

PSCI 3005A
ONTARIO GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS
Lecture: Monday 18:05-20:55 – University Commons 214

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Method of Evaluation

1. Short essay	Due Jan. 28	10%
2. Mid-term Exam	In-class, Feb. 11	20%
3. Major Essay	Due Mar. 10	25%
4. Final Exam	To be scheduled during formal exam period, Apr 11 - 29	35%
5. Attendance & Participation		10%

Students are expected to attend every class and risk losing two marks per absence from the ten percent allocated to attendance.

The Major Essays is to be at least 2500 words long, with topics chosen from a list assigned by the instructor. Further details will be included with the list of topics. Essays not submitted by the due date will be subject to a penalty of five percent per day.

Text

R. Dyck, *Ontario Government and Politics* (coursepack)

Supplementary Reading: (on reserve in MacOdrum Library)

R. Dyck, *Provincial Politics in Canada*, 3rd ed. (Scarborough: Prentice-Hall, 1996).

C. Dunn, ed., *Provinces: Canadian Provincial Politics*, 2nd ed. Peterborough: Broadview Press, 2005).

K. Brownsey and M. Howlett, eds., *The Provincial State in Canada* (Peterborough: Broadview Press, 2001).

G. White, ed. *The Government and Politics of Ontario*, 5th ed. (Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 1997).

Other specific readings will be required for the short essay assignment.

This course is designed to achieve an understanding of the government and politics of Ontario. The first half of the course examines the socio-economic setting, the federal and international contexts, the political culture, political parties, elections, pressure groups, and government institutions. The second half traces the political evolution of the province, with emphasis on recent developments. PSCI 3000 is a companion course dealing with the other provinces.

Class Schedule

1. Jan. 7: The Socio-Economic Setting of Ontario Politics (1)

Geography
Economy
Class

2. Jan. 14: The Socio-Economic Setting of Ontario Politics (2)

Ethnicity and Language
Religion
Gender

3. Jan. 21: The Federal and Global Contexts of Ontario Politics

Federal-Ontario Relations
Ontario's Global Relations

The Ontario Political Culture

The Federal Orientation
The Provincial Political Culture
Political Participation

4. Jan. 28: Ontario Elections and Electoral System

Redistribution
The Official Election Machinery
The Seats-Votes Relationship
Party and Election Finance
Electoral Behaviour

5. Feb. 4: Political Parties and the Ontario Party System

The Ontario Party System
Party Organization
Federal-Provincial Party Links
Party Leadership
Party Ideology

6. Feb. 11: Mid-term Exam

Feb. 18 – BREAK!

7. Feb. 25: Pressure Groups, Lobbying, and the Mass Media

Pressure Groups
Lobbying in Ontario
The Mass Media
Media Coverage of Election Campaigns

Ontario's Governmental Institutions (1)

The Executive

8. Mar. 3: Ontario's Governmental Institutions (2)

The Legislature
The Bureaucracy
The Judiciary
Municipal Government

9. Mar. 10: The Political Evolution of Ontario, 1867-1970

1867-1943
Progressive Conservatism, 1943-1970

10. Mar. 17: The Political Evolution of Ontario, 1970-1995

Bill Davis, 1970-1985
David Peterson, 1985-1990
Bob Rae, 1990-1995

11. Mar. 24: Mike Harris and Ernie Eves, 1995-2003

The Harris Revolution
Ernie Eves and the End of the Revolution

12. Mar. 31: The Dalton McGuinty Counter-Revolution, 2003-2008

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 deadline for submitting completed forms to the PMC for formally scheduled exam accommodations: **March 14th, 2008** for April examinations.

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).

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: <http://www.carleton.ca/polisci/undergrad/Essay%20Style%20Guide.html>

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.