

Brief Course Outline

Course Title: **Special Topics in Political Science**

Course Number and Section:

POLISCI

4452F 550

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Course Description:

This course is an in-depth examination of the concept of diversity and its operation in Canadian politics in theory and practice. Throughout, we will consider theories identifying the origins of the concept of diversity, definitions of diversity, and explanations of its uses in Canadian political institutions and national narratives. What is diversity and why is Canada diverse? Who represents diversity, what does it mean to be diverse, and who/what is diversity defined against? The course also considers diversity in practice, examining policies aimed at increasing or managing diversity, especially EDI policy, immigration policy, and multiculturalism policy. This course emphasizes the work of Canadian scholars writing from a variety of perspectives.

Learning Outcomes:

explain distinct scholarly definitions of and perspectives on diversity;

describe various ways the concept of diversity has been used in Canadian political institutions and national narratives;

examine policies focused on enhancing or managing diversity;

explain a scholarly article or chapter to their peers;

take a leadership role in classroom discussions about diversity in Canadian politics;

reflect on their changing scholarly understanding of diversity;

apply course readings and scholarly sources to conduct research on diversity in Canadian politics.

Textbooks and Course Materials:

Containing Diversity: Canada and the Politics of Immigration in the 21st Century by Abu-Laban, Tungohan, and Gabriel.

Other readings will be posted to Brightspace.

Methods Of Evaluation:

Assignment	Due Date mm/dd/yy	Weight - %
Participation		35
Seminar Lead		25
Paper	Nov 30	40

In solidarity with the Anishinaabe, Haudenosaunee, Lūnaapéewak, and Chonnonton peoples on whose traditional treaty and unceded territories this course is shared.

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