders and modern practitioners of political economy. Particular attention will be paid to contemporary theorists and classical theorists such as Smith, Ricardo, Marx, Mill, Schumpeter, Keynes, Veblen, and Innis.

PECO 5001 [0.5 credit]
The Methodology of Political Economy
An examination of the methods, procedures, and rules for developing theory and guiding inquiry in political economy research, including topics such as logic of inquiry, conceptualization, research design, dialectics, level of analysis, comparison, evidence and statistics.

PECO 5501 [0.5 credit]
Selected Problems in Political Economy I
Also listed as SOCI 5504, PSCI 5501.
PECO 5502 [0.5 credit]  
Selected Problems in Political Economy II  
Also listed as SOCI 5505, PSCI 5502.

PECO 5900 [0.5 credit]  
Tutorial in Political Economy  
Directed readings on selected aspects of political economy, involving preparation of papers as the basis for discussion with the tutor. Offered when no regular course offering meets a candidate's specific needs. Prerequisite(s): permission of the Director.

PECO 5907 [0.5 credit]  
Placement in Political Economy  
This course offers an opportunity to earn academic credit by engaging in research activities under the supervision of professional researchers in the community. Placement possibilities may be initiated by the student or arranged through community contacts established by the Institute of Political Economy. Course normally to be taken once only. Prerequisite(s): permission of the Director.

PECO 5908 [1.0 credit]  
Research Essay  
Directly linked to the student's course work, the research essay must be interdisciplinary in approach.

PECO 5909 [2.0 credits]  
M.A. Thesis  
The thesis is an alternative to the research essay. It must also be interdisciplinary in approach, and requires greater substance and originality than the Research Essay. Normally, a student's thesis committee will be composed of members from more than one discipline.

PECO 6000 [0.5 credit]  
Political Economy: Core Concepts  
Core concepts in political economy, drawn from classical and contemporary writings. Topics will be selected in consultation with participating units, taking into account the potential number of students, their research interests and those of the participating units.

Summer session: some of the courses listed in this Calendar are offered during the summer. Hours and scheduling for summer session courses will differ significantly from those reported in the fall/winter Calendar. To determine the scheduling and hours for summer session classes, consult the class schedule at central.carleton.ca

Not all courses listed are offered in a given year. For an up-to-date statement of course offerings for the current session and to determine the term of offering, consult the class schedule at central.carleton.ca