

**PSCI 4801A**  
**Selected Topics in Global Politics**  
**The International Politics of Forced Migration**

**Wednesdays - 2:35pm to 5:25pm**  
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**Please note that e-mails relating to the course will be sent to your Carleton Central account, *not* via WebCT. Also, please use your Carleton Central account when sending an e-mail to the instructor and include the course code in the subject line.**

**First class:** 16 September 2009  
**Last class:** 2 December 2008

**Course web-page:** On-line components of this course will be managed through WebCT. Please visit the WebCT site at least once a week to receive the most current information pertaining to the scheduling of the course and required readings.

**Course objectives:**

The prolonged presence of sprawling and insecure refugee camps in Africa and Asia, the plight of 'boat people' seeking refuge in Europe and North America, and controversies surrounding asylum seekers in Canada and elsewhere are but three examples of the tensions between human rights principles and domestic, regional and international politics. While a UN Agency was established in 1950 to ensure protection for refugees and to find solutions to their plight, these objectives are frequently frustrated by political constraints. How can this tension be reconciled?

The objective of this course is to introduce students to the major themes and tensions that currently affect the international refugee protection regime. Through the course, students will be expected to develop an understanding of the elements of the international refugee protection regime, current issues it is seeking to resolve, the significance of these issues in the resolution of contemporary refugee situations, and the role that local, national, regional and international global politics play in the origins and development of these issues.

Working through a series of lectures, seminars and case studies, the course will present a history of the international refugee protection regime, focusing on its functions and components, before considering issues that currently confront the regime. The course will conclude by applying these concepts to contemporary refugee situations and examining the local, national, regional and international obstacles to ensuring the protection of refugees and to finding a solution to their plight.

**Course outline:**

The course is divided into three sections:

**Section 1** provides an overview of the international protection regime, including an introduction to core instruments such as the *1951 Convention relating to the Status of Refugees* and organizations such as the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR). Section 1 will also consider the meaning of international refugee protection, definitions of refugees and understandings of protection, and the functioning of the international refugee regime. The primary form of instruction in Section 1 will be seminar discussions led by the Instructor.

**Section 2** will turn to a more specific examination of contemporary issues confronting the international refugee protection regime, including the range of solutions available to refugees, the state of asylum in the global North and South, protracted refugee situations, situations of internal displacement, international solidarity and burden sharing, the security implications of refugee movements, and the needs of vulnerable populations, including refugee women and children. The primary form of instruction in Section 2 will be seminar discussions led by students.

**Section 3** will examine how the themes and issues raised during the course are applied in the context of the resolution of specific contemporary refugee situations. **Four case studies will be considered, based on a vote on 30 September 2009.** Working as a class, we will examine current refugee situations, the challenges to refugee protection in each case, and consider possible ways of finding solutions to both the protection challenges faced by refugees and to the refugee situation itself. The primary form of instruction in Section 3 will be seminar discussions led by students.

**Requirement:**

General participation:	15%
Seminar presentation (weeks 6 to 11):	15%
Issue paper proposal and bibliography (7 October 2009):	10%
Issue paper (18 November 2009):	40%
Individual policy note (4 November 2009):	5%
Group briefing note (2 December 2009):	10%
Policy briefing presentation (2 December 2009):	5%

As Per **early feedback guidelines**, the issue paper proposal which is due **7 October 2009** will be returned by **21 October 2009**.

*Seminar presentation:* During Sections 2 and 3 of the course, each student will be required to help lead a 1-hour seminar examining a contemporary issue in international refugee protection or a case study, as detailed in the weekly schedule.

*Issue paper:* Students will be required to prepare an 18 to 20-page paper examining an international refugee protection issue discussed in class, its relevance to the international refugee protection regime, and possible ways of resolving the challenges it poses to refugee protection. Students will be required to submit a proposal and annotated bibliography on their selected issue on **7 October 2009**. Issue papers will be due no later than the start of class on **18 November 2009**.

In addition, students will work in small group to address policy challenges posed to the class by Citizenship and Immigration Canada. **Details of this section of the course will be discussed during the first class meeting.** Class time will be allocated for group work associated with this project.

*Late penalties:* Assignments submitted after the due date will be penalized by 5% of the 100% assignment grade per 24 hours. Exceptions to this policy will only be made for academic accommodations, as outlined below, or for medical or personal emergencies substantiated by official documentation. **Late papers must be submitted via the drop box in the Department of Political Science, as outlined below.**

#### **Readings and required texts:**

There are four **required texts** for this course, as detailed below.

Please note, however, that three of these texts are available electronically **at no cost to the student.**

Loescher, Gil, Alexander Betts and James Milner, *The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR): The politics and practice of refugee protection into the twenty-first century*, New York: Routledge, 2008.

This title is held in the Reserve Collection at the MacOdrum Library. It is also available for purchase at Octopus Books, 116 Third Avenue (Third and Bank), in the Glebe. For directions, see: <http://www.octopusbooks.ca>

Loescher, Gil, *The UNHCR in World Politics: A Perilous Path*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2001. (e-Book in the Carleton Library)

United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), *The State of the World's Refugees: Human Displacement in the New Millennium*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2006.  
(Available on-line at: <http://www.unhcr.org/static/publ/sowr2006/toceng.htm>)

United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), *The State of the World's Refugees: Fifty Years of Humanitarian Action*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2000.  
(Available on-line at: <http://www.unhcr.org/static/publ/sowr2000/toceng.htm>)

In addition, it is **recommended** that students consult other books, web-sites and journals, including:

#### **Books**

Feller, Erika, Volker Türk and Frances Nicholson (eds.), *Refugee Protection and International Law: UNHCR's Global Consultations on Refugee Protection*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2003.

Gibney, Matthew J., *The Ethics and Politics of Asylum: Liberal Democracy and the Responses to Refugees*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2004.

Goodwin-Gill, Guy, *The Refugee in International Law*, Second Edition, Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1996.

- Hathaway, James C., *The Law of Refugee Status*, Toronto: Butterworths, 1991.
- Helton, Arthur, *The Price of Indifference: Refugees and humanitarian action in the new century*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2002.
- Loescher, Gil, *Beyond Charity: International Cooperation and the Global Refugee Crisis*, New York: Oxford University Press, 1993.
- Loescher, Gil and Laila Monahan (eds.), *Refugees and International Relations*, Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1990.
- Loescher, Gil and James Milner, *Protracted Refugee Situations: Domestic and Security Implications*, Adelphi Paper no. 375, London: Routledge, 2005.
- Terry, Fiona, *Condemned to Repeat?: The paradox of humanitarian action*, Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2002.
- Weiner, Myron, *The Global Migration Crisis: Challenge to States and to Human Rights*, New York: HarperCollins, 1995.
- Zolberg, Aristide R., Astri Suhrke, and Sergio Aguayo, *Escape from Violence: Conflict and the Refugee Crisis in the Developing World*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1989.

**Web-sites**

- Forced Migration On-line: <http://www.forcedmigration.org>
- PRS Project (Oxford): <http://www.prsproject.org>
- United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR): <http://www.unhcr.org>
- UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs: <http://www.reliefweb.org>
- US Committee for Refugees: <http://www.refugees.org>

**Note:** The UNHCR web-site and Forced Migration On-line are both good resources that students may especially wish to consult when considering their issue for Section 2 of the course and their case for Section 3.

**Journals (available on-line)**

- Forced Migration Review*
- International Journal of Refugee Law*
- International Migration*
- Journal of Refugee Studies*
- Refugee Survey Quarterly*
- Refuge*

### **Provisional outline of course topics:**

Below is a **tentative** weekly breakdown of the course and **possible** readings. Please consult WebCT regularly for updates to this list of weekly topics and readings, in addition to information about the course.

#### **Week 1**

**16 September 2009:** Introduction: Refugees and Global Politics

Gil Loescher, Alexander Betts and James Milner, "Introduction", *The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR): The politics and practice of protection into the twenty-first century*, New York, Routledge, 2008.

Gil Loescher, "Chapter 1: The UNHCR at 50: State Pressures and Institutional Autonomy", *The UNHCR and World Politics: A Perilous Path*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2001.

UNHCR, "Chapter 1: Current dynamics of displacement", *The State of the World's Refugees: Human Displacement in the New Millennium*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2006. (<http://www.unhcr.org/publ/PUBL/4444afc50.pdf> )

#### **Week 2**

**23 September 2009:** The origins and evolution of the global refugee regime

Gil Loescher, Alexander Betts and James Milner, "Chapter 1: The origins of international concern for refugees", *The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR): The politics and practice of protection into the twenty-first century*, New York, Routledge, 2008.

UNHCR, "Chapter 1: The early years", *The State of the World's Refugees: Fifty Years of Humanitarian Protection*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2000.  
(<http://www.unhcr.org/publ/PUBL/3ebf9ba80.pdf>)

United Nations General Assembly Resolution 428(V) of 14 December 1950 and Annex: Statute of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees  
(<http://www.unhcr.org/protect/PROTECTION/3b66c39e1.pdf>)

#### **Week 3**

**30 September 2009:** Core elements of international refugee law  
**Case study selection**

Gil Loescher, Alexander Betts and James Milner, "Chapter 1: The origins of international concern for refugees", *The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR): The politics and practice of protection into the twenty-first century*, New York, Routledge, 2008.

*1951 Convention relating to the Status of Refugees* (included in:  
<http://www.unhcr.org/protect/PROTECTION/3b66c2aa10.pdf>)

1967 Protocol relating to the Status of Refugees (included in:  
<http://www.unhcr.org/protect/PROTECTION/3b66c2aa10.pdf>)

1969 Convention on the Specific Aspects of Refugee Problems in Africa  
([http://www.africa-union.org/Official\\_documents/Treaties\\_%20Conventions\\_%20Protocols/Refugee\\_Convention.pdf](http://www.africa-union.org/Official_documents/Treaties_%20Conventions_%20Protocols/Refugee_Convention.pdf))

#### **Week 4**

**7 October 2009:** The global refugee regime during the Cold War

**Due:** Issue paper proposals

**Deadline for seminar presentation date sign-up**

Gil Loescher, Alexander Betts and James Milner, "Chapter 2: UNHCR in the Cold War, 1950-1991", *The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR): The politics and practice of protection into the twenty-first century*, New York, Routledge, 2008.

Gil Loescher, "Chapter 7: The New Cold War and the UNHCR under Poul Hartling", *The UNHCR and World Politics: A Perilous Path*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2001.

UNHCR, "Chapter 4: Flight from Indochina", *The State of the World's Refugees: Fifty Years of Humanitarian Protection*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2000.

(<http://www.unhcr.org/publ/PUBL/3ebf9bad0.pdf>)

UNHCR, "Chapter 5: Proxy wars in Africa, Asia and Central America", *The State of the World's Refugees: Fifty Years of Humanitarian Protection*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2000. (<http://www.unhcr.org/publ/PUBL/3ebf9baf0.pdf>)

Alexander Betts, "Comprehensive Plans of Action: Insights from CIREFCA and the Indochinese CPA", *New Issues in Refugee Research*, Working Paper No. 120, UNHCR: Geneva, January 2006. (<http://www.unhcr.org/research/RESEARCH/43eb6a152.pdf>)

#### **Week 5**

**14 October 2009:** Canada and the international refugee protection regime

**Special presentation by representative from Citizenship and Immigration Canada, and discussion of policy questions for group work.**

Readings will be posted on WebCT by 7 October 2009.

## Week 6

**21 October 2009:** Refugees in the post-Cold War international system  
State of asylum in the global North and global South  
**Start of seminar presentations**

Gil Loescher, Alexander Betts and James Milner, "Chapter 3: UNHCR in the post-Cold War era", *The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR): The politics and practice of protection into the twenty-first century*, New York, Routledge, 2008.

UNHCR, "Chapter 2: Safeguarding Asylum", *The State of the World's Refugees: Human Displacement in the New Millennium*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2006.  
(<http://www.unhcr.org/publ/PUBL/4444afc70.pdf> )

Matthew J. Gibney, "The State of Asylum: Democratization, judicialization and evolution of refugee policy", *New Issues in Refugee Research*, Working Paper No.50, Geneva: UNHCR, October 2001. (<http://www.unhcr.org/research/RESEARCH/3bf102204.pdf>)

Andrew Shacknove, "From Asylum to Containment", *International Journal of Refugee Law*, Vol. 5, no. 4, 1993. (<http://ijrl.oxfordjournals.org/cgi/reprint/5/4/516.pdf>)

Bonaventure Rutinwa, "The end of asylum? The changing nature of refugee policies in Africa", *New Issues in Refugee Research*, Working Paper No. 5, Geneva: UNHCR, May 1999. (<http://www.unhcr.org/research/RESEARCH/3ae6a0c34.pdf>)

B. S. Chimni, "The Geopolitics of Refugee Studies: A View from the South", *Journal of Refugee Studies*, Vol. 11, no. 4, 1998. (<http://jrs.oxfordjournals.org/cgi/reprint/11/4/350-a>)

## Week 7

**28 October 2009:** Responding to the global state of asylum  
The evolving mandate of UNHCR

Gil Loescher, Alexander Betts and James Milner, "Chapter 4: UNHCR as a global institution: structures, relationships and the politics of funding", *The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR): The politics and practice of protection into the twenty-first century*, New York, Routledge, 2008.

Jeff Crisp, "A new asylum paradigm? Globalization, migration and the uncertain future of the international refugee regime", *New Issues in Refugee Research*, Working Paper No. 100, Geneva: UNHCR, December 2003.  
(<http://www.unhcr.org/research/RESEARCH/3fe16d835.pdf>)

*Declaration of States Parties to the 1951 Convention and/or its 1967 Protocol Relating to the Status of Refugees*, Ministerial Meeting of States Parties, Geneva, 13 December 2001. (<http://www.unhcr.org/publ/PUBL/419c74d64.pdf>)

Erika Feller, Director, Department of International Protection, UNHCR, "Revitalizing the Refugee Protection Regime: The Road Ahead as the 1951 Convention turns 50", Statement to the 51st Session of UNHCR's Executive Committee, Geneva, 2000.  
(<http://www.unhcr.org/cgi-bin/teaxis/vtx/admin/opendoc.htm?tbl=ADMIN&id=429d70e72>)

## Week 8

**4 November 2009:** Internal displacement  
Protracted refugee situations  
Durable solutions: Repatriation, Local Integration and Resettlement  
**Due:** Individual policy note

Gil Loescher, Alexander Betts and James Milner, "Chapter 5: Protection, solutions, and UNHCR's core mandate", *The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR): The politics and practice of protection into the twenty-first century*, New York, Routledge, 2008.

UNHCR, "Chapter 7: Internally displaced persons", *The State of the World's Refugees: Humanitarian Displacement in the New Millennium*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2006. (<http://www.unhcr.org/publ/PUBL/4444afce0.pdf>)

UNHCR, "Chapter 5: Protracted refugee situations: the search for practical solutions", *The State of the World's Refugees: Humanitarian Displacement in the New Millennium*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2006. (<http://www.unhcr.org/publ/PUBL/4444afcb0.pdf>)

B. S. Chimni, "From resettlement to involuntary repatriation: Towards a critical history of durable solutions to refugee problems", *New Issues in Refugee Research*, Working Paper No. 2, Geneva: UNHCR, May 1999. (<http://www.unhcr.org/research/RESEARCH/3ae6a0c50.pdf>)

UNHCR, "Chapter 6: Rethinking durable solutions", *The State of the World's Refugees: Humanitarian Displacement in the New Millennium*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2006. (<http://www.unhcr.org/publ/PUBL/4444afcc0.pdf>)

UNHCR, Global Consultations on International Protection, "Voluntary Repatriation", EC/GC/02/5, 25 April 2002. (<http://www.unhcr.org/protect/PROTECTION/3ccfe52c4.pdf>)

Hazel Lang, "The repatriation predicament of Burmese refugees in Thailand", *New Issues in Refugee Research*, Working Paper No. 46, Geneva: UNHCR, July 2001. (<http://www.unhcr.org/research/RESEARCH/3b7d24214.pdf>)

Jeff Crisp, "Local integration and local settlement of refugees", *New Issues in Refugee Research*, Working Paper No. 102, Geneva: UNHCR, April 2004. (<http://www.unhcr.org/research/RESEARCH/407d3b762.pdf>)

Karen Jacobsen, "The forgotten solution: Local integration for refugees in developing countries", *New Issues in Refugee Research*, Working Paper No. 45, Geneva: UNHCR, July 2001. (<http://www.unhcr.org/research/RESEARCH/3b7d24059.pdf>)

UNHCR, Global Consultations on International Protection, "Local Integration", EC/GC/02/6, 25 April 2002. (<http://www.unhcr.org/protect/PROTECTION/3ccd64536.pdf>)

UNHCR, Global Consultations on International Protection, "Strengthening and Expanding Resettlement Today: Dilemmas, Challenges and Opportunities", EC/GC/02/7, 25 April 2002. (<http://www.unhcr.org/protect/PROTECTION/3cd15428a.pdf>)

## **Week 9**

**11 November 2008:** Burden sharing and UNHCR's funding  
Security and refugee movements  
The protection of refugee women and children

Gil Loescher, "Chapter 8: UNHCR's 'New Look', Financial Crisis and Collapse of Morale under Jean-Pierre Hocke and Thorvald Stolenberg", *The UNHCR and World Politics: A Perilous Path*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2001.

James C. Hathaway and Alexander Neve, "Making International Refugee Law Relevant Again: A proposal for collectivized and solution-oriented protection", *Harvard Human Rights Journal*, Vol. 10, 1997.

Deborah Anker, Joan Fitzpatrick and Andrew Shacknove, "Crisis and Cure: A Reply to Hathaway/Neve and Shuck", *Harvard Human Rights Journal*, Vol. 11, 1998.

James Milner, "Burden Sharing", in Matthew Gibney and Randall Hansen (eds.), *Immigration and Asylum: From 1900 to Present*, Oxford: ABC Clio, 2005.

UNHCR, ExCom, "Annual Theme: International Solidarity and Burden-Sharing in all its Aspects: National, Regional and International Responsibilities for Refugees", A/AC.96/904, 7 September 1998. (<http://www.unhcr.org/excom/EXCOM/3ae68d978.pdf>)

UNHCR, Global Consultations on International Protection, "Mechanisms of International Cooperation to Share Responsibilities and Burdens in Mass Influx Situations", EC/GC/01/7, 19 February 2001. (<http://www.unhcr.org/excom/EXCOM/42a6f1512.pdf>)

Gil Loescher, *Refugee Movements and International Security*, Adelphi Paper 268, London: Brassey's for The International Institute for Strategic Studies, 1992.

Tiyanjana Maluwa, "The Refugee Problem and the Quest for Peace and Security in Southern Africa", *International Journal of Refugee Law*, Vol. 7, no. 4, 1995.

UNHCR, Global Consultations on International Protection, "The Civilian Character of Asylum: Separating Armed Elements from Refugees", EC/GC/01/5, 19 February 2001. (<http://www.unhcr.org/protect/PROTECTION/3ae68f3c18.pdf>)

UNHCR, Global Consultations on International Protection, "Refugee Women", EC/GC/02/8, 25 April 2002. (<http://www.unhcr.org/protect/PROTECTION/3cd154b64.pdf>)

UNHCR, Global Consultations on International Protection, "Refugee Children", EC/GC/02/9, 25 April 2002. (<http://www.unhcr.org/protect/PROTECTION/3cd1544f4.pdf>)

## **Week 10**

**18 November 2009:** Case studies 1 and 2  
**Due:** Issue Papers

Readings will assigned based on case studies selected.

## Week 11

**25 November 2009:** Case studies 3 and 4

Readings will be assigned based on case studies selected.

## Week 12

**2 December 2009:** Conclusion: Future directions for the global refugee regime  
**Policy briefing presentations**  
**Due:** Group briefing note

Gil Loescher, Alexander Betts and James Milner, "Conclusion: towards the future", *The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR): The politics and practice of protection into the twenty-first century*, New York, Routledge, 2008.

UNHCR, "Chapter 8: Looking to the future", *The State of the World's Refugees: Human Displacement in the New Millennium*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2006.  
(<http://www.unhcr.org/publ/PUBL/4444afcf0.pdf>)

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## 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 16, 2009 for December examinations** and **March 12, 2010 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](http://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.

**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](mailto:carletonpss@gmail.com), visit our website at [poliscisociety.com](http://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.