

PSCI 1000A
Introduction to Political Science
11:35 a.m. – 12:25 p.m. Monday and Wednesday
Please confirm location on Carleton Central

Fall:

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Course Description

This course introduces students to some of the main ideas and sub-disciplines relevant to the study of political science. By the end of the class, students will be conversant with these topics and prepared to enrol in higher level Political Science courses. Topics covered include foundational ideas and thinkers associated with the discipline of Political Science, comparative political and electoral systems, gender and politics, politics and the environment, theories of international relations, and issues related to globalisation. The course consists of two (one hour) lectures per week and one (one hour) discussion group component per week.

Texts

The following are **required** texts for the class and can be purchased at *Haven* bookstore (43 Seneca st.):

- * Janine Brodie and Sandra Rein, *Critical Concepts: An Introduction to Politics*, 4th ed., Pearson (2009).
- * PSCI 1000A Coursepack

Evaluation:

Participation in discussion group	= 5%
Attendance in discussion group	= 5%
Short Paper #1	= 10% Due: Oct. 13
Short Paper #2	= 10% Due: Nov. 15
Long Paper	= 20% Due Mar. 7
Mid-Term Exam	= 20 %
Final Exam	= 30%

* **Please Note:** For writing assignments, students will be evaluated primarily in terms of: 1. coherence, depth, and accuracy of argument, 2. inclusion of required number of legitimate secondary sources; 3. grammar, style, and structure; and 4. quality of thesis statement.

Early Feedback

In order for students to get a sense of their standing in the class before the drop deadline, the first paper is due on October 13.

Examinations

There will be two exams (20% and 30% of the final grade respectively). The format of the exams will be a mixture of multiple choice, short answer, and long answer. Exams will be scheduled during formal examination period.

Term Work

Short Papers:

Students will write two short (5-6 page) papers (12 font, Times New Roman, double-spaced). A list of topics will be distributed that students must choose from. The first paper is due on October 13 and the second on November 15. A minimum of **4 legitimate secondary sources** are required, two which must come from *recognised scholarly journals or books*. All papers must be submitted to the instructor **in-class** on the assigned dates. Papers will be handed back to students *in their discussion groups*. If a student cannot be present at the discussion group, they can leave a self-addressed stamped envelope with the instructor when they are submitting their paper. The instructor will then mail the graded paper to the student.

Long Paper:

Students will write one long (10-12 page) paper (12 font, Times New Roman, double-spaced). A list of topics will be distributed that students must choose from. The paper is due on March 7 which is, incidentally, the instructor's birthday. A minimum of **8 legitimate secondary sources** are required, six which must come from *recognised scholarly journals or books*. All papers must be submitted to the instructor **in-class** on the assigned date. Papers will be handed back to students *in their discussion groups*. If a student cannot be present at the discussion group, they can leave a self-addressed stamped envelope with the instructor when they are submitting their paper. The instructor will then mail the graded paper to the student.

Late Assignment Policy

Any paper that is handed in after the class is finished on the assigned date will be considered late. All papers handed in late will receive a deduction of 1/3 of a full letter grade per day late. So, for example, a paper that receives an A grade but is a day late, will be recorded as an A-. If the same paper is two days late, then the mark assigned will be B+, etc. There will be no exceptions to this rule (except in case of documented emergencies). Late papers can be left in the department of Political Science drop box (B 640 Loeb Building). The drop box is emptied every weekday at 4:00 PM and time-stamped. Any papers dropped off after 4:00 PM will be considered submitted the following day.

Other forms of evaluation

Participation

5% of the final grade will be determined by the student's contribution to his or her discussion group. Discussion group leaders will describe the criteria for determining the participation grade.

Attendance

5% of the final grade will be based on attendance at the discussion groups. Students will be allowed to miss three discussion groups without penalty. All subsequent absences will result in a 1% penalty per absence (as a percentage of the final course grade). Therefore, if the student misses 8 or more discussion groups, they will receive no attendance marks.

Academic Support:

If you require research, computer or learning support services, please consult the Carleton University Learning Commons at http://www.library.carleton.ca/learning_commons/

For help with academic writing and related issues, please consult the Academic Writing Centre and Writing Tutorial Service (<http://www.carleton.ca/wts/>).

Schedule

Sept. 13 Introduction

Sept. 15 What is Political Science? (Reading: Brodie, ch. 1, *CC*)

Sept. 20 What is Political Theory? (Epp: ch. 2, *CC*)

Sept. 22 What is Political Theory?, cont'd

Sept. 27 Conservatism (Muller, "What is Conservative Social and Political Thought?", in *Coursepack*)

Sept. 29 Conservatism, cont'd

Oct. 4 Liberalism (Carmichael, ch. 3, *CC*)

Oct. 6 Liberalism, cont'd

Oct. 11 *Holiday (no classes)*

Oct. 13 Democracy (Kellogg, ch.4, *CC*) * **Short Paper #1 Due**

Oct. 18 Radical Politics (Rein, ch. 5, *CC*)

Oct. 20 Radical Politics, cont'd

Oct. 25 Gender and Politics (Trimble, ch. 14, *CC*)

Oct. 27 Gender and Politics, cont'd

Nov. 1 The State (Harder, ch. 6, *CC*)

Nov. 3 The State, cont'd

Nov. 8 Regimes (Judson and Rein, ch. 7, *CC*)

Nov. 10 Regimes, cont'd

Nov. 15 Constitutions (Urquhart, ch. 8, *CC*) * **Short Paper #2 Due**

Nov. 17 Constitutions, cont'd

Nov. 22 Parties and Elections (Patten, ch. 10, *CC*)

Nov. 24 Parties and Elections, cont'd (Wilton, ch. 11, *CC*)

Nov. 29 Citizens and Citizenships (Gabriel, ch. 12, *CC*)

Dec. 1 Citizens and Citizenships, cont'd

Dec. 6 Exam Review

Jan. 3 The Politics of Diversity (Dhamoon, ch. 16, *CC*)

Jan. 5 The Politics of Diversity, cont'd

Jan. 10 Indigenous Peoples (Altamirano-Jimenez, ch. 17, *CC*)

Jan. 12 Indigenous Peoples, cont'd

Jan. 17 International Relations Theory (Knight, ch. 21, *CC*)

Jan. 19 IR Theory, cont'd

Jan. 24 IR Theory, cont'd (Lejnieks, ch. 22, *CC*)

Jan. 26 IR Theory, cont'd

Jan. 31 International Organisations (Keating, ch. 23, *CC*)

Feb. 2 International Organisations, cont'd

Feb. 7 Globalisation (Aitken, ch. 24, *CC*)

Feb. 9 Globalisation, cont'd

Feb. 14 Globalisation, cont'd (Mahdavi, ch. 20, *CC*)

Feb. 16 Globalisation, cont'd

Feb. 21 (Winter Break, no classes)

Feb. 23 (Winter Break, no classes)

Feb. 28 Alternative Globalisation (Smith, ch. 27, *CC*)

Mar. 2 Alternative Globalisation, cont'd

Mar. 7 Alternative Globalisation, cont'd (Evans, “**Counterhegemonic Globalization: Transnational Social Movements in the Contemporary Political Economy,**” in *Coursepack*)
Long Paper Due

Mar. 9 Alternative Globalisation, cont'd

Mar. 14 Environmental Politics (Adken, ch. 18, *CC*)

Mar. 16 Environmental Politics, cont'd

Mar. 21 Political Violence (McMahon, ch. 19, *CC*)

Mar. 23 Risk Society

Mar. 28 Financial Crisis (Ikenberry, “Rise of China,” in *Coursepack*)

Mar. 30 The Rise of China

Apr. 5 Exam Review

Academic Accommodations

For students with Disabilities: Students with disabilities requiring academic accommodations in this course must register with the Paul Menton Centre for Students with Disabilities (500 University Centre) for a formal evaluation of disability-related needs. Registered PMC students are required to contact the centre (613-520-6608) every term to ensure that the instructor receives your request for accommodation. 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 assignment is due or the first in-class test/midterm requiring accommodations**. If you require accommodation for your formally scheduled exam(s) in this course, please submit your request for accommodation to PMC by **November 15 2010 for December examinations and March 11 2011 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 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.

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.

Percentage	Letter grade	12-point scale	Percentage	Letter grade	12-point scale
90-100	A+	12	67-69	C+	6
85-89	A	11	63-66	C	5
80-84	A-	10	60-62	C-	4
77-79	B+	9	57-59	D+	3
73-76	B	8	53-56	D	2
70-72	B-	7	50-52	D-	1

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: 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: All email communication to students from the Department of Political Science will be via Connect. Important course and University information is also distributed via the Connect email system. It is the student's responsibility to monitor their Connect account.

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 in the after-hours academic life 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, please email carletonpss@gmail.com, visit our website at poliscisociety.com, 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.