

# Department of Political Studies

Welcome to a new year, from Neil Hibbert, Department Head

On behalf of my colleagues in Political Studies, I'd like wish everyone a warm welcome to the upcoming academic year. This year stands to offer a new and fresh beginning for our department's faculty, staff, and students. Already, the energy and activity on campus reminds me of the full value of the university community and experience, and all that we stand to regain in moving on from the collective sacrifices of the past two years. Of course, the year ahead may be marked by further challenges and disruptions but I'm confident in our capacity to navigate whatever may be in store. I'd like to thank everyone for their creativity, perseverance, and generosity of spirit over the past years, and to wish everyone success and well-being as we move forward together. Big congratulations again to all who convocated in the Spring and in advance to those who convocating in the fall. Best of luck with your upcoming ventures and please stay in touch as we love to hear where life takes our Political Studies graduates.

~Neil



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# With Sympathy

The Department of Political Studies is saddened to note the recent passing of our former student, Desiree Hutton (nee Steele), class of 2015. Our thoughts are with Desiree's family and friends. Please see the links below for celebrations of Desiree's life and opportunities to donate to a Legacy Fund in her honour to support first generation University students.

<https://thestarphoenix.remembering.ca/obituary/desiree-hutton-1086017565>

<https://sscf.ca/desiree-hutton-legacy-fund/>



# In The News



Dr. Martin Gaal

In June, 2022, Dr. Martin Gaal was approached to discuss the situation in Europe and whether or not travelling to countries close to the Ukraine Crisis, specifically Hungary, is a good idea. You can read the article [here](#).

Our own Usask News covered a story featuring Dr. Gaal and Professor of music, Dr. Veronique Mathieu regarding the Collaborative Online International Learning (COIL) project that partners students at the University of Saskatchewan with universities abroad to learn from each other and our multi-cultural world. The COIL project has become integral towards earning the Global Studies Certificate to give students the opportunity to become part of a global community, to learn from other cultures and begin to resolve global issues. You can find the article [here](#).

If you are interested in the COIL experience, please contact Dr. Martin Gaal at [martin.gaal@usask.ca](mailto:martin.gaal@usask.ca)

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POLS was pleased to celebrate our graduating students in 2021/22. Two of our students were featured in the Arts & Science News as they looked back on their degrees and certificates. Wardah Mahmood graduated with a BA in Political Studies, and a certificate in Indigenous Governance and Politics, and Quinn Rozwadowski graduated with a BA in Political Studies, and certificates in Politics and Law and Global Studies.

Being part of the department and completing the department's certificates helped shaped both students interests and helped them on their next steps in education. To read the full article, click [here](#).

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We are also delighted to celebrate graduate Stephne Skye Lennox, who earned her BA in Political Studies, as well as all three of the certificates offered by the department. Skye saw the certificates as a way to help guide her through the POLS program, and to discover all the different and varied aspects of politics. You can read about Skye's experience in her [featured article](#) in the College of Arts and Science News.

Please visit our website to learn more about our certificates in [Indigenous Governance and Politics](#), [Global Studies](#), and [Politics and Law](#)



Indigenous  
Governance  
and Politics  
Certificate



Global Studies Certificate



Politics and  
Law  
Certificate

# Departmental Events

## The Global Café

The Global Café is a unique space on campus, created to allow internationally-minded people to gather and discuss the fascinating world we live in and, more importantly, to build community amongst ourselves.

Our first Global Café event was held on Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 5pm in Arts 133, where we were pleased to welcome Mr. Uchida Tatsukuni, Consul General of Japan in Calgary. The discussion focused on Sustainable Development Goals, Japan's Net Zero program and areas for cooperation with Canada.

For more information, contact [martin.gaal@usask.ca](mailto:martin.gaal@usask.ca)



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THE GLOBAL CAFÉ

Wednesday, Sept. 7, 2022  
5 pm Arts 133

GUEST SPEAKER:

**Mr. Uchida Tatsukuni**  
Consul General of Japan in Calgary



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Looking for a new playlist? Check out  
the IS 201 Global Citizenship  
student picks on [Spotify](#)



# Academics

## POLS 383 Career Internship Class

POLS 383 offers Political Studies students an opportunity to apply for a one semester internship. For the 2023 Winter semester, there are three internship opportunities.

Eligible students must have completed 60 credit units, and have an average of 68%.

**Work Hours/Schedule:** 100 hours over academic term; weekly work hours will be mutually agreed upon.

**How to apply:** Interested candidate to submit resume, cover letter indicating which internship you are interested in and why, and three professional references to [political.studies@usask.ca](mailto:political.studies@usask.ca)

**Deadline: September 30, 2022**

### Department of Political Studies - POLS 383 Career Internship Program

#### Office of Government Relations, University of Saskatchewan

This internship is open to third or fourth year political studies students to help with writing and research that support the University of Saskatchewan's relationship with all levels of government.

#### Truly Alive Youth and Family Foundation

Reporting to the Executive Director or their designate, the Student Intern will be expected to fulfill a variety of administrative and auxiliary tasks which will give them a wide range of experience related to working in the charity and non-profit settlement sector.

#### English Language Tutor, Pacific Links Foundation

Join us as a virtual volunteer to help students from Vietnam practice and improve their English! Volunteer tutors will engage with students in conversation in English and assist them with their pronunciation, grammar, listening and speaking skills. Additionally, interns can conduct research, media relations, IT Support, website design, and community outreach to assist Pacific Links in supporting the sustainable development of Vietnamese communities and enrichment of their cultural heritage.



Angie Gerrard, University Library

The University Library is here to support you in your teaching, learning, and research endeavors! Students, check-out the [Learning Hub](#); your one-stop shop for academic supports, including writing, math, research, and study skills! Be sure to add "Library Events and Workshops" to your Favorites menu in PAWS. This is an easy way to find all the upcoming academic skills workshops in one place! Workshops are free to attend and are a great way to learn new skills, such as writing thesis statements, developing a research question, and reading and note-taking. POLS & IS students, do you have questions about the library or getting started on your research project? You can reach-out directly to your liaison librarian [Angie Gerrard](#) to set-up a research consultation either in-person or via Zoom.

Faculty, discover how the University Library can support your [research](#) through all stages of your project, from developing a research data plan to preservation of your scholarly outputs. The library also supports USask instructors by providing [curriculum assistance](#) with copyright, course reserves, academic integrity, and academic skill development. Please reach-out to [Angie Gerrard](#) directly to learn more about the library's research and teaching supports!

Wishing you all a healthy and successful Fall 2022 term!  
Submitted by Angie Gerrard, University Library

# Political Studies Student Association

The Political Studies Students' Association is excited to welcome all students and faculty to the 2022/2023 school year! The PSSA is a student group comprised of predominantly POLS students (though open to anyone!), meant to **build community, represent student voices to the Department**, and ultimately, **enrich your student experience**. We're open to any suggestions you may have! For the upcoming year, we're hoping to host lots of **social events** (eg. games, bowling, trivia), as well as an **end-of-year social/banquet** and our usual **Meet the Profs**. We also might have some bigger plans up our sleeves... (stay tuned!)

To be involved as a member (all are welcome), shoot us an email, stop us in the halls, or sign-up at any of our events. Membership includes key perks like joining our alumni network, heavily-subsidized participation costs (the only reason membership is \$5 – please let us know if payment is an issue and we can figure something out!), and discounts at local businesses. As well, if you're interested in being involved beyond membership, you can lend a helping hand by **joining a committee** (a casual commitment but great way to get to know people) or **running for an Executive position!** We'll be running a **by-election this September** for the positions of **VP Operations & Finance**, as well as **VP Communications**. If you're interested, want to become a member/exec, or have any questions, contact us anytime at [uofspssa@gmail.com](mailto:uofspssa@gmail.com) and feel free to follow our Facebook page (@usaskpssa). We wish you all a happy September – see you around!

Your PSSA Exec 2022/2022

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## Christina McRorie – President

"Hi all, I'm thrilled to be part of the PSSA again this year—and I've been part of the PSSA since my first year, so that says a lot! My dreams for the PSSA this year are to provide students with opportunities to engage in the larger community, as well as empower folks to make change. I'm currently in my fourth year of an International Studies honours with an Economics minor, and can often be found tucked away in Murray or at the Loft. When off-campus, you can find me rock climbing, reading, or doing pottery. Feel free to say hi—I'm always happy to answer any questions!"







### **Elliot Dillabough – VP External Affairs**

"Hello all, my name is Elliot Dillabough and I'll be the PSSA's VP External for the 2022/23 school year. I'm currently in the 5th (and hopefully final!) year of an honours degree in Political Studies. I love talking about political philosophy and municipal governance. Outside of school, I can be found making music all around western Canada or hiking. My goals for the year are to host a networking event and expand on the PSSA's professional opportunity network. If you have comments or suggestions for the PSSA, feel free to reach out!"



### **Xavier Waddell – VP Internal Affairs**

"Hey guys! I'm excited to be back for another year with the PSSA – this time as the Vice President of Internal Affairs. I'm a fourth year Political Studies major and – as a little bonus quest – I also decided to get a minor in French. Admittedly, I spend a lot of my free time coaching and playing video games, although I haven't had as much free time as usual lately. If you ever need anything, or just want someone to talk to, don't be afraid to reach out. You can contact me via email at [xjw462@usask.ca](mailto:xjw462@usask.ca) or the PSSA at [uofspssa@gmail.com](mailto:uofspssa@gmail.com)."

**Maria Veronica Goyeneche – Secretary**

"Hi everyone, my name is Veronica Goyeneche. Currently, I'm in my fourth year of political science. I enjoy learning about Canadian and international politics! I also love to travel and try new food and experiences! My goal for PSSA is to provide support and build a community where we can have fun and help each other grow in this field. I'll be spending a lot of time in the library or the food court this semester so don't be afraid and come say hi!"





# Contact Us

## For inquiries regarding:

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We acknowledge that we live and work on Treaty 6 Territory and the Homeland of the Métis. We pay our respect to the First Nations and Métis ancestors of this place and reaffirm our relationship with one another.

## Fall 2022 Classes

IS 110 – Global Issues (online)

IS 211 – Introduction to International Studies Development

POLS 111 – Democratic Citizenship in Canada

POLS 112 – Justice and Injustice in Politics and Law

POLS 204 – Canadian Political Institutions

POLS 222 – Indigenous Governance and Politics

POLS 236 – History of Political Theory

POLS 244 – Politics of Development

POLS 249 – American Government and Politics

POLS 250 – Understanding the State in a Global Era

POLS 256 – Understanding Political Science Research

POLS 262 – Global Governance

POLS 263 – The Politics of International Law

POLS 302 – The Politics and Law of Work and Employment (STM)

POLS 306 – Local Governance and Policy

POLS 326 – Comparative Public Policy

POLS 327 – Political Marketing (STM)

POLS 336 – Justice and Democracy

POLS 349 – Politics of Canadian Diversity

POLS 362 – Global Political Economy

POLS 375 – Canadian Foreign Policy in the Global Era

POLS 404 – Canadian Federalism and Intergovernmental Relations

POLS 422 – Indigenous Governance and Self-Determined Sustainable Development

POLS 460 – Ethics and Global Politics

## First Year Research Experience (FYRE)

Each of our 100 level courses in Political Studies has at least one First Year Research Experience section each term. A FYRE class asks students to go beyond studying a topic and move towards being a researcher. Students work with their instructor and a research coach through the research cycle:

**Step one** is defining a Research Question that is both appropriate to the course and 'doable' for a first year student

**Step two** is Investigating the research topic in order to answer that research question

**Step three** is Sharing the results of the research

FYRE classes set students up for future success, with 80% of students reporting increased confidence in conducting research. ([USask FYRE Web-site](#))

For more information, contact [martin.gaal@usask.ca](mailto:martin.gaal@usask.ca) or visit: [FYRE-Faculty-Package.revised.MM.July2019.pdf \(usask.ca\)](#)

