

Huron Brief Course Outlines

Fall/Winter 2023-2024

Course Title: Canadian Government and Politics

Course Number and Section

POLISCI

2230E - 550

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Course Description:

This course introduces students to concepts, issues, and debates in Canadian politics. Illustrating how political institutions shape social and political life for diverse peoples, students will explore systems of Canadian representative democracy, as well as the historical, economic, social, and cultural factors that impact the lives of citizens. Throughout, we will consider questions of citizenship, identity, nation, and belonging, offering an opportunity for students to reflect upon contemporary debates about reconciliation, decolonization, land, multiculturalism, race, gender, state power, human rights, individual freedom, and economic change. Our discussions of politics in this course are not limited to the study of what happens inside local, provincial, and national legislatures and elections, but include grassroots organizing in communities, large-scale social movements, global power relations, and the everyday encounters in classrooms, homes, and workplaces that shape individuals' lives.

Learning Outcomes:

define key concepts in the study of Canadian politics, such as: settler-colonialism, decolonization, reconciliation, responsible government, liberal democracy, federalism, the welfare state, neoliberalism, social movements, political culture, multiculturalism, interculturalism, race, and gender

provide some examples of ways that the first, second, and third national policies each shape political life in Canada today

explain, in broad strokes, constitutional change in Canada

engage in critical discussions about the relationships between Canadian and Indigenous sovereignties

describe how democratic institutions function in Canada and engage in informed and critical discussion about Canadian democracy

identify some important thinkers in the scholarly study of Canadian politics

apply course readings to construct a coherent argument about contemporary Canadian politics

Textbooks and Course Materials:

There is no textbook for this course. Readings will be provided electronically. Students will be required to purchase one book about Canadian politics (\$20-30).

Methods of Evaluation:

Assignment	Due Date mm/dd/yy	Weight - %
Participaton		15
Concept Exam	10/19/2023	15
Reading Synthesis 1	11/30/2023	25
Book Club	02/13/2024	20
Final Synthesis Paper	04/15/2024	25

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