Political Economy

This section presents the requirements for programs in:

- M.A. Political Economy
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- Ph.D. Anthropology with Specialization in Political Economy
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- Ph.D. History with Specialization in Political Economy
- Ph.D. Communication with Specialization in Political Economy
- Ph.D. Legal Studies with Specialization in Political Economy
- Ph.D. Political Science with Specialization in Political Economy
- Ph.D. Public Policy with Specialization in Political Economy
- Ph.D. Social Work with Specialization in Political Economy
- Ph.D. Sociology with Specialization in 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) ¹

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. 2.5 credits in approved graduate level electives (see Selection of Courses, below) ¹

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 6001 [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

6. 0.5 credits in SOCI or ANTH courses at the 5000 or 6000 level.

7. 7.0 credits in:

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

Requirements - Thesis option (5.0 credits)

1. 0.5 credit in:

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

Requirements:

1. 0.0 credit in:
   - AFRI 5000 [0.0] African Studies as a Discipline: Historical and Current Perspectives

2. 1.0 credit in:
   - AFRI 5800 [0.0] Scholarly Preparation in African Studies

3. 2.0 credits in thesis (and an oral examination of the thesis)

4. 1.5 credits in approved graduate level electives (see Selection of Courses, below) ¹

Total Credits 5.0

¹ Up to one (1.0) credit may be taken at the 4000 (honours undergraduate) level.
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The language test is two hours long, and students are permitted to use a dictionary. Grades for the language test are Pass or Fail.

Students who have taken a language test as a requirement for their M.A. cannot use it to meet the Ph.D. language requirement. In order to establish equal treatment of all students, all doctoral candidates will be required to pass the Ph.D. language test.

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

Requirements:
1. 0.5 credit in: 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 areas of research. (See note)
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 (in the specialization which must be successfully defended in English at an oral examination).

Total Credits 10.0

Note - 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.

Language Requirement

All doctoral students are required to pass the Ph.D. program's language test. The language test entails the translation into English of a French text (or a text in another approved language such as an Aboriginal language indigenous to Canada or another language if it is demonstrably relevant to their research interest). The language test is two hours long, and students are permitted to use a dictionary. Grades for the language test are Pass or Fail.

Students who have taken a language test as a requirement for their M.A. cannot use it to meet the Ph.D. language requirement. In order to establish equal treatment of all students, all doctoral candidates will be required to pass the Ph.D. language test.

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
7. In addition to the formal requirements, Ph.D. students are required to attend the Departmental Seminar series and the Graduate Field Camp.

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.
3. 1.0 credit in:
   - HIST 6808 [1.0] Historical Theory and Method
4. 7.0 credits in the field:
   - HIST 6906 [1.5] Ph.D. Tutorials
   - HIST 6907 [0.5] Ph.D. Comprehensive
   - HIST 6909 [5.0] Ph.D. Thesis
5. 1.0 credit in breadth requirement courses different from the candidate's field, from:
   - HIST 6100 [1.0] History of Modern Europe
   - HIST 6101 [1.0] History of France
   - HIST 6102 [1.0] History of Russia

Note:

- ANTH 6909 [7.0] Ph.D. Thesis (including successful oral defence)
- Total Credits 10.0
HIST 6103 [1.0] History of Germany
HIST 6200 [1.0] History of Early Modern Europe
HIST 6201 [1.0] History of Medieval Europe
HIST 6202 [1.0] History of Ancient Rome
HIST 6300 [1.0] History of Africa
HIST 6301 [1.0] History of the African Diaspora
HIST 6302 [1.0] History of Latin America
HIST 6303 [1.0] History of the Caribbean
HIST 6400 [1.0] History of the United States
HIST 6500 [1.0] British History
HIST 6600 [1.0] Transnational or Thematic History
HIST 6601 [0.5] Transnational or Thematic History
HIST 6602 [1.0] Public History
HIST 6603 [1.0] History of South Asia
HIST 6604 [0.5] Directed Studies
HIST 6605 [0.5] Selected Topics
HIST 6701 [0.5] History and Political Economy
HIST 6901 [1.0] History of Women, Gender, and Sexuality

Or an approved course of studies in a related discipline, but excluding the declared area of the candidate's field

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. 2.0 credits in:
   COMS 6900 [1.0] Comprehensive Examination I
   COMS 6901 [1.0] Comprehensive Examination II
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. 5.0 credits in:
   COMS 6909 [5.0] Ph.D. Thesis

Total Credits 10.0

Ph.D. Legal Studies
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] Thesis Proposal Workshop I
   PSCI 6908 [0.5] Thesis Proposal Workshop II
   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.
7. 5.0 credits in:
   PSCI 6909 [5.0] 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
   A relevant political economy course from the approved list
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] Thesis Proposal Workshop I
   PSCI 6908 [0.5] Thesis Proposal Workshop II
   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.
7. 5.0 credits in:
   PSCI 6909 [5.0] Ph.D. Thesis

Total Credits 10.0

Ph.D. Public Policy with Specialization in Political Economy (10.5 credits)

Requirements:
1. 2.0 credits in:
   PADM 6010 [0.5] Current Issues in Public Policy
   PADM 6011 [0.5] Theoretical Foundations of Public Policy
   PADM 6012 [0.5] Policy Process and Institutions
   PADM 6013 [0.5] Research Design for Public Policy
2. 0.5 credit in research methods, such as PADM 5218 or another research methods course at the 5000 or 6000 level (See Note 1, below)
3. 0.5 credit in: PECO 6000 [0.5] Political Economy: Core Concepts

4. 0.5 credit in: A relevant political economy course from the approved list.

5. 0.5 credit in: PADM 6900 [0.5] Ph.D. Comprehensive Examination (See Note 2, below)

6. 0.5 credit in: PADM 6201 [0.5] Doctoral Research Seminar (See Note 3, below)

7. Public defence of a written thesis proposal

8. 6.0 credits in: PADM 6909 [6.0] Ph.D. Thesis

9. Language requirement (See Note 5, below)

Total Credits 10.5

Notes

1. **Course components:** The four required courses PADM 6010, PADM 6011, PADM 6012, and PADM 6013 will normally be taken in the first year of full-time study. The research methods course and specialization courses must be chosen by the student after consultation with, and approval by, the student’s thesis supervisor and the Ph.D. Program Supervisor. Graduate courses offered by the School or by other university departments may be approved. When necessary, students must arrange formal permission from the relevant department for admission to courses.

2. **Comprehensive Examination:** Students will write a Comprehensive Examination, normally in the summer term of the first year, after they have successfully completed each of the four required courses PADM 6010, PADM 6011, PADM 6012, and PADM 6013 with a grade of B- or higher, and with an overall GPA of 9.0 (B+) or higher. The examination will focus on the material presented in the required courses. At the discretion of the examining board, a candidate whose performance is not satisfactory may be asked to take a second written examination.

3. **Doctoral Research Seminar:** Full-time students will normally register in PADM 6201 over two terms in their second year of study. As part of the seminar, a research project will be prepared under the direction of the thesis supervisor and be preliminary to and supportive of the Ph.D. Thesis. Possible formats – to be approved by the supervisor – include a comprehensive and critical literature survey, or a self-contained study applying the principles of research design and research methods to an area of inquiry related to the specialization courses.

4. **Thesis:** Following the successful completion of the Comprehensive Examination, students will prepare a formal thesis proposal under a thesis advisory committee. The thesis supervisor will normally be a faculty member from the School of Public Policy and Administration. The proposal will normally be submitted by the end of the summer term of the second year of full-time registration and defended early in the fall term of the third year. The thesis must demonstrate an advanced ability to integrate multiple disciplines into the analysis of public policy. The thesis must be defended at an oral examination.

5. **Language Requirement:** Students will be required to demonstrate a reading knowledge of French. Another language may be substituted for French, if it is relevant to the thesis.

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

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] Ph.D. Dissertation

Total Credits 10.0

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

1. 1.0 credit in: SOCI 6002 [0.5] Doctoral Seminar Year 1
   SOCI 6003 [0.5] Doctoral Seminar Year 2

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] Forced 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

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

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.
Includes: Experiential Learning Activity
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.
Includes: Experiential Learning Activity

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.
Includes: Experiential Learning Activity

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