Is Political Science for you?

Do you want to make a difference and help create a better world? Political science is fundamentally concerned with power. Who has power? The Prime Minister? Big business? Media? The people? How can citizens challenge existing policies and power inequalities? Should they vote? Join advocacy groups? Take to the streets? How can nations work together to face global challenges like war, terrorism, climate change, injustice, and poverty?

What does a just society look like? Should there be more or less government? How do we create a more inclusive society and respond to the opportunities and challenges of increasing diversity? The Department of Political Science is committed to analytically driven, evidence-based research that facilitates effective decision-making among policy makers, the public sector, civil society, international organizations, and businesses. This collective strength is built on empirically grounded research drawing on both qualitative and quantitative data.

Where will you go from here?

A Political Science degree from SFU empowers you to achieve success in today’s fast-moving and flexible job market. In our program, you will learn from award-winning teachers and develop the strong communication, analytical thinking, and problem solving skills that employers seek. Set yourself apart and prepare for a range of exciting career paths, including:

- Law
- Politics and government
- Policy analysis
- Social justice advocacy
- Public relations
- Campaigns and elections
- Polling and public opinion research
- Communications
- Security, defence, and intelligence
- International development
- Foreign service

Want to know more?

To help you achieve your academic and career goals, Political Science at SFU is built around five core learning streams:

- Diversity and migration
- Justice and law
- Public policy and democratic governance
- Diplomacy, defence and development
- Research methods and analysis

Enhance your educational experience with our NATO summer field school in Brussels, Latvia, Romania, and Rome; our ever-expanding co-operative education opportunities, or a study abroad opportunity. We are proud of our specialized French Language Cohort program in Public and International Affairs. Maybe one of our joint degree programs intrigues you? We have joint programs with Economics, Gender, Sexuality, and Women’s Studies, History, and French. Remember to also check out our African Studies certificate.

LEARN MORE AT SFU.CA/POLITICS