



**STUDENTS IN THE POLITICAL SCIENCE BA WITH CO-OP** are assisted in their job search by a dedicated Faculty of Arts co-operative education co-ordinator who develops work term opportunities and counsels and facilitates student access to these opportunities. All students are also encouraged to pursue work term opportunities independently, in consultation with the co-ordinator. The co-ordinator also monitors students during their work term, provides professional development workshops and seminars and is the liaison between the university, the student and the employer.

**STUDENTS IN POSC 4600** receive support from a member of the department who assists with co-ordinating a work placement and engages staff in Career Development & Experiential Learning.

“The internship program has been a very positive experience for our office. Students bring a fresh outlook, enthusiasm and energy which benefits all in the office environment ... Our intern was high performance and exercised initiative and demonstrated maturity...”

– INDUSTRY CANADA,  
GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

“The responsibilities of our office demand professional behaviour and strong communication skills, and our intern’s abilities quickly proved to be a valuable asset to our team.”

– INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS, GOVERNMENT OF  
NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR

The Department of Political Science at Memorial University offers internship and co-op programs which allow students the opportunity to take what they have studied in the classroom and apply it to the world around them.

**POLICY IS THE BEST POLICY.**

*Policy.* Want real-world skills? Then become a part of how public policy is developed, delivered and maintained. With positions working on policy analysis available with federal, provincial and municipal government, with non-governmental organizations or with political parties, there is no limit to what you can learn from your experience... while having a meaningful impact on society.

**WE LOVE A GOOD PARTY.**

*Politics.* See first-hand how politics operates. Work closely with political support staff, get to know how decisions are made, contribute to communications campaigns and help constituents get government service. Get your feet wet working with political parties at the federal or provincial level, or perhaps in a non-partisan capacity with a legislature or government agency.

**WE ADVOCATE ADVOCACY.**

*Non-Profit.* Passionate about changing society for the better? Be a part of the advocacy and non-profit sector at the front lines and work passionately for a cause you believe in. Explore a range of placements from international organizations to community groups.

**LABOUR OF LOVE.**

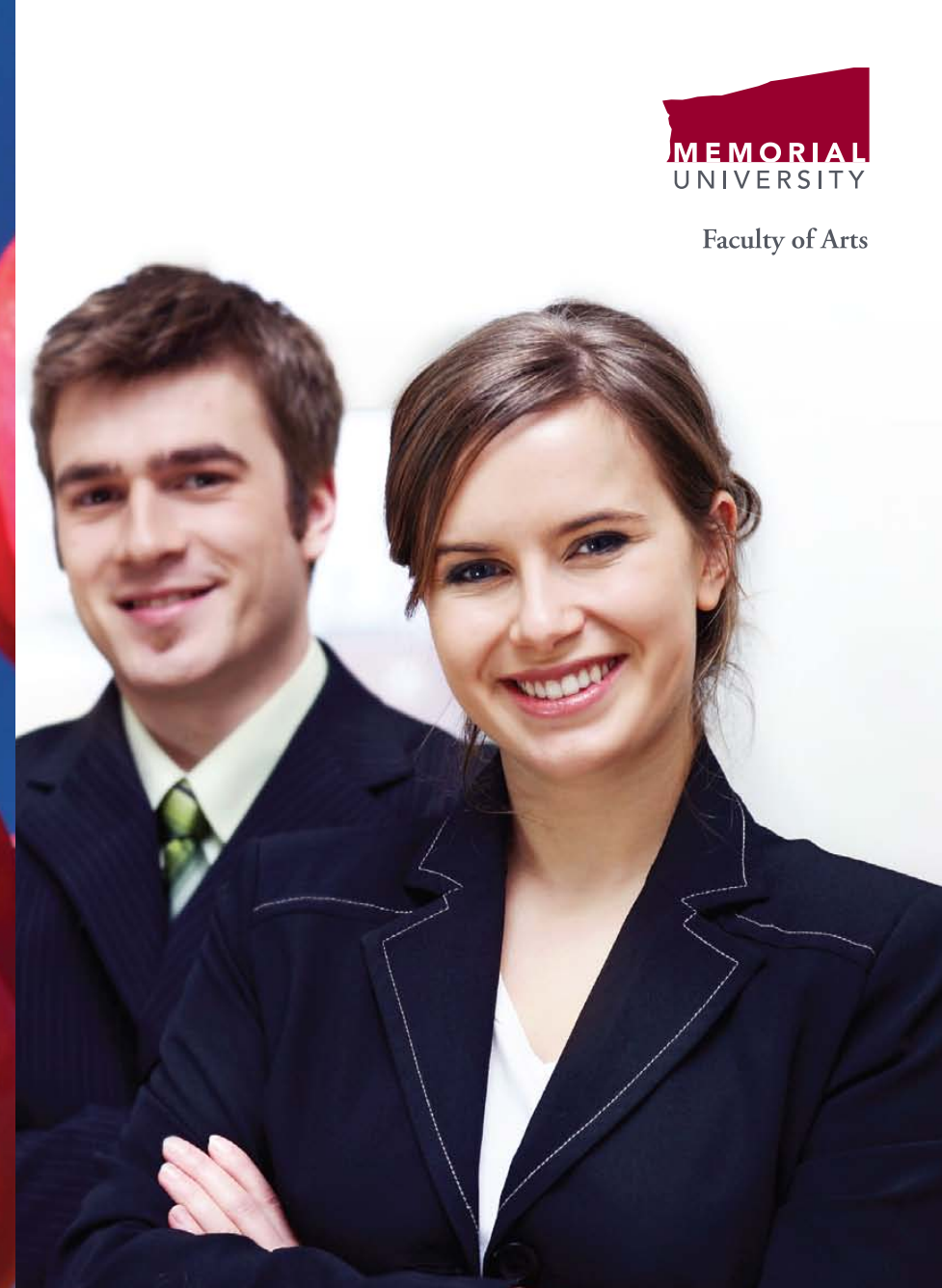
*Labour.* Get up close and personal with a labour organization and see what it’s really like for a union fighting to protect the rights of its workers. Placements are available with well known labour organizations who seek progressive change.

**COURT SIDE.**

*Law.* Interested in positions within the legal sector as you prepare for transition to law school? Placements are available with a range of legislative bodies dealing with everything from upholding human rights to ensuring public access to legal advice.



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### WANT TO LEARN BY DOING? APPLY YOUR KNOWLEDGE ON THE JOB?

You're in the right place. Memorial University's political science department is a leader in social sciences co-operative education and offers several innovative opportunities to get practical experience on the job while completing either your bachelor's or master's degree. Develop a better understanding of the possible career opportunities that await you on the other side of graduation by exploring our programs.

There are two ways for undergraduate students to develop public affairs work experience with the government, political parties, advocacy groups, the media or other nongovernmental organizations as part of your political science studies:

- **BA WITH CO-OP:** an undergraduate co-op degree, which adds 12 months of paid work to a regular political science degree program
- **POSC 4600:** an undergraduate internship course, which earns 4000-level course credits

Work placements are hosted by employers across Canada, foremost in the St. John's area, with some possibility of international placements. All placements must be approved by the political science department and all programs feature course assignments but no classes. Students are expected to work with university staff to develop their resumé and prepare for interviews.

**INTERNSHIP OR CO-OP?** A co-operative education student will complete three full-time paid work placements and must finish their degree on an academic term.

Unlike co-op, an internship placement does not require that the student return to finish courses, and the number of work hours varies. In political science at Memorial, internships range from eight hrs per week (total 96 hours) for POSC 4600 to a full-time semester commitment for our MA program, while a BA with co-op candidate undertakes three full-time semesters of placements.

### THE POLITICAL SCIENCE B.A. WITH CO-OP (3 WORK TERMS)

Undergraduate students pursuing an honours or major in political science can build on their studies by enrolling in the Political Science Co-operative Education (PSCE) program. Students complete three full-time work terms (totalling 12 months paid work) as they apply their academic knowledge to practical situations while developing their research, analysis and writing skills, as well as their career interests. It also features skills-based writing assignments such as briefing notes and cabinet papers.

Admission is competitive and selective. Overall academic achievement is the primary criteria and applicants may be asked to attend an interview. A commitment to exceptional ethical and professional conduct is expected.

The annual deadline for application is Nov. 15 and should be made when a student is expected to have completed a minimum of 42 credit hours, including POSC 1000 and 2800 (POSC 2010 and 2600 are strongly recommended) by the end of that semester.

*(Co-op work terms administered by the Division of Co-operative Education)*

### THE POLITICAL SCIENCE INTERNSHIP COURSE (96 HOURS)

Political Science 4600 is a great opportunity for senior students in any degree program with at least some political science background who wish to spend a limited amount of time in a professional environment and an ideal option for employers to avail of experienced undergraduate students for small projects. This internship course is regularly offered to provide students the opportunity to earn regular 4000-level credit hours while applying what they have learned during their degree program. It involves a one-semester commitment of work experience that offers an opportunity for students to fully explore their options as they choose a career path. Students work 96 hours (eight hrs per week, unpaid) during the semester and must sign a learning contract with their employer. There are career-related writing assignments but no classes. *(Placements administered by the Department of Political Science)*

**“I believe the greatest value of the internship is that it provides a unique and exciting experience that is unparalleled in the classroom.”**

– MARK, POSC 4600 student

### ALSO AVAILABLE

### THE POLITICAL SCIENCE MA WITH INTERNSHIP (1 WORK TERM)

A popular and competitive one-year full-time program, the MA with internship is designed to provide students who have completed an undergraduate degree with practical work experience in public policy research and public administration. Students undertake two semesters of coursework to provide them with a basic background in political science research. A four-month paid work term follows (generally running from May to August). Students must also produce a major paper for POSC 6031 (a co-requisite for the internship, POSC 6030) that applies political science concepts and methods to an issue related to their placements.

**“The master's program provided strong financial support and an excellent opportunity to gain practical experience through the internship option. The program made concrete what I learned in the undergraduate program and truly prepared me to work in the policy field.”**

– CHRISTINE, MA internship graduate

### INFORMATION FOR EMPLOYERS

How employers benefit from these programs

Skilled political science students can bring great added-value to your team. You will be surprised by how quickly they can help your organization achieve and even surpass strategic goals and objectives – while adding to a positive workplace environment including mentor satisfaction. A three-way partnership between student, employer and university, co-operative opportunities allow employers to:

- Establish future recruitment possibilities
- Access junior professional-level workers who require little supervision
- Achieve progress on projects such as research and analysis work
- Contribute to a dynamic workplace culture
- Influence a young person's career path
- Assist in knowledge-building

### Requirements

For employers, common features of each program are:

- Participate in the student selection process
- Provide a meaningful work experience related to the student's area of study
- Offer appropriate professional guidance, supervision and feedback
- Provide a written evaluation of the student's performance at the end of the work term

Additional requirements for employers participating in the BA with co-op and MA internship program require employers to:

- Engage a student as a regular junior member of staff
- Provide a salary consistent with the employer's organizational salary structure
- Participate in a co-operative education co-ordinator's site visit

For more information on how to participate in any of these programs, please contact the Department of Political Science.

For details on all programs visit [www.mun.ca/posc](http://www.mun.ca/posc).