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### **As part of which programmes can I take Political Science?**

The Department's core undergraduate programme is the BA in International Studies. However, Political Science also forms an integral part of the following degree programmes:

BA in Human Sciences  
BA in Politics, Philosophy and Economics  
BA in Socio-Informatics  
BA in Human Resource Management  
BA in Social Dynamics BA (Law)  
BA in Decision Making and Knowledge Management  
BComm

## **What questions do we ask in Political Science?**

- What is the interaction between politics and economics?
- Why is there continuing conflict in Africa?
- How do we analyse political and voting behaviour?
- What are the current main geopolitical trends?
- How do we manage global problems like climate change?
- What are the implications of South Africa's dominant party system for democracy?

## **Why study Political Science?**

Politics influence all spheres of life. Regardless of whether you see yourself working in business, tourism, journalism, or elsewhere in South Africa or internationally, understanding the role that politics play in our world is essential.

## **What can I do with Political Science?**

Political Science graduates go on to become, amongst others:

- Managers in the private and public sector
- Diplomats
- Lawyers
- Political analysts
- Organisers in non-governmental organisations
- Aid workers
- Officials of international organisations such as the UN
- Managers of political campaigns
- Researchers
- Journalists
- Negotiators / Conflict mediators
- Political advisors
- Consultants

## **As deel van watter programme kan ek Politieke Wetenskap neem?**

Die Departement se kern voorgraadse program is die BA in Internasionale Studie. Politieke Wetenskap vorm egter ook 'n integrale deel van die volgende graadprogramme:

BA in Geesteswetenskappe  
BA in Politiek, Filosofie en Ekonomiese (PPE)  
BA in Sosio-Informatika  
BA in Menslike Hulpbronbestuur  
BA in Sosiale Dinamika  
BA in Besluitneming en Kennisbestuur  
BA (Regte)  
BComm

## **Watter tipe vrae vra ons in Politieke Wetenskap?**

- Wat is die interaksie tussen politiek en ekonomiese ontwikkeling?
- Hoekom is daar voortslepende konflik in Afrika?
- Hoe ontleed ons politieke en stemgedrag?
- Hoekom maak state oorlog?
- Hoe bestuur ons globale probleme soos klimaatsverandering?
- Wat is die implikasies van Suid-Afrika se dominante partystelsel vir demokrasie?

## **Hoekom Politieke Wetenskap studeer?**

Politiek beïnvloed elke aspek van ons lewens. Ongeag of jy beplan om in die veld van besigheid, toerisme, joernalistiek of elders, in Suid-Afrika of internasionaal te werk, is 'n begrip van die rol wat politiek in ons wêreld speel van uiterste belang. Wat kan ek doen met Politieke Wetenskap?

### **Politieke Wetenskap graduandi word, onder andere:**

- Bestuurders in die privaat- en openbare sektor
- Diplomate
- Regslui
- Politieke ontleders
- Organiseerders en aktiviste in nie-regeringsorganisasies
- Hulpverleningswerkers
- Amptenare in internasionale organisasies soos die VN
- Bestuurders van politieke veldtogte
- Navorsers
- Joernaliste
- Onderhandelaars / bemiddelaars

## **BA (Internasionale Studie)**

### **Programinhoud en -struktuur**

Dit is 'n driejarige, interdissiplinêre program wat daarop gerig is om 'n omvattende begrip vir die komplek-siteit van internasionale vraagstukke by jou te ontwikkel. Deur middel van 'n doelmatige seleksie van modules en vakke wat saamwerk om die programspesifieke hoofvak Politieke Wetenskap te ondersteun, word daar gefokus op die interaksie met ekonomiese oorwegings, kultuur en identiteitskwessies, die belang van historiese konteks asook die aanleer van 'n moderne vreemde taal.

Die program bestaan uit ses vakke in die eerste jaar, ses vakke in die tweede jaar (met Frans of Duits) of vyf vakke (met Chinees) en twee hoofvakke (met 24-krediet-keusemodules) in die derde jaar. Die program lei onder ander tot nagraadse studie in Politieke Wetenskap, Geskiedenis of ander rigtings, maar is onderhewig aan nagraadse programspesifieke vereistes.

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## **BA (International Studies)**

### Programme Content and Structure

This is a three-year, interdisciplinary programme that is focused on developing a broad insight for the complexity of international matters. The programme focuses on the interaction of economic considerations, cultural and identity matters, the importance of historical context as well as the learning of a modern foreign language. This is done by means of a focused selection of modules and subjects that work together to support the programme-specific major subject Political Science.

The programme consists of six subjects in the first year, six subjects in the second year (with French or German) or five subjects (with Chinese), and two major subjects (with elective modules of 24 credits) in the third year. The programme leads to postgraduate study in Political Science, History or other fields of study but is subject to postgraduate programme-specific requirements.

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