

Statement of Degree Level Expectations
Department of Political Science, FLA&PS
September 2012

	Bachelor's Degree (90 credits) <i>This degree awarded to students who have demonstrated:</i>	Bachelor's Degree Honours (120 credits) <i>This degree awarded to students who have demonstrated:</i>
1. Breadth and depth of knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a solid and general understanding of politics on a theoretical, historical, global, and practical level • a broad understanding within and across the main fields of Political Science in Canada: Political Theory, Canadian Politics, International Relations, Comparative Politics, and Women and Politics. • an ability to undertake basic research in the discipline • a general knowledge of the discipline • critical thinking, reading, oral, teamwork, and writing skills that are transferable • an ability to apply the knowledge and skills acquired to other relevant disciplines and to the workplace 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an advanced and critical understanding of politics on a theoretical, historical, global, and practical level • a developed understanding within and across the main fields of Political Science in Canada: Political Theory, Canadian Politics, International Relations, Comparative Politics, and Women and Politics. • an ability to undertake advanced and critical research in the discipline • a specific and developed knowledge of the discipline • in-depth critical thinking, reading, oral, teamwork, and writing skills that are transferable • an ability to apply the knowledge and skills acquired to other relevant disciplines and to the workplace
2. Knowledge of Methodologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an understanding of the variety of methods used in the fields 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an understanding of the variety of methods used in the fields

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an ability to critically reflect upon such methods • an ability to apply such methods to other relevant disciplines and in the workplace 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an ability to critically reflect upon such methods • an ability to apply such methods to other relevant disciplines and in the workplace • an ability to critically reflect upon current scholarship in the discipline
3. Applications of knowledge, skills and tools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an ability to analyze political problems and issues • an ability to develop clear and coherent arguments regarding political problems and issues • a capacity to propose solutions to political problems within a specific framework • an ability to identify and use current scholarship 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an advanced ability to critically analyze political problems and issues • an advanced ability to develop clear and coherent arguments regarding political problems and issues • a demonstrated capacity to propose solutions to political problems within a variety of specific frameworks • an ability to identify and critically use current scholarship
4. Communication skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the ability to communicate ideas, problems, solutions, and perspectives with accuracy both in oral and written communications • the willingness to listen to diverse perspectives and points of view and the recognition that opposing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the advanced ability to communicate and analyze ideas, problems, solutions, and perspectives with accuracy both in oral and written communications • the willingness to listen to diverse perspectives and points of view and the recognition that opposing

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	<p>perspectives are entitled to a respectful hearing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the capacity to work in a collegial manner in small groups 	<p>perspectives are entitled to a respectful hearing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the competency to work and to help build a sense of collegiality in small groups
5. Awareness of limits of knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • awareness of the limits inherent to all perspectives 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • awareness of the limits inherent to all perspectives • an ability to think beyond a chosen perspective • the capacity to show creativity in designing research frames and analysis
6. Autonomy and professional capacity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an ability for self-directed learning • the capacity to use skills developed in a variety of settings: workplace, community, interpersonal relations. • an ethical approach to politics and an informed commitment to democratic values 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a high competency for self-directed learning • the capacity to use skills developed in a variety of settings: workplace, graduate studies, community, interpersonal relations. • an ethical approach to politics and an informed commitment to democratic values • the capacity for critical self-reflection