Political Economy

This section presents the requirements for programs in:
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- M.A. Political Economy with Concentration in Work and Labour
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- 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. 3.0 credits in approved graduate level electives
   (see Selection of Courses, below) ¹
Total Credits 5.0

M.A. Political Economy with Concentration in Work and Labour (5.0 credits)

Requirements - Thesis pathway (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. 0.5 credit in:
   - PECO 5002 [0.5] Political Economy of Work and Labour
3. 0.5 credit from:
   - PECO 5503 [0.5] Selected Issues in Work and Labour I
   or PECO 5504 [0.5] Selected Issues in Work and Labour II
4. 0.5 credit in:
   - PECO 5906 [0.5] Reflective Practice on Work and Labour
   or PECO 5907 [0.5] Placement in Political Economy
5. 0.5 credit in approved elective
6. 2.0 credits in:
Total Credits 5.0

Requirements - Research essay pathway (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. 0.5 credit in:
   - PECO 5002 [0.5] Political Economy of Work and Labour
3. 0.5 credit from:
   - PECO 5503 [0.5] Selected Issues in Work and Labour I
   or PECO 5504 [0.5] Selected Issues in Work and Labour II
4. 0.5 credit in:
   - PECO 5906 [0.5] Reflective Practice on Work and Labour
   or PECO 5907 [0.5] Placement in Political Economy
5. 1.5 credits in approved electives
6. 1.0 credit in:
   - PECO 5908 [1.0] Research Essay
Total Credits 5.0

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

¹ Up to one (1.0) credit may be taken at the 4000 (honours undergraduate) level.
PECO 5001 [0.5]  The Methodology of Political Economy

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

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

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  1.0

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

Total Credits  5.0

M.A. Political Economy
with Specialization in Latin American and Caribbean Studies (5.0 credits)

Requirements - Thesis pathway (5.0 credits)
1.  0.5 credit in:
   LACS 5000 [0.5]  Interdisciplinary Approaches to Latin American and Caribbean Studies

2.  0.0 credit in:
   LACS 5800 [0.0]  Scholarly Preparation in Latin American and Caribbean 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:
   PECO 5909 [2.0]  M.A. Thesis (in the specialization)

5.  1.0 credits in approved graduate level electives (see Selection of Courses, below)  1.0

Total Credits  5.0

Requirements - Research essay pathway (5.0 credits)
1.  0.5 credit in:
   LACS 5000 [0.5]  Interdisciplinary Approaches to Latin American and Caribbean Studies

2.  0.0 credit in:
   LACS 5800 [0.0]  Scholarly Preparation in Latin American and Caribbean 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 credits in:  1.0

PECO 5908 [1.0]  Research Essay (in the specialization)

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

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 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).

**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.

**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
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

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**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
3. **1.0 credit** in: HIST 6808 [1.0] Doctoral Seminar in Historical Theory and Method
4. **1.5 credits** in: HIST 6906 [0.5] Ph.D. Tutorials (in the candidate’s field; taken three times)
5. **0.5 credits** in: HIST 6907 [0.5] Ph.D. Comprehensive Examination
6. **5.0 credits** in: HIST 6909 [5.0] Ph.D. Thesis

**Total Credits**

10.0

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**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:**
   - **0.5 credit** in: COMS 6010 Directed Studies
   - **0.5 credit** in: PECO 6000 [0.5] Political Economy: Core Concepts
   - **0.5 credit** in: A relevant political economy course from the approved list.
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: HIST 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
4. 2.0 credits in: LAWS 6095 [1.0] Field Comprehensive
               LAWS 6096 [1.0] Thesis Proposal
5. 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
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] Thesis Proposal Workshop I
               PSCI 6908 [0.5] Thesis Proposal Workshop II
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

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 3.0 (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
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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**Total Credits** 10.0

**Ph.D. Sociology**

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

**Requirements:**

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

**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.
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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 5002 [0.5 credit]
Political Economy of Work and Labour
Interdisciplinary survey of core concepts, contexts, and debates in the study of work and labour; critical and historical approach addressing inequalities of class, race, and disabilities; relational perspective on labour including technological change, care, political action, and the environment.

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 5503 [0.5 credit]
Selected Issues in Work and Labour I
Topics and emphasis vary from term to term according to current policies and events influencing the distribution and benefits of work and labour including migration, technological and environmental change, privatization, austerity, and transnational legislation.

PECO 5504 [0.5 credit]
Selected Issues in Work and Labour II
Topics and emphasis vary from term to term according to current policies and events influencing the distribution and benefits of work and labour including migration, technological and environmental change, privatization, austerity, and transnational legislation.

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 5906 [0.5 credit]
Reflective Practice on Work and Labour
Through a reflection on their current work environment, it is expected that students that are working would apply the knowledge received to enrich their work place. Students will provide relevant reflections and proposals to enrich their work-practices over the period of one-semester. Includes: Experiential Learning Activity Prerequisite(s): PECO 5002 and permission of the department.
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.