



COURSE OUTLINE

POL110

Prepared: Social Sciences Department Approved: Martha Irwin, Chair, Community Services and Interdisciplinary Studies

Course Code: Title	POL110: INTRODUCTION TO CANADIAN GOVERNMENT							
Program Number: Name	:							
Department:	SOCIAL SCIENCES							
Semester/Term:	17F							
Course Description:	This course is designed to provide students with an overview of Canadian government. The key structures of government at all levels will be reviewed, however, the primary focus will be on the federal and provincial levels. Students will become cognizant of the impact of government on their lives and how their participation in the system can affect change.							
Total Credits:	3							
Hours/Week:	3							
Total Hours:	45							
Substitutes:	OEL363, PFP211, POL100, POL105							
Essential Employability Skills (EES):	<p>#1. Communicate clearly, concisely and correctly in the written, spoken, and visual form that fulfills the purpose and meets the needs of the audience.</p> <p>#2. Respond to written, spoken, or visual messages in a manner that ensures effective communication.</p> <p>#5. Use a variety of thinking skills to anticipate and solve problems.</p> <p>#6. Locate, select, organize, and document information using appropriate technology and information systems.</p> <p>#7. Analyze, evaluate, and apply relevant information from a variety of sources.</p> <p>#8. Show respect for the diverse opinions, values, belief systems, and contributions of others.</p> <p>#9. Interact with others in groups or teams that contribute to effective working relationships and the achievement of goals.</p> <p>#10. Manage the use of time and other resources to complete projects.</p> <p>#11. Take responsibility for ones own actions, decisions, and consequences.</p>							
Course Evaluation:	Passing Grade: 50%, D							
Evaluation Process and Grading System:	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Evaluation Type</th> <th>Evaluation Weight</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Assignments</td> <td>30%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Attendance & Participation</td> <td>5%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		Evaluation Type	Evaluation Weight	Assignments	30%	Attendance & Participation	5%
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Current Events	5%
Tests	60%

Books and Required Resources:

Canadian Politics by Rand Dyck
Publisher: Nelson Canada Edition: Concise 5th
ISBN: 9780176503437

Course Outcomes and Learning Objectives:

Course Outcome 1.

Explain the party system in Canada and our electoral process.

Learning Objectives 1.

- Identify the attributes of various political parties and their ideologies
- Understand the functions and roles of political parties
- Review the Canadian electoral system - current practices and proposed reforms
- Assess various aspects of Canadian voting behaviour

Course Outcome 2.

Describe the operation of the Canadian parliamentary system.

Learning Objectives 2.

- Discuss the functions of the three branches of government
- Review possible avenues of Senate reform
- Describe how legislation is passed in Parliament
- Identify stages and types of legislation
- Outline the policy making process

Course Outcome 3.

Explain the meaning and significance of federalism in Canada, and describe the framework of the Constitution.



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Learning Objectives 3.

- Relate the origins of the concept of federalism in Canada
- Describe the separation of federal and provincial powers under the Constitution Act
- Review the different sections of the Constitution and evaluate the strengths and weakness of particular areas, particularly the Charter of Rights and Freedoms
 - Identify attempts at constitutional change since 1980

Course Outcome 4.

Discuss the use and abuse of power in government.

Learning Objectives 4.

- Explain the powers of the Prime Minister and the Cabinet
- Describe the authority of Parliament and become cognizant of its checks and balances
- Discuss the relationship between the government and the opposition
- Distinguish between a majority and minority government

Course Outcome 5.

Identify current issues facing Canadian government/society.

Learning Objectives 5.

- Present and discuss current happenings in Canadian society
- Identify the many ways in which government action affects your life
- Recognize how world issues impact government actions
- Reflect on how a citizen's actions can impact government decisions

Date:

Wednesday, August 30, 2017

Please refer to the course outline addendum on the Learning Management System for further information.