

Carleton University  
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Department of Political Science

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**PSCI 6001W**  
**The Political Process in Canada**

8:35 a.m. – 11:25 a.m. Thursdays

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Office hours: via zoom, Tuesdays 10 a.m. – noon.

The class will meet via Zoom every Thursday of the term for approximately two and one-half hours. **Students must attend each class.**

Zoom links for class and office hours will be distributed through CULEARN prior to the first class.

This is the second half of the PhD core course in Canadian Politics. The principal objective of the course is to expose students to key debates and literature in the study of Canadian politics. This half of the course concentrates on Canada's political institutions and the different approaches to studying them. In many weeks, we will be joined by faculty members from the Department who will lead discussions in their areas of expertise. There is a considerable amount of reading for the course and all readings are available electronically on course reserve through the Carleton library. A list of readings will be posted on CU Learn prior to the first class. Students are expected to have read and carefully considered each reading before class. Classes will run as seminar discussions and the bulk of the time should involve students discussing the material with each other.

### **Assignments and evaluation**

**Attendance and Participation (25%):** Students are expected to attend each class session and to participate fully in class discussions. The grade will reflect both the quality and quantity of participation (with greater emphasis on the former).

**Seminar Leader (30%):** Each student will be seminar leader for three classes. Seminar leaders will prepare a presentation that summarizes the key arguments of the assigned readings, will prepare discussion questions arising from the readings and will generally lead the seminar. Seminar leaders will submit a 1000 - 1200 word written reflection on the class discussion from their weeks as leader. The written reflections are due in the class following that in which the student was leader.

In-class Test (15%): As one of the purposes of the course is to prepare students for the comprehensive examination in Canadian Politics, an in-class test will be held on 1 April.

Political Biography Assignment (30%): Students will write a 15-page paper applying readings from the course to a biography of a Canadian Prime Minister. The paper is due at the start of class on 8 April 2021. Further details of this assignment will be distributed in class. Students will make an oral presentation of their paper in class on 8 April.

#### Class Schedule;

January 14, introduction and overview

January 21, the study of Canadian politics

January 28, the Constitution

February 4, federalism (Prof. Iacovino)

February 11, the executive (Prof. Malloy)

February 18, no class – reading week

February 25, the electoral system

March 4, parliament (Prof. Thomas)

March 11, Political parties

March 18, the courts and the Charter (Prof. Jhappan)

March 25, voters and elections (Prof. White)

April 1, term test

April 8, students present their PM biographical paper

#### **Academic Accommodations**

##### Accommodations during COVID

Due to COVID, instructors will not request or require a doctor's note when students seek accommodation for missed term work or exams due to illness. Instead, students will be asked to complete the self-declaration form available here: [https://carleton.ca/registrar/wp-content/uploads/COVID-19\\_Self-declaration.pdf](https://carleton.ca/registrar/wp-content/uploads/COVID-19_Self-declaration.pdf)

##### Pregnancy

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, visit the Equity Services website: [carleton.ca/equity/wp-content/uploads/Student-Guide-to-Academic-Accommodation.pdf](http://carleton.ca/equity/wp-content/uploads/Student-Guide-to-Academic-Accommodation.pdf)

#### Religious obligation

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, visit the Equity Services website: [carleton.ca/equity/wp-content/uploads/Student-Guide-to-Academic-Accommodation.pdf](http://carleton.ca/equity/wp-content/uploads/Student-Guide-to-Academic-Accommodation.pdf)

#### 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](mailto: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.

#### 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 its 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: [carleton.ca/sexual-violence-support](http://carleton.ca/sexual-violence-support)

#### 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. <https://carleton.ca/senate/wp-content/uploads/Accommodation-for-Student-Activities-1.pdf>

For more information on academic accommodation, please contact the departmental administrator or visit: [students.carleton.ca/course-outline](http://students.carleton.ca/course-outline)

#### 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 may include a mark of zero for the plagiarized work or a final grade of "F" for the course.

More information on the University's Academic Integrity Policy can be found at:  
<https://carleton.ca/registrar/academic-integrity/>

#### Intellectual property

Student or professor materials created for this course (including presentations and posted notes, labs, case studies, assignments and exams) remain the intellectual property of the author(s). They are intended for personal use and may not be reproduced or redistributed without prior written consent of the author(s).

**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:** All assignments will be submitted through CU-Learn. It is not advisable to submit them through e-mail.

**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 fulfil all course requirements in order to achieve a passing grade. Failure to hand in any assignment will result in a grade of F.

**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.