

## Brief Course Outline

**Course Title:** **Business-Government Relations**

**Course Number and Section**

MOS

3353G 550

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Disclaimer: Information in the brief course outline is subject to change. The syllabus posted on OWL Brightspace is the official and authoritative source of information for the course.

### **Course Description:**

What is the nature of the relationship between business and government? How do they influence and shape one another? Which sector and actors exercise the most influence and power when it comes down to achieving specific policy outcomes?

The purpose of this course is to introduce the complex interrelationships between business and government in Canada. The resulting institutional and policy outcomes are discussed and evaluated. The course will prepare students to meet managerial requirements and to participate in complex decisions when changing laws, regulations, and other governmental factors that have major long-term implications. In addition to case situations and readings on current issues, selected speakers from business and government will add their expertise.

### **Learning Outcomes: one outcome per entry**

Have a basic understanding of the nature of the relationships between business and government in Canada at the federal, provincial and municipal level;

Be able to analyze business strategies and tactics directed at governments;

Understand the nature of the state and Canadians' different understanding of the role of the state, as it pertains to business-government relations;

Be exposed to the dynamic and changing structure of the relationship between the business sector and the Canadian state; and

Appreciate the influence of the growing global economy on business-government relations in Canada.

### **Textbooks and Course Materials:**

This course will draw on one central text, which is available online through the library:

Hale, G. (2018). *Uneasy Partnership: The Politics of Business and Government in Canada*, Second Edition. Toronto, ON: University of Toronto Press, p. 446. <http://books.google.ca/books?id=HHIJDwAAQBAJ>.

If students wish to purchase the textbook, the cost (as of Dec 2025) is \$52.00.

**Methods of Evaluation: one assignment per entry**

| Assignment                   | Due Date mm/dd/yy | Weight - % |
|------------------------------|-------------------|------------|
| Class contributions          |                   | 20         |
| Business and federalism memo | 01/30/2026        | 15         |
| Lobbying analysis            | 03/06/2026        | 10         |
| Outline                      | 03/20/2026        | 5          |
| Final paper                  | 04/08/2026        | 35         |

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

Thursday, December 11, 2025

# Huron Brief Course Outline

**In-course Costs** \$000.00

For Textbooks and Course Materials (below), you are required to include the cost of each textbook or other learning material.

Note whether there are any restrictions that would prevent a student from using a second-hand copy. Here is some suggested text:

- Required textbook: [author, title, edition, publisher, date]. Cost: [insert amount].
  - Or include the weblink of the textbook's publisher site that includes the cost information.
- Students need to purchase this edition. Second-hand or older editions will not be sufficient.
- OR Students are welcome to purchase second-hand or earlier editions of this textbook.
- This course has an optional field trip that costs [insert amount].
- This course has a required field component that costs [insert amount].