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BAHons Political Science (01240411)

Duration of study 1 year

Total credits 120

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Admission requirements

A relevant bachelor's degree with Political Science or a directly related field of study as a major/field of specialisation.

An average of 70% is required in the major/field of specialisation.

Additional requirements

In certain cases additional modules may be required.

Other programme-specific information

In collaboration with the programme manager and with the approval of the head of department, students can select one elective module from another discipline.

Only certain modules are presented annually. Please consult the department in this regard.



Curriculum: Final year

Minimum credits: 120

Fundamental modules

Research report: Political science 770 (STL 770)

Module credits	40.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	1 lecture per week
Language of tuition	English
Academic organisation	Political Sciences
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

A limited research report of 8 000-10 000 words, based on independent research done by the student in a specialised field of political science, is written under the guidance of a supervisor. This is preceded by an introduction to advanced political research in the discipline with the inclusion of appropriate research methodology, research ethics, and the planning and documentation of research.

Core modules

Political theory 751 (STL 751)

Module credits	20.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	English
Academic organisation	Political Sciences
Period of presentation	Semester 1 or Semester 2

Module content

An in-depth study and evaluation of the metatheoretical and theoretical foundations of modern politics. The emphasis is on the ideas and theories shaping politics in the contemporary world, as well as on the issues and changes in society that challenge established political theories.

Elective modules

African and regional politics 751 (PTO 751)

Module credits	20.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	English
Academic organisation	Political Sciences
Period of presentation	Semester 1 or Semester 2



Module content

The module focuses on African political systems, the position and role of Africa in the international system and aspects of regionalism and regionalisation. An analysis and evaluation is made of the major issues, challenges, trends and transformations concerning the domestic politics and the regional and international relations of African states, including pan-Africanism.

Peace, conflict and mediation 752 (PTO 752)

Module credits 20.00

Prerequisites No prerequisites.

Language of tuition English

Academic organisation Political Sciences

Period of presentation Semester 1 or Semester 2

Module content

The theory and practice of peace missions and political conflict with specific reference to the classification, causes, development, conduct, management and outcomes of political conflict. Particular emphasis is placed on the different facets of peace missions and political conflict management such as conflict avoidance, prevention, settlement and resolution, as well as the process of bargaining, negotiation and (third party) mediation. An analysis will be made of selected case studies with specific reference to mediation in violent conflicts in Africa.

Jean Monnet European Studies 753 (PTO 753)

Module credits 20.00

Prerequisites No prerequisites.

Language of tuition English

Academic organisation Political Sciences

Period of presentation Semester 1 or Semester 2

Module content

This module offers an overview of the European Union and the main directions of change in Europe are explored from a political-economic perspective. The main elements of study are theoretical aspects of political and economic integration; the development of the "Idea of Europe" with emphasis on the role of seminal thinkers and the main historical forces; the evolution of European integration; a structural-functional analysis of the main institutions of the EU; the main issues confronting the EU; and the EU's development and aid policy towards the ACP countries with special emphasis on the Cotonou Agreement and the TDCA with South Africa.

Political policy studies 752 (STL 752)

Module credits 20.00

Prerequisites No prerequisites.

Contact time 1 lecture per week

Language of tuition English

Academic organisation Political Sciences



Period of presentation Semester 1 or Semester 2

Module content

An advanced study of policy analysis. Policy analysis is an approach to public policy that aims to integrate and contextualise models and research. Special attention is given to meta-analysis (methods and approaches), meso-analysis and decision-making analysis.

South African politics 753 (STL 753)

Module credits 20.00

Prerequisites No prerequisites.

Language of tuition English

Academic organisation Political Sciences

Period of presentation Semester 1 or Semester 2

Module content

The study of South African politics with reference to political institutions, the political process, political issues and policy. The emphasis is on recent events and developments in the national and international political environment. Emphasis is placed on political parties, organisations and institutions, the political system, the development of the political system, system adaptation, transformation and legitimacy, influences on the political environment, elections, political leadership, policy and the development of policy.

Comparative politics 754 (STL 754)

Module credits 20.00

Prerequisites No prerequisites.

Language of tuition English

Academic organisation Political Sciences

Period of presentation Semester 1 or Semester 2

Module content

Emphasis is placed on the development of comparative politics; problems in the comparative study of political objects and in the evaluation of approaches and principles underlying comparative analysis; as well as the identification and evaluation of new approaches. This knowledge is applied to specific case studies.

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