

An aerial photograph of a massive student protest on a university campus. The protest is a dense crowd of people filling a wide, tree-lined path. Many individuals are holding up signs and banners. In the background, a tall brick building is visible on a hill. A large, white, stylized graphic, resembling a knot or a complex symbol, is overlaid on the right side of the image. The sky is blue with scattered white clouds.

Politics and Governance

Bachelor of Arts (Honours)
Full-time, 4 years

**Ryerson
University**

**Politics & Public
Administration**
Faculty of Arts

Where

inspiration meets

impact



About the Program

What is the **role of government in society** and how does that role relate to **social justice, democracy, citizenship and human rights**? Who decides local, national and international goals, priorities, policy directions and actions? How are decisions reached and conflicts resolved? These are some of the foundational questions pursued in the study of **politics and governance**. The answers to these critical questions can help us navigate our increasingly complex world.

Ryerson's Politics and Governance program examines power at every level. Students discover how social, environmental, economic, political and justice issues are addressed in Canada and on a global scale. You will discuss the value of **'good governance'** and what it means. You will learn about how issues of **social welfare, immigration, social and criminal justice** have made the tasks of governance more complex in the 21st century. Finally, the program looks at how governments have increasingly turned to the private and non-profit/voluntary sectors to deliver services they formerly undertook directly. Become one of the world's political minds and make a difference in our future!

Program Highlights

Women in the House Course at Ryerson University

Would you like a first-hand opportunity to **meet a Member of Parliament** and find out what it's like to be a politician in Canada?

If yes, then this new initiative is for you! This program, available for **course credit**, will provide Arts students who identify as women with the opportunity to travel to Ottawa where they will **shadow an MP, tour key political sites, and network with politicians, professors, and other students**. This is just one of the many exciting experiential learning initiatives available to Politics and Governance students at Ryerson.



Program Structure

The Politics and Governance program shares the first year common platform with 10 other Bachelor of Arts programs.

This sets up a foundation of **critical thinking** and **academic skills** that pave the way for **in-class simulations**, **community projects**, **research design and analysis**, **workplace readiness skill building**, **international exchange programs**, **field experiences** and **placement opportunities**. All of these prepare students for their future careers.

Double majors with Criminology, History, and Sociology are available.

Typical First Year

Semester 1 - FALL	Semester 2 - WINTER
Academic Writing and Research - SSH 205	Critical Thinking I - SSH 105
People, Power and Politics - POG 100	Canadian Politics - POG 110
In addition to that you must choose 6 Electives (3 each semester) for your first year.	

Co-op Option

The Politics and Governance BA (Honours) program has the option for students to join the Faculty of Arts Co-operative Education program. This competitive opportunity allows students who pass the admission process to complete three mandatory **career-relevant paid employment experiences** in various terms throughout their program for **academic credit**, and an **optional fourth work term**. Students must also complete an academic course prior to their first work term, which will provide a foundational understanding of the **labour market context** while also facilitating the development of **skills related to job searches and successful employment**. Students apply in the summer between first and second year to join the co-op option in their second year of study.

Careers

Use knowledge and skills to critically analyze and address our social, economic, environmental and governmental challenges. Work for government, non-profit or private companies; evaluate legal, policy, management and governance questions; and effect change in local, national or international organizations. Pursue further studies or graduate work in law, education, social science, political science, public administration, public policy, public management, business or third (non-profit) sector studies.

Career Paths include:

- Governmental Relations Officer
- Policy Analyst
- Public Sector Manager
- Public Servant (local, regional, provincial, national and international)
- Registered Lobbyist
- Community Organizer
- Lawyer
- Political Campaign Manager

and more...

How to Apply

Academic Requirements

Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) or equivalent with a minimum of six Grade 12 U or M courses including the following program specific requirements.

Typically, a minimum overall average of 70% establishes eligibility for admission consideration; subject to competition individual programs may require higher pre-requisite grades and/or higher overall averages:

- a minimum grade of 70% or higher will be required in Grade 12 U English/Anglais (ENG4U/EAE4U preferred).

Politics and Governance welcomes applications from prospective students of all nationalities and gender identities, regardless of age, disability, race, religion, or sexual orientation.

For more information visit:

ryerson.ca/programs/undergraduate/politics-governance

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I have always been passionate about advocating for the rights of minority children and women, particularly the ones in my home country. I applied to this program to gain insight on what it is like to sit in Parliament. I aspire to be a lawyer, and eventually a Supreme Court judge. This has been a life-long dream of mine. I have also had a deep fascination with politics so getting a first-hand experience in Parliament is a dream come true.”

- **Yelda Nuri**, Politics & Governance Student about Women in The House program