

NIPISSING

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North Bay

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Political Science



Program Description

Do you want a better understanding of power and authority in society, and the role they play in our everyday lives? Do you want to learn skills that will help you form your own responses to the political structures we live in?

An undergraduate degree in Political Science from Nipissing will give you a well-rounded view of Canadian politics, government structures, public administration and policy history, and how they relate to today's world. You will ground your studies by reading the great books of Western political thought, and will use these philosophies and theories to gain insight into current political events and to develop your own views.

Perhaps most importantly, Political Science will prepare you to become an actively engaged citizen in your community—so you can have a say in the rules, policies, and structures that shape your life and our society.

Our Teaching Approach

One of the strengths of our Political Science program lies in our viewpoint that general assumptions should always be questioned. You will be encouraged to examine ideas and philosophies, and to think about them with a critical disposition. By reading and studying the work of great thinkers like Aristotle, Machiavelli, Plato and Hobbes, you will gain a comprehensive understanding of significant classical texts and their role in shaping political thought.

We also work hard to foster a spirit of debate in the classroom. Our small class sizes mean that you will regularly be engaged in meaningful discussion and will have ample opportunity to learn from your peers and express your own opinions.

You can further your learning as an undergraduate student by taking on a research assistant role and working with a professor, which is excellent preparation should you want to pursue graduate studies.

Want to get involved beyond the classroom? Try the Nipissing Political Science Association, which organizes debates, socials, and other fun events. Alternatively, you may want to get involved with NUPRI, the Nipissing University Peace Research Initiative, which is dedicated to facilitating, coordinating, and providing common space for individuals and organizations to meet and develop peace-building projects and events. Its Agents of Peace project includes an innovative online database that catalogues the work of people who are dedicated to promoting peace, and you can participate.

Program and Faculty

Bachelor of Arts

- Honours Specialization
- Specialization
- Major
- Minor

In first year, you will take Power, Politics and the Common Good, a foundational course that provides an overview of the fundamental questions of political science—some of which are 2,500 years old—and you will discuss them within a contemporary context.

Your upper years will include cross-disciplinary courses on subject areas like Canadian Social History, Gender and Global Politics, and Fanaticism. This allows you to choose courses from other disciplines that interest you, such as History, Gender Equality and Social Justice, and Religions and Cultures.

Our well-respected professors participate in many areas of study like, political theory, bioethics, Canadian foreign policy, philosophy of technology, and international relations, to name a few. Our professors are approachable and eager to offer help when you need it, and they care about your progress. You will be surprised by how quickly everyone gets to know your name, and that you are not just another number.





Bachelor of Education: The Schulich School of Education

If you want to earn a Bachelor of Education (BEd) degree, you can choose from the Concurrent route (available with all honours undergraduate programs except Nursing and Social Work), or the Consecutive Program (once you've completed your undergraduate degree).

The Schulich School of Education is one of the best education programs in Ontario. It will prepare you to teach in both traditional and non-traditional environments, and you will gain communication and collaborative skills that can be used in any career.

Our teacher candidates are immersed in an active professional learning environment with support and resources available through our Professional Learning Centre.

Each term a calendar of opportunities is made available, and you will be invited to participate in a series of real-world professional experiences that help you to hone skills, strategies and activities that integrate digital technology resources, enhance school community involvement, develop a personal résumé, portfolio and interview techniques, and much more.

All professional learning opportunities are designed to support and supplement course content by broadening teaching/learning skills and by building your confidence and readiness for the teaching profession.

Why Nipissing?

You will feel right at home the minute you step onto campus. Becoming a part of our community is just one of the many perks of attending Nipissing. You will also benefit from small class sizes where you will have a name and a voice. Should you need help, you will have access to our supportive professors, even outside of classroom hours.

Nipissing is focused on student success. So you will have access to a full range of student services that will help you succeed academically, financially, and personally.

In addition, we have some of the best residences in Canada, with a guaranteed private room for all first-year students coming directly from high school.

We encourage you to come and see for yourself all the great things Nipissing has to offer.

"I took Political Science at Nipissing because I feel politics is an important field of study that can be applied to numerous fields and occupations, and ultimately is an intriguing part of society to learn about.

"I have a new-found approach to examining politics and how it and ideology permeate many decision-making processes throughout society. I think that this area of study provides a perspective that is unique to those who have examined political science or lived a life in politics."

Ian Hall
3rd Year – BA (Honours)
Criminal Justice



Where Can I Go From Here?

A degree in Political Science can take many directions. Past graduates have pursued careers in government, business, or civil service. Some career options include policy analyst, researcher, civil servant, consultant, and economist.



You will also be prepared to go on to graduate studies in areas like Political Science, Conflict Resolution Studies, and International Affairs. Political Science is also a terrific choice for people who wish to continue on to law school, or teaching.

Sign up for Open House, a tour, or more information: ibelongatnipissingu.ca

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ONE STUDENT AT A TIME

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