

# POLITICAL STUDIES

for more  
**information**

small campus.  
**big opportunities.**



## BACHELOR OF ARTS IN **POLITICAL STUDIES**

**Contact an Admissions Advisor  
at the Prospective Students Office**

toll free 1.800.661.8714

phone 780.679.1132

fax 780.679.1164

admissions@augustana.ca

[www.augustana.ualberta.ca](http://www.augustana.ualberta.ca)

### **Courses Offered**

AUPOL103	Intro to Politics: Ideas & Ideologies
AUPOL104	Intro to Politics: Processes & Institutions of Government
AUPOL200	The Political Research Process
AUPOL210/211	History of Political Thought I and II
AUPOL215	Political Ideology
AUPOL221	Canadian National Government and Politics
AUPOL240/241	International Relations I and II
AUPOL248/348	Model United Nations I and II
AUPOL300	Third-Year Seminar
AUPOL310	Contemporary Political Thought
AUPOL312/412	Selected Topics in the History of Political Thought
AUPOL321	Provincial Politics
AUPOL324/424	Selected Topics in Canadian Politics
AUPOL325	Contemporary Issues in the Politics of Native Peoples
AUPOL/ENV328	Environmental Politics
AUPOL329	Politics and Culture
AUPOL341	The Global South and World Politics
AUPOL343/443	Selected Topics in International Political Economy
AUPOL344/444	Selected Topics in International Relations
AUPOL349/449	Ethics in World Politics
AUPOL350	Comparative European Politics
AUPOL/CRJ353	Law, Politics and the Judicial Process
AUPOL355	Gender and Politics
AUPOL357	Selected Topics in Comparative Politics
AUPOL358/EC0354	Economic Development and Institutional Change in China
AUPOL399	Political Internship
AUPOL401/402	Directed Reading I and II
AUPOL405	Research Seminar
AUPOL411	International Relations Theory
AUPOL/CRJ453	Women and Law
AUPOL455	Ethnicity and Politics

*Please refer to the current Calendar for the most up-to-date course offerings.*

### **Degree Planning**

- *Year One:* AUPOL103 and AUPOL104
- *Year Two:* AUPOL200; 210 or 211; 221; and 240
- *Year Three:* AUPOL300 and 9 to 12 additional AUPOL credits
- *Year Four:* 9 to 12 AUPOL credits, including 6 credits at the 400 level

### **Faculty**

#### **Dr. Lars K. Hallström** Director, Alberta Centre for Sustainable Rural Communities

A comparative political scientist and public policy researcher, his work focuses on comparative environmental policy. He has received numerous research grants, and has published work on environmental theory in international relations, environmental activism, and the policy linkages between science, environment and health, water policy and regulation in Canada and the USA. He works with a wide network of community, government and research organizations across Canada.

#### **Dr. Jérôme Melançon**

Holding degrees in political science, philosophy, and sociology from the University of Ottawa and Université Paris-Diderot, his work currently deals with three main themes: democracy and authoritarianism, and where the two are found in Canada; the phenomenology of interpersonal relationships; and Canadian philosophy and political thought. His students reflect on their place in society, on the possibilities and reasons for their actions and those of others, and on the concepts that are used to study and to do politics.

#### **Dr. Sandra Rein**

Dr. Rein teaches international relations, international political economy and comparative politics, and is co-editor of *Critical Concepts: an Introduction to Politics*. Her primary research interests focus on the work of Raya Dunayevskaya and critical political economy. Current research projects take her to South Africa and Cuba, and she coordinates both the Augustana-in-Cuba study abroad program and the Model UN course.

#### **Dr. Shauna Wilton**

Having studied at the University of Manitoba, Carleton University, the University of Alberta, and Stockholm University, her work has taken her to Sweden, Belgium, the Netherlands, the UK and, most recently, India. Her research is focused on issues related to nationalism and gender, political institutions and parties, and culture and politics. Courses with Dr. Wilton focus on understanding power relations in politics and society and student engagement with the critical issues facing society today.



**AUGUSTANA CAMPUS**

AUGUSTANA CAMPUS, UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA  
4901 - 46 AVENUE, CAMROSE, ALBERTA, CANADA T4V 2R3

**AUGUSTANA**  
**campus**  
small campus. big opportunities.

**your future  
starts here**

# life at Augustana

“Let us teach ourselves that politics can be not only the art of the possible, ... but that it can also be the art of the impossible, namely, the art of improving ourselves and the world.”  
—Czech President, Václav Havel

## Why Augustana?

Augustana Campus, University of Alberta provides an excellent environment in which to prepare for professional careers or graduate studies. Dedicated to the pursuit of the liberal arts and sciences, Augustana provides an education in which the acquisition of advanced academic knowledge is coupled with the skills required for success in professional life: critical thinking, clear writing and confident presentations. Augustana's small class sizes provide more interaction with the professor and enable more student-led learning.

Augustana's small city setting and excellent residence life program also encourage participation in community service and provide an opportunity for students to develop skills in service and leadership.

## What is Political Studies?

Politics concerns a vast number of topics central to our lives as individuals and citizens. Political studies refers to the systematic inquiry into political issues, ideas, institutions and processes, ranging from the distribution of power between states, governments and groups, to the exploration of basic questions about democracy, freedom, equality and representation.

## Why study politics at Augustana?

### Intense, research-focused education:

Political studies majors engage in courses aimed at building their research, critical thinking, argumentation and presentation skills. Our best students are hired as research assistants who provide support for faculty research. In order to produce excellent research skills among our students, we require them to take the following courses:

- AUPOL 200 introduces students to the research process. They get hands-on experience doing different types of research, providing an excellent foundation for senior level courses.
- AUPOL 300 enables students to delve further into the discipline of political studies and build a research proposal, starting them on the road to conducting independent, original research and better understanding their role as citizens.
- AUPOL 405 offers students the opportunity to unify their learning experience at Augustana and conduct original research, providing them with an excellent representation of their skills and abilities for grad school and job applications

### Hands on, experiential, international learning:

Many of our students take advantage of the excellent opportunities at Augustana to take learning outside of the traditional classroom. Why not spend a term at a university in Cuba, learning Spanish and studying

politics? Or study Indian or Chinese politics and economics, then finish the course with a trip to the place you've studied? Compete in an international Model UN in New York or Washington! You can finish with a political internship, receiving course credit and job experience working for a political party or non-profit organization.

### Critical approaches:

The political studies program at the Augustana campus of UAlberta utilizes an engaged approach to studying politics. Professors are committed to social justice and combine their teaching and research with their work in communities in Alberta, Canada and the world. We aim to create links between theory and the everyday practices of real people, providing students with a diverse framework for learning and political engagement. Our faculty studied at universities across Canada, in the USA, France and Sweden. We have worked with organizations and universities in Cuba, Germany, India, Europe and South Africa. We bring our work, knowledge and experiences to our classrooms, providing students with an education that reaches far beyond rural Alberta.

## Admission Requirements

For admission from high school, an average of 70% is required in Grade 12 academic English and four other Grade 12 subjects.

## Program Requirements

### Major in Political Studies

- AUPOL103 and AUPOL104
- 3 credits in either AUPOL210 or AUPOL211
- AUPOL200, AUPOL221, AUPOL240, AUPOL300
- 12 additional credits at the 300- or 400-level, of which at least 6 must be at the 400-level
- 9 additional senior credits

### Minor in Political Studies

- AUPOL103 and AUPOL104
- 3 credits from AUPOL210, 211, 221 or 240
- 9 additional senior credits, of which at least 3 must be at the 300-level or above

## Career Opportunities

Our students are successful in following a variety of career paths. Their research-intensive and communication-oriented program of study prepares students for opportunities that go far beyond traditional government jobs. Many of our students go on to graduate or law school or in to education. Others work for political parties and politicians, for non-profit organizations, media and the civil service. Our graduates are teachers, professors, lawyers, policy analysts, editors, activists, political assistants and politicians.