

Dear Political Science Students,

I hope your summer break is off to a good start. With registration about to begin, I wanted to reach out to you and give a few guidelines about **course delivery, registration, and selection**. If something comes up that is not covered by the information below, please feel free to reach out to me via email at: pncain@lakeheadu.ca.

Course Delivery Methods

The University will return to campus in the Fall, while retaining an online option (Web and Zoom) in a significant number of cases to meet the anticipated limits to be imposed by the Ontario government's Covid response. Please register according to your needs.

Course Registration

1. **Please register ASAP** after registration opens.
2. **If you need advising** on course selection, sign up for your courses using your best guess BEFORE checking with me. Then (but only if you want) you may check with me--attaching a screenshot of your Degree Audit from My Info. If I am on holidays, you should contact the Acting Chair (my out of office reply will guide you).
3. **If a course is full**, get on the **Waitlist** immediately. People will be let in from the Waitlist in the order that they have registered. If there is no waitlist, let me know and we will create one.

Course Selection by Year Level (advising)

First year students

Should take first year courses—we strongly recommend taking BOTH Political Science 1301 and Political Science 1100

Second year students

Should primarily take 2nd year courses, **and may also mix in a few 3rd year level courses.**

By the end of their 2nd year, students should attempt to complete one course in the following Political Science subfields: Political Theory, International Relations, Canadian Politics, Comparative Politics.

Third year students

Should primarily take 3rd year courses, and may also mix in a few other year level courses according to their needs, **including 4th year courses.**

Fourth year students and graduating students

Be sure you have selected the courses needed **complete your degree requirements.** The best way to check this is to (a) first sign up for courses; and then (b) **check the Degree Audit under My Info** to make sure your selected courses complete your graduation requirements. Every year a few students are UNABLE to graduate because they did not fulfill their degree requirements. So please **check your Degree Audit!**

Other notes

POLI 4911 Democracy and the History of Political Thought counts as a Political Theory course but (because it is a special topic) will not show up as that in your Degree Audit. We will, however, count it as such when it comes time to graduate.

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Finally, please don't let this process become stressful. Almost all registration related problems can be solved if dealt with in a timely manner.

With best wishes, and hopes of seeing you soon,

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