

**Carleton University**  
**Department of Political Science**

**Fall 2006**

**FYSM 1602B**  
**Public Beliefs, Values and Opinions:**  
**Canadian Political Parties and Ideologies**  
Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10:05 a.m. – 11:25 a.m.  
(A602 Loeb)

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**Course Description**

Ideology is one of the key concepts of political science. This course will introduce students to the concept of ideology through the study of Canadian political parties. Each class in which readings are assigned from our textbook will begin with one to two presentations from students followed by a general discussion on the readings led by the student or students presenting. After this is finished, the course will have a variety of different formats including small group work, large group activities and lectures by the instructor.

Aside from gaining a better understanding of the concept of ideology and Canadian political parties, the main focus of the course is to teach students how to write a proper research paper. Several classes will be entirely devoted to the topics of appropriate footnoting, conducting library research and the structuring of a good essay.

**Academic Writing Centre**

Carleton Academic Writing Centre has been created to aid students in developing their writing skills. Students are encouraged to explore the section of the Centre website which provides numerous on-line writing resources: see <http://www.carleton.ca/wts/docs/index.html>. Further, students are encouraged to take advantage of the Centre free writing tutorial services. Appointments can be made at their website (<http://www.carleton.ca/wts>) or by visiting them at 229 Paterson Hall.

**WebCT**

A webpage at WebCT has been set up for this course. It will contain copies of the course outline, readings not within the textbook, assignments, announcements and any overheads used in class. You may access our WebCT page by going to

<https://webct.carleton.ca>. For help on how to use WebCT visit <http://apps.carleton.ca/ccs/web/webct/default.asp>.

### **Course Requirements:**

- 1.) 20% of total course grade: 8-10 page paper based on topics distributed by the instructor due in class on Thursday, November 30<sup>th</sup>.
- 2.) 20% of total course grade: A final exam on all readings and lectures of the course. To be scheduled during the formal exam period, December 6 22, 2006.
- 3.) 10% of total course grade: Attendance, quality of participation and one five minute oral presentation.

As you can see, these grades for the fall term will account for half your grade for the class while the grades from the winter term will account for the other half of your grade. A course outline detailing the grading scheme for the second half of the class will be handed out on the first class of the winter term.

Handouts indicating a choice of essay questions and guidelines for the papers will be distributed in class on Tuesday, October 24th. To complete the papers it will be essential to have a strong understanding of the required readings and additional research will be needed. Footnotes and at least 4 academic sources other than course readings will be required.

Papers should be in hard copy format and they should be turned in on time and in class to the instructor. E-mailed assignments to the instructor will not be accepted. Please note that papers not received at the time they are due will be subject to a grade penalty, which will reduce the paper's mark at a rate of 3/100 per day. Assignments more than one week late will not be accepted. Late assignments must be put in the late paper drop box outside the main Political Science Office B640 Loeb. Exceptions may be made, at the instructor's discretion, for students who contact the instructor regarding medical reasons or family emergencies before assignments are due. Documentation will be required in these cases. Please note that computer problems are not considered emergencies, so be sure that the computer you use is in good working order, and that you back up your work on a floppy disc and/or print out rough work and essay drafts.

### **Course Description for Winter Term**

The winter term of the course will concentrate on quantitative analysis of political phenomena using statistics. Several classes will be spent in the computer lab to familiarize you with basic statistical analysis of survey data sets using SPSS. Assignments will involve the application of the skills that you learned in the computer lab to specific questions of political science.

### **Required Texts**

Available for purchase in the Carleton University Bookstore:

Larry Johnston, *Ideologies: An Analytic & Contextual Approach* (Peterborough: Broadview Press, 1996).

Colin Campbell and William Christian, *Parties, Leaders and Ideologies in Canada* (Toronto: McGraw-Hill Ryerson Limited, 1996).

### **Reading Schedule**

**All Readings are required.**

**Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup>**- Introduction to class

**Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup>**- Johnston, Preface and Chapter 1

**Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup>**- Johnston, Chapter 2

**Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>**- Johnston, Chapter 3

**Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup>**- Johnston, Chapter 4

**Tuesday, September 26<sup>th</sup>**- Johnston, Chapter 5

**Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup>**- Johnston, Chapter 6

**Tuesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>**- Johnston, Chapter 7

**Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup>**- Johnston, Chapter 8

**Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup>**- Christian and Campbell, Chapter 1

**Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup>**- Christian and Campbell, Chapter 2

**Tuesday, October 17<sup>th</sup>**- Christian and Campbell, Chapter 3. Topics for papers will be handed out in class.

**Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup>**- Christian and Campbell, Chapter 4

**Tuesday, October 24<sup>th</sup>**- Christian and Campbell, Chapter 5.

**Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup>**- Christian and Campbell, Chapter 6

**Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>**- Christian and Campbell, Chapter 7 & 8.

**Thursday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>**- Library Instruction Seminar. This class will be held in Room 102 on the first floor of the MacOdrum Library.

**Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>**- Academic Writing Centre Workshop to be held in our regular classroom.

**Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup>**- How to write a paper workshop given by the instructor. Students must read Carleton Department of Political Science *Essay Style Guide* and Havard University *Guide to Developing a Thesis* that will be downloaded to our WebCT page.

**Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>**- Discussion on footnoting and plagiarism. Students must read the following four Carleton Writing Tutorial Service handouts that will be downloaded to our WebCT page: APA citation guide, Academic Integrity, Paraphrasing and Summarizing and Using Quotations.

**Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup>**- Individual meetings with instructor to discuss paper.

**Tuesday, November 21<sup>st</sup>**- Individual meetings with instructor to discuss paper.

**Thursday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>**- Reginald Whitaker, *iberal Chameleon: From Red Tory to Blue Grit in Canadian Political Culture(s) in Transition, State of the Federation 2001, Harvey Lazar and Hamish Telford* (Kingston: McGill-Queen Press, 2001), p. 35-50. This article will be downloaded onto our WebCT page or can be downloaded at [http://www.iigr.ca/pdf/publications/163\\_Canada\\_The\\_State\\_of\\_the\\_.pdf](http://www.iigr.ca/pdf/publications/163_Canada_The_State_of_the_.pdf)

**Tuesday, November 28<sup>th</sup>**- Hamish Telford, *he Reform Party/The Canadian Alliance and Canada Flirtation with Republicanism in Canadian Political Culture(s) in Transition, State of the Federation 2001, Harvey Lazar and Hamish Telford* (Kingston: McGill-Queen Press, 2001), p. 111-140. This article will be downloaded onto our WebCT page or can be downloaded at [http://www.iigr.ca/pdf/publications/163\\_Canada\\_The\\_State\\_of\\_the\\_.pdf](http://www.iigr.ca/pdf/publications/163_Canada_The_State_of_the_.pdf)

**Thursday, November 30<sup>th</sup>**- Papers due. Review of class.

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#### **Academic Accommodations**

**For Students with Disabilities:** Students with disabilities requiring academic accommodations in this course are encouraged to contact the Paul Menton Centre (PMC) for Students with Disabilities (500 University Centre) to complete the necessary forms. After registering with the PMC, make an appointment to meet with the instructor in order to discuss your needs **at least two weeks before the first in-class test or CUTV midterm exam**. This will allow for sufficient time to process your request. Please note the following deadlines for submitting completed forms to the

PMC for formally scheduled exam accommodations: **November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2006** for fall and fall/winter term courses, and **March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2007** for winter term courses.

**For Religious Observance:** Students requesting accommodation for religious observances should apply in writing to their instructor for alternate dates and/or means of satisfying academic requirements. Such requests should be made during the first two weeks of class, or as soon as possible after the need for accommodation is known to exist, but no later than two weeks before the compulsory academic event. Accommodation is to be worked out directly and on an individual basis between the student and the instructor(s) involved. Instructors will make accommodations in a way that avoids academic disadvantage to the student. Instructors and students may contact an Equity Services Advisor for assistance ([www.carleton.ca/equity](http://www.carleton.ca/equity)).

**For Pregnancy:** Pregnant students requiring academic accommodations are encouraged to contact an Equity Advisor in Equity Services to complete a *letter of accommodation*. Then, make an appointment to discuss your needs with the instructor at least two weeks prior to the first academic event in which it is anticipated the accommodation will be required.

**Plagiarism:** The Undergraduate Calendar defines plagiarism as: "to use and pass off as one's own idea or product, work of another without expressly giving credit to another." The Graduate Calendar states that plagiarism has occurred when a student either: (a) directly copies another's work without acknowledgment; or (b) closely paraphrases the equivalent of a short paragraph or more without acknowledgment; or (c) borrows, without acknowledgment, any ideas in a clear and recognizable form in such a way as to present them as the student's own thought, where such ideas, if they were the student's own would contribute to the merit of his or her own work. Instructors who suspect plagiarism are required to submit the paper and supporting documentation to the Departmental Chair who will refer the case to the Dean. It is not permitted to hand in the same assignment to two or more courses. The Department's Style Guide is available at: [www.carleton.ca/polisci/undergrad/styleguide.pdf](http://www.carleton.ca/polisci/undergrad/styleguide.pdf)

**Oral Examination:** At the discretion of the instructor, students may be required to pass a brief oral examination on research papers and essays.

**Submission and Return of Term Work:** Papers must be handed directly to the instructor and will not be date-stamped in the departmental office. Late assignments may be submitted to the drop box in the corridor outside B640 Loeb. Assignments will be retrieved every business day at **4 p.m.**, stamped with that day's date, and then distributed to the instructor. For essays not returned in class please attach a **stamped, self-addressed envelope** if you wish to have your assignment returned by mail. Please note that assignments sent via fax or email will not be accepted. Final exams are intended solely for the purpose of evaluation and will not be returned.

**Approval of final grades:** Standing in a course is determined by the course instructor subject to the approval of the Faculty Dean. This means that grades submitted by an instructor may be subject to revision. No grades are final until they have been approved by the Dean.

**Course Requirements:** Students must fulfill all course requirements in order to achieve a passing grade. Failure to hand in any assignment will result in a grade of F. Failure to write the final exam will result in a grade of ABS. FND (Failure – No Deferred) is assigned when a student's performance is so poor during the term that they cannot pass the course even with 100% on the final examination. In such cases, instructors may use this notation on the Final Grade Report to indicate that a student has already failed the course due to inadequate term work and should not be permitted access to a deferral of the examination. Deferred final exams are available ONLY if the student is in good standing in the course.

**Connect Email Accounts:** The Department of Political Science strongly encourages students to sign up for a campus email account. Important course and University information will be

distributed via the Connect email system. See <http://connect.carleton.ca> for instructions on how to set up your account.