In this course, students will explore Canadian intellectual history with a focus on conservative, liberal, socialist, and nationalist currents of thought. Students will examine the intellectual origin and theoretical underpinnings of these currents of thought, and ways in which they manifested themselves in the Canadian context. The course has two main objectives. The first is to introduce students to the range of political ideas and ideologies in Canada from the late eighteenth century to the early twentieth century. The second is to examine the formative influence of various currents of thought in shaping debates about the nature and substance of political institutions and popular perceptions about Canadian politics and history.

Course format
As per University specifications for this course, classes will take place on campus (i.e. in-person).

Special information for pandemic measures
Because this class will take place on campus (i.e. in-person), it is important that students understand and follow Carleton’ guidelines for in-class teaching, which can be found at: https://carleton.ca/provost/wp-content/uploads/Classroom-teaching-COVID19-guideline-210607.pdf

The following information about pandemic-related measures is also provided for the benefit of students.

All members of the Carleton community are required to follow COVID-19 prevention measures and all mandatory public health requirements (e.g. wearing a mask, physical distancing, hand hygiene, respiratory and cough etiquette) and mandatory self-screening prior to coming to campus daily.

If you feel ill or exhibit COVID-19 symptoms while on campus or in class, please leave campus immediately, self-isolate, and complete the mandatory symptom reporting tool. For purposes of contact tracing, attendance will be taken in all classes and labs. Participants can check in using posted QR codes through the cuScreen platform where...
provided. Students who do not have a smartphone will be required to complete a paper process as indicated on the COVID-19 website.

All members of the Carleton community are required to follow guidelines regarding safe movement and seating on campus (e.g. directional arrows, designated entrances and exits, designated seats that maintain physical distancing). In order to avoid congestion, allow all previous occupants to fully vacate a classroom before entering. No food or drinks are permitted in any classrooms or labs.

For the most recent information about Carleton’s COVID-19 response and required measures, please see the University’s COVID-19 webpage and review the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs). Should you have additional questions after reviewing, please contact covidinfo@carleton.ca

Please note that failure to comply with University policies and mandatory public health requirements, and endangering the safety of others are considered misconduct under the Student Rights and Responsibilities Policy. Failure to comply with Carleton’s COVID-19 procedures may lead to supplementary action involving Campus Safety and/or Student Affairs.

**Office hours**

Office hours will take place on **Fridays, from 9 am – 11 am**. Students are invited to communicate with the instructor by email at any time, but the office hours represent the weekly time slot during which the instructor will be immediately available to students. Please note that the Contract Instructor (CI) office is a shared space, and as a result, meetings with students will not be permitted in that office. Students will be given the option to communicate with the instructor by phone, online, or in-person outside the office (in conformity with the University’s pandemic-related protocols).

**Texts**

**Required Readings**

All required readings for the course are accessible through the course website or available in e-book format at or through the MacOdrum Library.

**Recommended Readings**

Recommended readings are available in e-book format at or through the MacOdrum Library. They include the following, arranged by current of thought:

- **Conservative Thought in Canada:**
  - George Grant, *Lament for a Nation*.

- **Liberal Thought in Canada:**
Socialist Thought in Canada:

Nationalist Thought in Canada:

The readings and lectures/presentations for this course complement each other. Neither one should be considered an adequate substitute for the other.

Course Work/Evaluation

The evaluation for this course will consist of the following:

- Review Essay 20%
- Research Paper 40%
- Take Home Exam 40%

NOTE: Students must fulfill all course requirements in order to receive a passing grade. Standing in a course is determined by the course instructor subject to the approval of the Faculty Dean. This means that grades submitted by the instructor may be subject to revision. No grades are final until they have been approved by the Dean. All work must be submitted electronically, either by email or by being uploaded to the course website.

Review Essay

The review essay is a short exegetical essay on an article or essay written by an influential Canadian thinker and dealing with an issue related to the course’s subject matter. Texts from which students may choose will be available to students on the course website as of September 10th. The essay should be between 1,000 and 1,200 words in length. When writing their essays, students must rely on the chosen text (i.e. no references to secondary materials). As it is exegetical in nature, the essay should discuss and explain the text, not simply summarize it. This means that the essay should address the following types of things: the basic issues or problems identified and explored by the author, any fundamental assumptions informing the author’s perspective/position, any arguments, proofs, hypotheses advanced in support/defense of their position. The review essay is due on October 15th.
Research Paper

The research paper is a work of independent research conducted by the student and addressing an element of the intellectual history of Canada from the late eighteenth century on. Students may choose to study and write on texts, authors or themes developed in the course or, with prior approval, develop a paper on a subject within the period but outside the material covered in the syllabus. The research paper should be approximately 3000 words in length and involve engagement with both primary and secondary literature. Bibliographies and footnotes are necessary. In terms of citation format, any of the following styles are acceptable: American Psychological Association (APA) Style, Chicago Style (i.e. Chicago Manual of Style), Modern Language Association (MLA) Style. The research essay is due on December 10th.

Take Home Exam

The take home exam will cover all the material covered in the course. It will be made available to students through the course website on December 3rd and must be submitted by December 23rd.

All work submitted by students (i.e. review essay, research paper, take home exam) will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

• Clarity (i.e., is the paper written in a clear, easy to understand style).
• Coherence (i.e., does the paper develop logically and hold together in a coherent manner).
• Comprehension (i.e., does the student demonstrate a clear understanding of the topic).
• Completeness (i.e. has the student included everything required to address the topic).

Assignments will be returned to students electronically 2 weeks after being submitted. Late assignments will be subject to a 5% deduction per day (excluding Saturdays and Sundays) unless students provide documentation proving that serious unforeseen circumstances have arisen (e.g. illness, accident, family affliction). For example, a paper submitted one day late that would have received a mark of 80% will receive a mark of 75%.

Email communication

Email communication sent to the instructor should have as its subject heading: HUMS 4500 from [your name]. Every attempt will be made to respond to emails within 24 hours. Carleton requires that students, staff, and faculty use Carleton email accounts when conducting University business. Students are strongly encouraged to check their email on a regular basis for any announcements or updates.
Class schedule

Below is the schedule for the class, including required readings for each week.

Week 1 (Sep. 10): Introduction to course: General discussion of subject matter, structure of the course, pedagogical approach, and course requirements.

Week 2 (Sep. 17): Conservative thought: Intellectual Origins and Theoretical Underpinnings

**Required reading:** Edmund Burke, *Reflections on the Revolution in France* (excerpts).

Week 3 (Sep. 24): Conservative Thought in Canada 1

**Required reading:** Charles Inglis, ‘Sermon on Steadfastness in Religion and Loyalty’ and ‘Sermon of April 25 1794’ (pp. 23-31); Bishop Jacob Mountain, ‘A sermon preached at Quebec, on Thursday, January 10th, 1799; Mgr. Joseph-Octave Plessis, ‘Sermon on Nelson's Victory at Aboukir’; Reverend John Strachan, ‘On Church Establishment’.

Week 4 (Oct. 1): Conservative Thought in Canada 2


Week 5 (Oct. 8): Liberal thought: Intellectual Origins and Theoretical Underpinnings


Week 6 (Oct. 15): Liberal Thought in Canada 1

*Review Essay due*


Week 7 (Oct. 22): Liberal Thought in Canada 2


Week 8 (Oct. 29): Study break (no class)
Week 9 (Nov. 5): Socialism: Intellectual Origins and Theoretical Underpinnings

**Required reading:** Karl Marx and Frederick Engels, *Manifesto of the Communist Party*.

Week 10 (Nov. 12): Socialism in Canada

**Required reading:** Salem Bland, ‘The New Christianity’; Nellie McLung, ‘In Times Like These’, chapters 1, 6, 8; William Irvine, *The Farmers in Politics*, Foreword and chapter 1, section 4 (available in e-book format through the MacOdrum library); ‘The Regina Manifesto’.

Week 11 (Nov. 19): Nationalism: Intellectual Origins and Theoretical Underpinnings

**Required reading:** John Stuart Mill, *Considerations on Representative Government*, chapter 16.

Week 12 (Nov. 26): Nationalism in Canada 1


Week 13 (Dec. 3): Nationalism in Canada 2

*Take home exam made available*


**Classes on Friday December 10th will follow a Monday schedule. Consequently, there will be no class on that date.**
University Regulations for All College of the Humanities Courses

Academic Dates and Deadlines
This schedule contains the dates prescribed by the University Senate for academic activities. Dates relating to fee payment, cancellation of course selections, late charges, and other fees or charges will be published in the Important Dates and Deadlines section of the Registration Website.

Online Learning Resources
While online courses offer flexibility and convenience, they also present unique challenges that traditional face-to-face courses do not. On this page, you will find resources collected by Carleton Online to help you succeed in your online courses; Learning Strategies and Best Practices, Study Skills, Technology and Online Interaction and Engagement.

Copies of Written Work Submitted
Always retain for yourself a copy of all essays, term papers, written assignments or take-home tests submitted in your courses.

Academic Integrity Policy (updated June 2021)
Plagiarism is presenting, whether intentionally or not, the ideas, expression of ideas, or work of others as one’s own.

Plagiarism includes reproducing or paraphrasing portions of someone else’s published or unpublished material, regardless of the source, and presenting these as one’s own without proper citation or reference to the original source. Examples of sources from which the ideas, expressions of ideas or works of others may be drawn from include but are not limited to: books, articles, papers, literary compositions and phrases, performance compositions, chemical compounds, art works, laboratory reports, research results, calculations and the results of calculations, diagrams, constructions, computer reports, computer code/software, material on the internet and/or conversations.

Examples of plagiarism include, but are not limited to:
• any submission prepared in whole or in part, by someone else;
• using ideas or direct, verbatim quotations, paraphrased material, algorithms,
Plagiarism is a serious offence that cannot be resolved directly by the course’s instructor. The Associate Dean of the Faculty conducts a rigorous investigation, including an interview with the student, when an instructor suspects a piece of work has been plagiarized. Penalties are not trivial. They can include a final grade of "F" for the course.

Academic Integrity Policy
Academic Integrity Process

Academic Accommodation Policy

Carleton University is committed to providing access to the educational experience in order to promote academic accessibility for all individuals.

Academic accommodation refers to educational practices, systems and support mechanisms designed to accommodate diversity and difference. The purpose of accommodation is to enable students to perform the essential requirements of their academic programs. At no time does academic accommodation undermine or compromise the learning objectives that are established by the academic authorities of the University.

Addressing Human Rights Concerns
The University and all members of the University community share responsibility for ensuring that the University’s educational, work and living environments are free from discrimination and harassment. Should you have concerns about harassment or discrimination relating to your age, ancestry, citizenship, colour, creed (religion), disability, ethnic origin, family status, gender expression, gender identity, marital status, place of origin, race, sex (including pregnancy), or sexual orientation, please contact the Department of Equity and Inclusive Communities.

Requests for Academic Accommodation
You may need special arrangements to meet your academic obligations during the term. For an accommodation request, the processes are as follows:

Religious Accommodation
Please contact your instructor with any requests for academic accommodation during the first two weeks of class, or as soon as possible after the need for accommodation is known to exist. For more details, please review the Student Guide to Academic Accommodation.

Pregnancy Accommodation
Please contact your instructor with any requests for academic accommodation during the first two weeks of
class, or as soon as possible after the need for accommodation is known to exist. For more details, please review the Student Guide to Academic Accommodation.

**Survivors of Sexual Violence**
As a community, Carleton University is committed to maintaining a positive learning, working and living environment where sexual violence will not be tolerated, and where survivors are supported through academic accommodations as per Carleton’s Sexual Violence Policy. For more information about the services available at the university and to obtain information about sexual violence and/or support, visit the Equity and Inclusive Communities website.

**Accommodation for Student Activities**
Carleton University recognizes the substantial benefits, both to the individual student and for the university, that result from a student participating in activities beyond the classroom experience. Reasonable accommodation must be provided to students who compete or perform at the national or international level. Please contact your instructor with any requests for academic accommodation during the first two weeks of class, or as soon as possible after the need for accommodation is known to exist. For more details, see the Senate Policy on Accommodation for Student Activities.

**Academic Accommodations for Students with Disabilities**
If you have a documented disability requiring academic accommodations in this course, please contact the Paul Menton Centre for Students with Disabilities (PMC) at 613-520-6608 or pmc@carleton.ca for a formal evaluation or contact your PMC coordinator to send your instructor your Letter of Accommodation at the beginning of the term. You must also contact the PMC no later than two weeks before the first in-class scheduled test or exam requiring accommodation (if applicable). After requesting accommodation from PMC, meet with your instructor as soon as possible to ensure accommodation arrangements are made. For more details, visit the Paul Menton Centre website.

**Grading System at Carleton University**
Standing in a course is determined by the course instructor, subject to the approval of the faculty Dean. Standing in courses will be shown by alphabetical grades. The system of grades used, with corresponding grade points and the percentage conversion can be found here. Grade points indicated are for courses with 1.0 credit value. Where the course credit is greater or less than one credit, the grade points are adjusted proportionately.

**Course Sharing Websites and Copyright**
Classroom teaching and learning activities, including lectures, discussions, presentations, etc., by both instructors and students, are copy protected and remain the intellectual property of their respective author(s). All course materials, including PowerPoint presentations, outlines, and other materials, are also protected by copyright and remain the intellectual property of their respective author(s).

Students registered in the course may take notes and make copies of course materials for their own educational use only. Students are not permitted to reproduce or
distribute lecture notes and course materials publicly for commercial or non-commercial purposes without express written consent from the copyright holder(s).

More information

Student Rights and Responsibilities at Carleton

Carleton University strives to provide a safe environment conducive to personal and intellectual growth, free of injustice and characterized by understanding respect, peace, trust, and fairness.

The Student Rights and Responsibilities Policy governs the non-academic behaviour of students. Carleton University is committed to building a campus that promotes personal growth through the establishment and promotion of transparent and fair academic and non-academic responsibilities.

Deferred Term Work

In some situations, students are unable to complete term work because of illness or other circumstances beyond their control, which forces them to delay submission of the work.

1. Students who claim illness, injury or other extraordinary circumstances beyond their control as a reason for missed term work are held responsible for immediately informing the instructor concerned and for making alternate arrangements with the instructor and in all cases this must occur no later than three (3) working days after the term work was due. The alternate arrangement must be made before the last day of classes in the term as published in the academic schedule. Normally, any deferred term work will be completed by the last day of term. In all cases, formative evaluations providing feedback to the student should be replaced with formative evaluations. In the event the altered due date must extend beyond the last day of classes in the term, the instructor will assign a grade of zero for the work not submitted and submit the student’s earned grade accordingly; the instructor may submit a change of grade at a later date. Term work cannot be deferred by the Registrar.

2. In cases where a student is not able to complete term work due to illness or injury for a significant period of time/or long term, the instructor and/or student may elect to consult with the Registrar's Office (undergraduate courses) or Graduate Registrar (graduate courses) to determine appropriate action.

3. If a student is concerned the instructor did not respond to the request for academic accommodation or did not provide reasonable accommodation, the student should consult with the department/school/institute chair/director. If a mutually agreeable accommodation to complete course requirements prior to the course grade submission deadline cannot be achieved, the Associate Dean will become involved. If academic accommodation is not granted, and the student receives word after the academic withdrawal deadline, the student may submit a petition to the Registrar’s Office (undergraduate courses)/Graduate Registrar (graduate courses) for a final grade of WDN (Withdrawn) in the course(s). If academic
accommodation is not granted, and the student receives word **prior** to the academic withdrawal deadline, the student may elect to withdraw from the course(s).

4. Furthermore, if academic accommodation is granted, but the student is unable to complete the accommodation according to the terms set out by the instructor as a result of further illness, injury or extraordinary circumstances beyond their control, the student may submit a petition to the Registrar's Office (undergraduate courses)/Graduate Registrar (graduate courses). Please note, however, that the course instructor will be required to submit an earned final grade and further consideration will only be reviewed according to established precedents and deadlines. [More information of deferred Term Work](#)

**Deferred Final Exams**

Students who are unable to write a final examination because of a serious illness/emergency or other circumstances beyond their control may apply for accommodation. Normally, the accommodation for a missed final examination will be granting the student the opportunity to write a deferred examination. In specific cases when it is not possible to offer a deferred examination, and with the approval of the Dean, an alternate accommodation may be made.

The application for a deferral must:

1. be made in writing to the Registrar's Office **no later than three working days after the original final examination or the due date of the take-home examination**; and,

2. be fully supported by appropriate documentation and, in cases of illness, by a medical certificate dated no later than one working day after the examination, or by appropriate documents in other cases. Medical documents must specify the date of the onset of the illness, the (expected) date of recovery, and the extent to which the student was/is incapacitated during the time of the examination. The University's preferred medical form can be found at the Registrar's Office [here](#).

[More information on Final Exam Deferrals](#)
[Registrar’s Office “Defer an Exam” page](#)

**Financial vs. Academic Withdrawal**

Make sure that you are aware of the separate deadlines for Financial and Academic withdrawal!

Making registration decisions in Carleton Central involves making a financial and academic commitment for the courses you choose, regardless of attendance. If you do not attend, you must withdraw in [Carleton Central](#) within the published deadlines to cancel your registration. A fee adjustment is dependent on registration being canceled within the published [fee deadlines](#) and dependent on your course load. A course dropped after the deadline for financial withdrawal will receive a grade of Withdrawn (WDN), which appears on your official transcript.

Even if you miss the deadline for financial withdrawal, you might decide to drop a course to avoid a failure or a poor grade showing up on your student record and bringing down your CGPA. It is your responsibility to drop the course via Carleton Central within the published [deadlines](#) (see Academic Withdrawal).
If you are considering withdrawing from a course, you may want to talk to an advisor first. Course withdrawal may affect your student status, as well as your eligibility for student funding, immigration status, residence accommodation and participation in varsity sports, etc. Additionally, remember that once you choose your courses, you must use the “Calculate amount to pay” button to determine the correct amount of fees to pay.

Carleton Central is your one-stop shop for registration activities. If you are interested in taking a course, make sure to complete your registration. Simply attending a course does not mean you are registered in it, nor is it grounds for petition or appeal.

**Department Contact Information**

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**Greek and Roman Studies** 300 Paterson Hall  
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**Religion** 2A39 Paterson Hall  
Religion@cunet.carleton.ca

**Digital Humanities (Graduate)** 2A39 Paterson Hall  
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**Digital Humanities (Undergraduate Minor)** 300 Paterson Hall  
digitalhumanities@carleton.ca

**MEMS (Undergraduate Minor)** 300 Paterson Hall  
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