DEPARTMENT OF
POLITICAL SCIENCE

POLS 6900: Communications

Credit Weighting: 0.25 **Pre-/Co-Requisites:** - **Restrictions:** -

INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION

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GENERAL DETAILS

The purpose of this course is to contribute to professional development and assist in navigating life as a graduate student in the Department of Political Science. It covers subjects such as working with a supervisor, taking on a job as teaching assistant, applying for graduate funding, publishing, and career opportunities once the degree has been completed. There will also be extensive opportunities to discuss issues of particular concern or interest to participants in th ecourse.

While this course is mandatory for all graduate students, it is associated with only 0.25 credits. As a result, relatively little will be demanded of students in terms of preparation or assignments. The only requirements will be to attend and participate in the meetings, give a presentation, and complete a short reflection journal.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

As a result of participating in this course, students will:
- Understand what is expected of them during their time as a graduate student at the University of Guelph
- Improve crucial academic skills such as writing, presenting, managing their time, and finding information
- Have the opportunity to address any issue of concern arising in their graduate studies

METHOD OF ASSESSMENT

The course will be graded as either satisfactory (SAT) or unsatisfactory (UNS). To achieve a mark of satisfactory, students will need to: (1) attend and participate in at least 10 of the 12 meetings in the course; (2) give a presentation on one of their papers or research projects; and (3) submit a reflection journal at the end of the year.

REQUIRED READING

There will be no required reading that students need to prepare in advance of class. Any relevant material will be made available through the Courselink page of this course.