

**DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE
ST. GEORGE CAMPUS**

**POL 499Y1 Y (Senior Thesis and Thesis Seminar)
2015-16**

ELIGIBILITY:

- a. Going into your 4th year
(i.e., you expect to complete at least 14.0 FCEs by the end of August 2015)
- b. You must be enrolled in one of the following programs:
POL Specialist, Joint ECO/POL Specialist, Joint HIS/POL Specialist, Joint
PHIL/POL Specialist, Joint POL/SOC Specialist, POL Major **AND** have a GPA of at
least 3.0 in Political Science courses

OR
- c. You must be enrolled in an interdisciplinary program (i.e., a Major or Specialist program
closely related to POL) **AND** have a CGPA of at least 3.3

EXCLUSION:

Students are not allowed to enrol in Independent Study courses (POL 495Y, POL 496H, POL 497H) **at the same time they are registered in POL 499Y.**

REQUIREMENTS:

Thesis (75%):

- The thesis should be between 40-60 double-spaced pages (15,000 - 20,000 words).
- This is worth 75% of the final grade.
- The thesis is not strictly a "research paper" but rather a substantive piece of written work suitable for students in all sub-disciplines in political science. Thesis may variously address a particular research question, theory creation and testing, the critical analysis of a body of literature, or key political philosophical texts and the like.
- The thesis should be a new piece of work.

Seminar (25%):

- Students enrolled in POL 499Y will attend the Thesis Seminar.
- This is worth 25% of the final grade and is based on attendance, class participation and oral presentations.
- Instructor for the Thesis Seminar for 2015-16 is Professor Donald Kingsbury.
- The seminar is scheduled for Thursday 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.
- Location TBA.

HOW TO APPLY:

- 1) Contact Jamie Levin, Undergraduate Advisor, polsci.advisor@utoronto.ca regarding potential supervisors.
- 2) Complete section A of the form, attach a short (approximately two pages double-spaced) thesis proposal and a copy of your academic record (print out from ROSI) to the application form.
- 3) Complete section B with your supervisor.
- 4) Complete Authorization Enrolment form authorizing the Department to enrol you in POL 499Y if approved by the Undergraduate Program Director.
- 5) Return forms to Elizabeth Jagdeo, Student and Alumni/Advancement Coordinator, SSH 3027. The deadline for applications is June 15, 2015. **Acceptance in POL 499Y is based on merit (GPA and the strength of the proposal).**
- 6) You will be notified by the Undergraduate Office before July 1 of the outcome of your application.

PLEASE TURN OVER

(Complete this section)

A	Surname:		First names:		
	Student #:		College:		
	Program(s) enrolled in:		Year of Study (e.g. 3rd year):		# of credits completed as of August 2015
	E-mail Address:				
	Phone #:				
	Course #:	POL 499Y1 Y			
	Course topic/title:				
	Academic session:	2015-16			
	Reason for taking the course:				
	List course #, title and session of Independent Study courses taken previously:				

(Complete this section with your Supervisor regarding the Thesis)

B	Thesis	Weight of Thesis	Please indicate Due Date (no later than end of course or as agreed with supervisor and instructor)
		Thesis should be between 40-60 double-spaced pages (15,000 - 20,000 words).	75%
	Arrangements for meetings between Supervisor and student:		
	Supervisor's Name: <i>(must be a POL faculty member with a continuing academic appointment)</i>		
	Supervisor's Tel:		
	Supervisor's Signature:		
	Date:		

(Return form to SSH 3027 for the Undergraduate Director's approval)

C	Undergraduate Director's Signature		Date	
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POL 499Y Authorization Enrolment Form

I hereby authorize the Department of Political Science to add my name to the Senior Thesis course:

COURSE #	POL 499Y1 Y
ACADEMIC SESSION	2015-16
NAME	
SIGNATURE	
STUDENT #	
DATE	

To Cancel/Drop this course

To cancel this course, you must do so at your College Registrar's Office or the Department of Political Science.