

PSCI 2003B
Canadian Political Institutions
Lectures: Monday and Wednesdays 9:35 a.m. -12:25 p.m.
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This course explores the major constitutional, political, judicial and bureaucratic institutions of the nation. It is not a course on the rules and practices of these institutions, but rather an exploration of how power and democracy shape, and are shaped by, these institutions.

Texts: Both are required

Books are available at Haven Books, 43 Seneca St. (havenbooks.ca)

Dyck, Rand. *Canadian Politics: Critical Approaches* (6th edition, 2010) (Toronto: Nelson)

Peter H. Russell, Francois Rocher, Debra Thompson and Linda White, eds., *Essential Readings in Canadian Government and Politics* (Toronto: Emond Montgomery, 2010).

Grading:

First Assignment (Due Wed, May 23)	15%
Second Assignment (Due Mon, June 18)	35%
Final Exam (to be scheduled during the regular exam period)	40%
Participation and Attendance	10%

The first assignment will be an essay approximately 1250 words long, based on the course readings. Full details will be given in the first class. The second assignment will be a somewhat longer essay and may require outside research. Prior to the first class, feel free to e-mail the instructor for additional details.

Participation forms an important part of the course and your learning. Depending on the final size of the class, students will be asked to engage in class discussions, complete short assignments and/or post on the WebCT discussion board. Attendance will be taken in class. If you are not able to make it to class, e-mail the instructor, preferably beforehand.

Late Policy - Papers received after 10 AM on the due date without excuse will lose one percent. Papers received after 4 PM on the due date will lose one-third of a letter grade per day (i.e., from B+ to B), including weekends unless valid reasons are presented. Papers can be deposited in the drop box outside the Political Science main office at Loeb B640.

Topics and Reading Assignments

The textbooks are your friends. Review them before and after class to ensure you are familiar with the concepts under discussion, and to further understand concepts covered in the lectures.

	Topic	Chapter from "Canadian Politics: Critical Approaches"	Reading from "Essential Readings"
Mon May 7	Introduction		
Wed May 9	Historical Foundations	Chapter 2 – "Institutional Foundations"	
Mon May 14	The Constitution and Constitutional Reform	Chapter 17 – "The Constitution and Constitutional Change"	54, Russell, "Constitutional Politics: In a New Era Canada Returns to Old Methods"
Wed May 16	Federalism and Aboriginal Peoples	Chapter 18 "The Provinces and the Federal System"	42 – Donald Smiley, "The Structural Problem of Canadian Federalism"
May 21	<i>Victoria Day - University Closed</i>		
Wed May 23	Judiciary and the Charter of Rights <u>First Assignment Due</u>	Chapter 19 "The Charter of Rights and Freedoms	<i>Charter of Rights and Freedoms</i> (p. 300)
Mon May 28	Elections and the Electoral System	Chapter 13 "Elections and the Electoral System"	12 – Alan C. Cairns "The Electoral System and the Party System..."
Wed May 30	Political Parties	Chapter 14 "Political Parties and the Party System"	15 – Brodie and Jensen "The Party System"
Mon June 4	Parliament	Chapter 23 "Parliament"	17 – Lisa Young, "Value Clash"
Wed June 6	Executive	Chapter 21 "The Executive: Crown, Prime Minister and Cabinet"	16 – Donald Savoie "The Rise of Court Government"
Mon June 11	Public Policy and Administration	Chapter 22 "The Bureaucracy"	19 – Grace Skogstad "Who Governs?"
June 13	TBA		
Mon June 18	Review for Exam <u>Second Assignment Due</u>		

Academic Accommodations

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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 **(June 8, 2012 for early summer term examinations and July 27, 2012 for late/full summer term)**.

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

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.

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.