Bachelor of Arts
Political Science

Do you want to know how governments really work? Our program will give you deep insight into the function of law, diplomacy, foreign policy, international conflict and peace while also teaching you skills you need to work in the public service, foreign affairs and conflict resolution.

Political Science provides a foundational education that will help you understand and navigate the complexities of modern politics and international relations. Our program will lead you to a career in law, government, diplomacy or conflict resolution.

We will teach you about the origins and functions of the modern state, the reasons why we follow the law as well as the critical role of civil disobedience, and how countries go to war and eventually find peace.

We will study, discuss and debate the most important political texts and global events while also teaching you the skills you need to succeed in our political world.

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Why Nipissing?
Our program is unique because it offers a balance of theory and practical skills. We teach you how to read, write, speak and, most importantly, think critically about all things political. In Political Science, you will have the unique opportunity to work closely with professors to improve and refine these skills. In the classroom, you will be encouraged to share your ideas and articulate questions, engage in exciting debates about provocative issues, and even design an individualized study course based on your own interests.

Our popular Conflict Resolution and International Negotiations courses offer theories and methods to understand and alleviate conflict in a variety of contexts from the family, to workplace, to relations between states. In the classroom, you will learn and practice the skills to be effective international negotiators. These courses are perfect for anyone interested in careers in law, the military, nursing, business or work with international organizations.

What does my first year look like?
As a first year student, you can expect to be asked provocative questions, think about fundamental ideas and discuss and debate key political issues. First year courses may include “Politics, Power and the Common Good”, or “Globalization and Global Citizenship.”

Where Can I Go After Graduation?
Our graduates have worked for embassies and consulates in Ottawa, the European Union in Brussels, and our military and domestic intelligence agencies. They have been elected Mayor, City Councilor and Band Councilor. Many of our students have continued their studies in graduate schools across Canada, the United Kingdom, Australia and the United States. Political Science is also the perfect undergraduate degree for anyone interested in law school, working in domestic government or international diplomacy.