PSCI 4009A
Quebec Politics
Mondays, 8:35AM-11:25PM
Location: TBA (Please Confirm on Carleton Central)

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CuLearn:
On-line components of this course will be managed through CuLearn. Please visit the CuLearn site regularly to receive the most current information pertaining to important course announcements and materials.

Course Description:
An introduction to the political history of Quebec: the development of ideologies (including nationalism), the question of diversity, constitutional developments, and the building of the Quebec state during the Quiet Revolution. The course will also cover language politics and the political party system in Quebec. Some contemporary issues in Quebec politics will also be addressed, including the recent debate over ‘reasonable accommodations’ and models of integration, debates about national identity, as well as the relationship between Quebec and the rest of Canada.

Class format:
The course is structured as a traditional seminar, led by student presentations. Students are expected to come to class having read the assigned readings and prepared to discuss them. The instructor will attempt to moderate student exchanges, yet it is expected that the weekly presenters lead the discussion and prepare themselves to take questions by both the instructor and fellow students.
Texts:

- There is one book assigned for this course, available in the bookstore:
  

- The readings will also be on reserve at MacOdrum Library

- Please see weekly schedule for assigned readings. You are expected to come to class having read the assigned readings and prepared to discuss them.

Evaluation:

10% - Attendance and participation (including role as a discussant).
10% - Short assignment (Due on Week 4, September 29, 2014)
15% - Oral presentation
30% - Research paper (Due on Week 12, December 8, 2014)
35% - Final Take-Home Exam (To be posted on Week 12, December 8, 2014; Due: December 22, 2014).

- Attendance, participation and discussion groups: Students are expected to attend class having read the required materials for that week and be prepared to participate in class discussions. Attendance will be taken in class each week. Moreover, students will also serve as discussants on the weekly presentations – providing some brief commentary on a given presentation and a couple of pertinent questions.

- Short assignment: On Week 2 (September 15, 2014), the instructor will post a list of 4-5 articles from the assigned readings. Students are expected to write a short review essay (1000-1200 words) that provides a critical assessment of the author’s contributions to the study of Quebec politics. It is not necessary to do any additional research for this assignment, and the aim is simply to allow students to engage more profoundly with particular theoretical, conceptual or methodological issues in the body of literature to be covered in class. The short assignment is due on Week 4 (September 29, 2014), at the beginning of class.

- Research paper: The research paper must be between 16 and 20 typed pages – double-spaced, using 12 point font. The paper must follow proper essay style and structure, and must use a recognized referencing style (which must be consistent throughout). Students will construct their topics in consultation with the instructor. The subject of the paper may be drawn from any of the themes covered in the course, or students may choose to select another aspect of Quebec politics, with the approval of the instructor. I recommend that students consult the editorial style guidelines of the *Canadian Journal of Political Science*, which can be accessed here: [http://www.cpsa-acsp.ca/pdfs/Editorial%20Style%20Guidelines%202008.pdf](http://www.cpsa-acsp.ca/pdfs/Editorial%20Style%20Guidelines%202008.pdf). Students are expected to undertake research using sources beyond those listed in the
course outline. The essays are due at the beginning of the class on **Week 12, December 8, 2014**. The essay will not be accepted if you are late to class. If you do not bring your essay on time to the beginning of class, you must deposit your essay in the Political Science drop box. These essays will be counted as ‘late’ (see late policy below). Secondary research is all that is required to write the paper, yet students may draw upon primary sources if they wish. The goal is to allow students to grasp the body of literature on a particular topic by providing a cogent and coherent synthesis, and to be able to articulate and defend a particular position based on the assessment of the literature. Please avoid overly drawn-out summaries in exposing what has been written on a topic – the exercise is meant to allow students to critically assess the state of research in their chosen topics.

- **Presentation:** Each student will be responsible for an oral presentation on a given weekly theme. In this capacity, students should be prepared to take questions and to lead a discussion period. Depending on the number of students in the class, we may have to pair students together on certain weeks.

- **Final Take-Home Exam:** At the end of the last class (**Week 12**), the instructor will post the final take-home exam, which is due on **December 22, 2014**. Students can submit the exam to the instructor at any time throughout this period. Please refrain from submitting it in at the Political Science drop box on the day of the deadline if I am in my office. The exam will consist of three sections, each containing three essay questions. Students will select one question from each section. Each answer should be about 900-1300 words. Moreover, students are expected to draw from class lectures and reading assignments (including suggested readings) in writing the essays, and students are not expected to include any research outside of class materials.

**Other Information:**

**Submitting assignments and late policy:** Extensions beyond the original due date will only be granted in the case of exceptional circumstances. If you are ill (with a doctor’s note) or have another legitimate reason for lateness, please see the instructor as soon as possible (preferably before the due date). All assignments must be handed in as **hardcopies** directly to the instructor, at the beginning of class, or in the case of the final take-home, during the instructor’s office hours or all day on the last day of the formal examination period. For late assignments, the Department of Political Science’s drop-off box may be used (located outside B640 Loeb Building, the box is emptied every weekday at 4 p.m. and papers are date-stamped with that day’s date). Please recall that if an assignment is submitted via the drop-box on the day it is due, it will be considered one day late. Assignments sent by email will not be accepted. Assignments will be returned in class or during the instructor’s office hours. If handed in with a self-addressed stamped envelope, they will be returned by mail. Late assignments will be penalized by five percentage points (5%) per day (including weekends); assignments submitted more than ten days late will receive a mark of 0%.
Grading: Assignments and exams will be graded with a percentage grade. To convert this to a letter grade or to the university 12-point system, please refer to the following table.

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Office Hours and E-mail: My office hours are posted on this outline, and I strongly encourage students to use them for any reason related to the course material. If students cannot make it during the posted times, we can arrange individual appointments. If I have to cancel my office hours for any reason, I will make every effort to inform the class regarding make-up office hours. Please do not e-mail me with questions regarding the course material. I will only respond to e-mails regarding non-substantive procedural/technical issues which require a brief answer. Moreover, I will only respond to emails that use a Carleton account.

Lecture and Reading Schedule:
(*indicates a suggested reading)

-Week 1 (September 8, 2014):

Introduction and Thematic Overview of the Course

- Course Overview
- Setting up presentation schedule and assigning discussants.

-Week 2 (September 15, 2014):

Introduction to Politics in Québec: Historical Background and Contemporary Context


-Week 3 (September 22, 2014):

The Quiet Revolution and Quebec Nationalism


-Week 4 (September 29, 2014): *Short assignment due*

Debates about National Identity in Quebec


-Week 5 (October 6, 2014):

**Electoral Behaviour in Québec and the Bloc Québécois**


**There are no recent English-language Quebec election studies available. I will lead a discussion on Quebec political parties and the April, 2014 election. For some reference, here is the CBC’s election coverage website;**

http://www.cbc.ca/elections/quebecvotes2014/

And here is an Op/Ed piece written by Paul Wells of Maclean’s magazine, which will serve to frame a discussion on the PQ campaign:

http://www.macleans.ca/politics/ottawa/big-quebec-little-quebec/

**October 13, 2014, Statutory Holiday – University Closed**

-Week 6 (October 20, 2014):

**Quebec and Canadian Federalism**


**October 27-31, 2014 – Fall Break, No Classes**

-Week 7 (November 3, 2014):

Managing Diversity: The Challenges of National and Socio-Cultural Pluralism


-Week 8 (November 10, 2014):

The Canadian Constitution and Secession: Quebec-Canada Relations


-Week 9 (November 17, 2014):

The Canadian Constitution and Secession: Quebec-Canada Relations II

Film and discussion to follow:

The Champions (1984); Part 3

-Week 10 (November 24, 2014):

Language Politics


-Week 11 (December 1, 2014):

Quebec’s International Relations and Economic Development


*Week 12 (December 8, 2014): *Research paper due*

Constitutional Possibilities and Renewed Federalism


- Alain-G. Gagnon and Raffaele Iacovino, Federalism, Citizenship and Quebec: Debating Multinationalism, (Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2007), Chapters 5 and 6, pp. 123-177

### Academic Accommodations

The Paul Menton Centre for Students with Disabilities (PMC) provides services to students with Learning Disabilities (LD), psychiatric/mental health disabilities, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD), chronic medical conditions, and impairments in mobility, hearing, and vision. If you have a disability requiring academic accommodations in this course, please contact PMC at 613-520-6608 or pmc@carleton.ca for a formal evaluation. If you are already registered with the PMC, contact your PMC coordinator to send me your Letter of Accommodation at the beginning of the term, and 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 me to ensure accommodation arrangements are made. Please consult the PMC website for the deadline to request accommodations for the formally-scheduled exam (if applicable).

**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 University Senate defines plagiarism as “presenting, whether intentional or not, the ideas, expression of ideas or work of others as one’s own.” This can include:

- 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;
- submitting a take-home examination, essay, laboratory report or other assignment written, in whole or in part, by someone else;
- using ideas or direct, verbatim quotations, or paraphrased material, concepts, or ideas without appropriate acknowledgment in any academic assignment;
- using another's data or research findings;
• failing to acknowledge sources through the use of proper citations when using another’s works and/or failing to use quotation marks;
• handing in "substantially the same piece of work for academic credit more than once without prior written permission of the course instructor in which the submission occurs.

Plagiarism is a serious offence which cannot be resolved directly with the course’s instructor. The Associate Deans of the Faculty conduct 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 include a mark of zero for the plagiarized work or a final grade of "F" for the course.

**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.

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**Grades:** Final grades are derived from the completion of course assignments. Failure to write the final exam will result in the grade ABS. Deferred final exams are available ONLY if the student is in good standing in the course.

**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.

**Carleton E-mail Accounts:** All email communication to students from the Department of Political Science will be via official Carleton university e-mail accounts and/or cuLearn. As important course and University information is distributed this way, it is the student’s responsibility to monitor their Carleton and cuLearn accounts.

**Carleton Political Science Society:** The Carleton Political Science Society (CPSS) has made its mission to provide a social environment for politically inclined students and faculty. Holding social events, debates, and panel discussions, CPSS aims to involve all political science
students at Carleton University. Our mandate is to arrange social and academic activities in order to instill a sense of belonging within the Department and the larger University community. Members can benefit through numerous opportunities which will complement both academic and social life at Carleton University. To find out more, visit https://www.facebook.com/groups/politicalsciencesociety/ or come to our office in Loeb D688.

**Official Course Outline:** The course outline posted to the Political Science website is the official course outline.