

ACADEMIC PROGRAM REVIEW

REVIEW SUMMARY FOR DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL STUDIES

(1) REVIEW DETAILS

Unit Reviewed:	<i>Department of Political Studies</i>
Programs Reviewed:	<i>Bachelor of Arts Three-Year – Political Studies</i> <i>Bachelor of Arts Four-Year – Political Studies</i> <i>Bachelor of Arts Honours – Political Studies</i> <i>Bachelor of Arts Double Honours – Political Studies</i> <i>Bachelor of Arts Double Honours – Political Studies Major 1</i> <i>Bachelor of Arts Double Honours – Political Studies Major 2</i> <i>Minor in Political Studies</i> <i>Master of Arts – Political Studies (Thesis Option and Major Research Paper Option)</i>
Review Team Members:	<i>Chris Alcantara, Professor (External Reviewer)</i> Western University (Faculty of Social Science) <i>Jasmin Habib, Professor (External Reviewer)</i> University of Waterloo (Faculty of Arts) <i>Robin Hansen, Associate Professor (Internal Reviewer)</i> University of Saskatchewan (College of Law)
Date and Type of Review:	<i>October 20-21, 2025 (On Site Review)</i>

(2) STAKEHOLDER PARTICIPATION

The Review Team consulted with many stakeholders as part of the review, including having in-person meetings with the following personnel:

- Faculty (including STM faculty)
- Sessional Lecturers
- Undergraduate students
- Graduate students
- Administrative support staff
- Alumni
- Department Head
- College leadership (Arts and Science, Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies)
- Deputy Provost

(3) SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

The Review Team's External Review Report included a number of findings and observations for consideration. Recommendations were primarily in the areas of (sorted alphabetically):

- Alumni engagement
- Communication with internal stakeholders
- Course delivery, including standardization and/or options
- Curriculum design and/or review
- Faculty complement size and/or areas of focus
- Library resources
- Program learning outcomes
- Program review, optimization and/or reconfiguration
- Research collaboration opportunities
- Student experiential learning opportunities

(4) IMPLEMENTATION OF ENHANCEMENTS, MONITORING AND DATE OF NEXT REVIEW

The Department Head and Dean (Arts and Science) are responsible for building an action plan and the implementation of any recommendations in the External Review Report which were supported and/or agreed with in terms of the response from the academic unit. The Department Head is expected to provide a progress update to the Office of the Provost and VP Academic within 2 years of the completion of the review, which in this instance, is November 2027.

The next review of the department and its programs will be initiated no later than the 2035/36 academic year.

(5) DISTRIBUTION

Updates on the status of this review, including implementation progress in the years following review completion, will be provided to Academic Programs Committee.

The Self-Study Report, External Review Report, and the Academic Unit Response, are all shared with the following stakeholders: College/Department leaders, Dean of College of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies, Teaching Innovation and Strategic Initiatives, and the Deputy Provost.

Inquiries into further details about the process and outcomes of this review can be submitted to the [Assessment and Analytics Team](#) within the Office of the Provost and Vice-President Academic.