

Department of Political Studies

On behalf of my colleagues in the Department of Political Studies, welcome everyone to the academic year 2020-2021! For those new to our department, it is great to have you onboard and we hope that you find your time with us to be a stimulating and rewarding academic experience. For those returning, we are grateful that you will continue to study politics in all of its complexity with us and look forward to continuing to learn together. I like to joke that 'the worse things are going in the world, the better it is for those of us who teach, learn and research in Political Studies'.

Certainly the times we are living in raise perplexing questions of public policy and present new challenges to our understanding and realization of our political and ethical values. We very much look forward to navigating these troubled waters in collaboration with our students this year.

Undoubtedly all of our experiences will be very different this year as we move to remote delivery of our classes. I can assure you that all of our faculty members have worked very hard over the summer months to come up with innovative ways to maintain our commitment to effective teaching and learning this coming year. Given the relatively isolated experience we will all have, please be sure to keep the lines of communication open with your instructors so as to proactively address any challenges you may face over the coming term.

Finally, let me note a couple of significant personnel changes this coming year. First, join me in welcoming to the department Dr. Maggie Fitzgerald, who is joining us as an Assistant Professor. Maggie is a political theorist who recently completed her PhD in Political Science at Carleton University, and specializes in Ethics and Global Politics. Welcome Maggie!

Second, join me in saying a lamentable farewell-for-now to Dr. Loleen Berdahl. Loleen just finished her term as Department Head, and will be taking up the position of Executive Director of the JSGS of Public Policy. We thank her for her tireless commitment and dedication to the department. Under her leadership, Political Studies underwent an exciting process of faculty and programmatic renewal, and she leaves us in a place of strength and vitality. Thanks so much Loleen and all the very best in your new undertaking!

Once again, welcome everyone and here's to a healthy, safe and enriching academic year.

-Neil



A MESSAGE FROM NEIL HIBBERT, DEPARTMENT HEAD

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Upcoming Events



The Global Café

'International Cooperation in North American Politics'

Dr. Rachel McCormick (BA'97)
CONSUL GENERAL FOR ARKANSAS, LOUISIANA,
NEW MEXICO, OKLAHOMA AND TEXAS

OCTOBER 1 | 5:30 pm



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Join us for a virtual Global Cafe!

The Department of Political Studies in the College of Arts and Science at the University of Saskatchewan is excited to bring you Dr. Rachel McCormick's lecture titled International Cooperation in North American Politics, part of the Certificate in Global Studies Global Cafe Series.

Register [here](#) by September 25th to be entered into a draw to have Starbucks delivered to your home for the event because... it is a Café!

Call for questions!

The Department of Political studies is holding a Facebook live event on October 6th, 2020 to discuss politics and the upcoming provincial election.

If you have a question you would like our panel of experts to answer, please email

political.studies@usask.ca by October 2nd.

Follow us on Twitter and Facebook for more information.

University of Saskatchewan Virtual Open House

Join the Department of Political Studies to learn more about how our exciting programs in Political Studies and International Studies can prepare you for interesting careers and a life of political engagement in our sessions on *The Political World and the Political You: Building Your Career & Being a Positive Force in the World*

Live sessions at 3pm and 6pm featuring:

Dr. Maggie Fitzgerald
Dr. Martin Gaal
Dr. Matthew Mitchell
Professor Kathy Walker

More information to come on Facebook and Twitter

Faculty News

Appointments

We are pleased to announce that Dr. Neil Hibbert has been appointed as Department Head for the 2020-21 academic year.



Saskatchewan universities appoint new executive director for provincial policy school

By Erica Schindel, August 5, 2020

The University of Saskatchewan (USask) and University of Regina are pleased to announce the five-year appointment of Dr. Loleen Berdahl as the new executive director of the Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy (JSGS), effective October 1, 2020.

We at the Political Studies Department will miss Loleen very much, we wish her all the best in her new role and look forward to working with her again in our continued partnership with the JSGS. Read the full article on Loleen's appointment [here](#).

Welcome to the department!

On July 1st, Dr. Maggie FitzGerald joined the Political Studies Department as a new faculty member. Maggie's primary research interests lie in decolonial thought and feminist international ethics, particularly the ethics of care. Some of her recent publications can be found in journals like *Ethics and Social Welfare* and *Atlantis: Critical Studies in Gender, Culture, & Social Justice*. Maggie will be teaching POLS 112: Justice and Injustice in Politics and Law in the fall, and POLS 237: Modern Political Theory in the winter.



Welcome back!

We are very happy to welcome Dr. Carin Holroyd and Dr. Kalowatie Deonandan back from sabbatical for the 2020-21 academic year.

Undergraduate students can look forward to taking IS 212: International Studies and Conflict (F), POLS 326: Comparative Public Policy (F), and POLS 341: Asian Government and Politics (W) with Carin, and POLS 460: Ethics and Global Politics (F), IS 110 Global Issues (W) and IS 402: International Development (W) with Kali.



Have a wonderful year!

Dr. Colleen Bell will be on sabbatical for the 2020-21 academic year. We wish her the best in her endeavours. Dr. Bell was awarded an Explore SSHRC grant and will be conducting research on the work of Canadian police officers during the UN international stabilization mission in Haiti.

Certificate Programs in the Department of Political Studies



The Global Studies Certificate examines various aspects of global citizenship, cultural globalization, cultural plurality and coexistence, and examines the political, economic and social dimensions of globalization and specific contemporary global issues.

The Indigenous Politics and Governance Certificate will communicate the intricacies of the political and constitutional issues related to Indigenous Peoples in Canada



The Politics and Law Certificate explores legal systems and how they shape contemporary political struggles, how politics and the law intersect at national and international levels and shape the lives of individuals around the world.

PLAN YOUR ROUTE:

POLITICAL STUDIES

	FIRST YEAR	MIDDLE YEARS	FINAL YEAR	
Explore your major	<p>Year 1 POLS courses</p> <p>You choose two courses (60c) from the following: POLS 111.2) Democratic Citizenship in Canada; POLS 112.2) Chemical Processes; IS 112.3) Global Issues</p> <p>Explore information about your major in the Course and Program Catalogue</p> <p>Meet with an Academic Advisor for help choosing your classes and planning your degree</p> <p>Visit Student Learning Services at the Murray Library for help developing your academic skills</p> <p>Attend the Major Possibilities event held by the College of Arts and Science to choose the program that's right for you</p>	<p>Year 2 POLS courses</p> <p>Your Political Studies degree is divided into subsections so you can explore the different facets of politics and tailor your degree to your interests</p> <p>You choose a minimum of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two POLS courses (60c) in Governance and Public Law Two POLS courses (60c) in Comparative Politics Two POLS courses (60c) in Ideas and Global Issues <p>Check DegreeWorks or meet with an Academic Advisor to ensure your degree is on track</p> <p>Apply for scholarships and bursaries</p> <p>Declare your major in PMS</p>	<p>Final year POLS courses</p> <p>You choose one POLS 400-level course (60c)</p> <p>Fourth year Political Studies courses are designed to challenge students to a more in-depth way of thinking and analyzing the concepts and theories presented through the middle years of your degree</p> <p>Apply to graduate</p> <p>Consider applying to graduate programs at the Johnson Shoyens Graduate School of Public Policy</p> <p>Think about applying to a masters degree in Political Studies</p>	<p>CAREER READINESS COMPETENCIES are transferable skill sets that will prepare you for the world of work and include the top attributes that employers are looking for.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">  CRITICAL THINKING AND PROBLEM SOLVING  LEADERSHIP  CAREER MANAGEMENT  PROFESSIONALISM AND WORK ETHIC  TEAMWORK AND COLLABORATION  ORAL/WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS  DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY  GLOBAL AND INTERCULTURAL FLUENCY <p>Along with being valued by employers, these competencies also align with U Sask's Learning Charter in the pursuit of: truth and understanding, knowledge, integrity and respect, skills and practice, and individual and community pursuits. Many of the opportunities and experiences listed on this page can help you develop, practice and articulate these important competencies and pursuits.</p>
Gain relevant experience	<p>Enroll in a First-Year Research Experience (FYRE) class to have a meaningful research, scholarly, or artistic experience</p> <p>Consider enrolling in an experiential learning class</p> <p>Consider a study abroad experience to earn credit towards your degree</p>	<p>Become a peer mentor with the College of Arts and Science, Student Learning Services or Peer Health</p> <p>Apply to be an Undergraduate Student Research Assistant (USRA)</p> <p>Apply to a Career Internship Course (POLS 383) and/or the Aboriginal Administrative Internship Course (POLS 384) which gives students the chance to participate in an internship within community organizations</p> <p>Meet with the Study Abroad Coordinator or an ISSAC International Education Officer to explore your study abroad options</p> <p>Explore undergraduate research opportunities</p>	<p>Apply to be a FYRE Research Coach</p> <p>Consider running for an executive position on the PSSA to enhance your leadership skills and make valuable connections within the department, the university, and the wider community</p> <p>Consider running for a leadership position with the Arts and Science Student Union (ASSU) or the U Sask Students Union (USSU)</p> <p>Apply for an internship with Canadian Political Science Association</p>	
Create local and global connections	<p>Attend Global Callings bringing together internationally-minded people for a monthly gathering (dates and topics are posted throughout the term)</p> <p>Join the Political Studies Student Society (PSSA) to get involved in department events, connect with upper years students, and network with the broader community</p> <p>Visit the U Sask Community Centre to make connections and build community</p> <p>Get involved in your campus community through student groups, campus rec, and U Sask events</p> <p>Sign up to be a part of a Learning Community</p> <p>Get to know your faculty and their research interests</p>	<p>Engage with your community through volunteering and Co-Curricular Record activities</p> <p>Meet with new people and grow your cultural understanding through Building Bridge and the Global Connections Network</p> <p>Consider joining the Arts and Science Students' Union (ASSU), the University of Saskatchewan Students' Union (USSU), and/or the U Sask Model United Nations Club</p>	<p>Join the U Sask Alumni and Friends community</p> <p>Register with local chapters of politically-focused groups like the Canadian International Council</p>	
Get career ready	<p>Meet with a Career Coach at the Student Employment and Career Centre (SECC) to explore your career possibilities</p> <p>Take a career assessment to learn more about your strengths, personality, interests, and values</p> <p>Create your résumé and cover letter to take advantage of part-time and summer job opportunities</p> <p>Develop your LinkedIn profile to begin building your professional brand</p>	<p>Discover job opportunities, explore career options, and meet professionals at SECC events and career fairs</p> <p>Expand your professional network on LinkedIn</p> <p>Get a better understanding of your career possibilities through career informational interviews</p> <p>Conduct occupational research through Job Bank, LinkedIn, and myKneip</p>	<p>Update your résumé, cover letter and CV to apply for jobs</p> <p>Learn how to ace interviews by attending an Interview/Talks session at the SECC</p> <p>Prepare for those tough interview questions with a Mock Interview</p> <p>If you are new to Canada, take time to learn about how to search for a job in Canada</p>	

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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 2020 Classes

International Studies:

- IS 110 | Global Issues
- IS 201 | Global Citizenship Cultures & Coexistence
- IS 202 | Global Experiential & Cultural Learning
- IS 212 | International Studies & Conflict
- IS 401 | International Cooperation & Conflict

Political Studies:

- POLS 111 | Democratic Citizenship in Canada
- POLS 112 | Justice & Injustice in Politics and Law
- POLS 204 | Canadian Political Institutions
- POLS 222 | Indigenous Governance & Politics
- POLS 236 | History of Political Theory
- POLS 250 | Understanding the State in a Global Era
- POLS 263 | The Politics of International Law
- POLS 306 | Local Governance & Policy
- POLS 326 | Comparative Public Policy
- POLS 336 | Justice & Democracy
- POLS 372 | Peacebuilding & Political Reconciliation
- POLS 460 | Ethics & Global Politics