Political Economy

This section presents the requirements for programs in:

- M.A. Political Economy
- M.A. Political Economy with Specialization in African Studies
- Ph.D. Anthropology with Specialization in Political Economy
- Ph.D. Canadian Studies with Specialization in Political Economy
- Ph.D. Geography with Specialization in Political Economy
- 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)

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)

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:

2. 0.0 credit in:

3. 1.0 credit in:
   - AFRI 5000 [0.5] African Studies as a Discipline: Historical and Current Perspectives

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:

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

6. 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:

Total Credits 10.0
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:
   DNS 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. 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

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
   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
### 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. **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:**
   - 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

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

7. A public defence of a written thesis proposal

8. **6.0 credits in:**

**Total Credits** 10.0
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)

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1. 1.0 credit in:

Total Credits 10.0

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

Requirements:

1. 1.0 credit in:

2. 7.0 credits in:

3. Written and oral comprehensive examinations in two areas of specialization

4. Presentation of a thesis proposal

5. 0.5 credit in:

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.

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

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

1. 1.0 credit in:

Total Credits 10.0
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 ofIndigeneity
- **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]** Special Topics in 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

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.

Academic Regulations
See the General Regulations section of this Calendar.

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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