

Global Political Studies (GPS)

Gain the skills required to analyze the governance of global forces, and evaluate responses to tough questions in today's global landscape. Our Global Political Studies Program focuses on providing you with unique perspectives on the global political community.

Sample First Year Schedule

Your first year classes in Global Political Studies will consist of a mixture of courses within your major, general education courses and elective courses outside your major.

Course Type	Course(s)	Credits
Major Course	AP/POLS 1000 - Introduction to Politics: Exploring the Democratic Experience	6.00
General Education Course	Any approved 1000 level course from the Humanities or Social Sciences	6.00 or 9.00
General Education Course	Any approved course from the Natural Sciences	6.00
Course Outside Global Political Studies	Any course that is not a Global Political Studies course or general education course	3.00 or 6.00
Elective Course	Any course for which you meet the prerequisite requirements	3.00
Total		30.00 (maximum)

Program Details

Global Politics focuses on critical ways of thinking about diversity, inequality, security, peace and violence. The degree covers courses in the international and comparative fields and prepares students for public service work abroad or graduate studies in international or comparative world

The York Promise

York is here to support you throughout your unique university journey. Beyond academic achievement, we strive to enrich your student experience through personal and professional development by offering:

- Career-Focused Services**
Career advising, career fairs and networking opportunities to help sharpen your professional edge.
- Academic Support**
Learning skills workshops, outstanding libraries, academic accommodations, transition programs and academic advising services designed to help you every step of the way.
- Social & Leadership Development Programs**
A vibrant social scene with more than 300 clubs and organizations to enhance student life, and help you develop soft skills you can bring to the table in your future career.



Aibakyt Baekova
Third Year Student
Global Political Studies

"The best thing about the Global Political Studies program is that it's made me more conscious about international issues. This knowledge helps me recognize the root cause of injustice and inspires me to live a more ethical life every day."

Your Degree Pathway

A degree in Global Political Studies requires the completion of 120 Credits and is typically completed over four academic years. Your courses will consist of Major, General Education, and Elective Courses.

First Year

First year will introduce you to the university environment, provide you with general education courses, and allow options for you to study courses aligned with your own interests.



Global Political Studies Courses: Introduction to Politics

General Education Courses: Humanities and Social Sciences

Elective Courses: Your choice of courses outside of Global Political Studies

Second Year

In your second year, you will continue your development in the fundamentals of Global Political Studies.



Global Political Studies Courses: Perspectives on Politics, Introduction to International Politics, States and Societies in the Global Context: Introduction to Comparative Politics

General Education Courses: Natural Science (for non-Science students)

Elective Courses: Choose new subjects to explore or continue to develop skills from previous selections

Third Year

Your third year in Global Political Studies will allow you to explore specific interests in the field.



Global Political Studies Course Options: Global Conflict and Security, Multilateralism, Global Political Economy, Human Rights and Global Economy, War and Peace in the Middle East + many more

Elective Courses: Choose new subjects to explore or continue to develop skills from previous selections

Fourth Year

In your fourth and final year, you will focus on specialized courses in your field and continue to explore elective courses of interest.



Global Political Studies Course Options: International Relations Theory, Peace Research, Canadian International Security Policy, Nationalism and Citizenship, Issues in International Human Rights, Global Political Studies Honours Colloquium + many more

Elective Courses: These courses can include additional Global Political Studies courses or further courses of interest at the upper level



Your Degree!