

PSCI 2003 C/D
Canadian Political Institutions

Fridays, 11:35 a.m. – 1:25 p.m.
This course will be held on campus, in-person.

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I General Information

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II Course Description

This course examines the evolution, structure, functions, and critiques of Canada's major political, constitutional, judicial, and bureaucratic institutions and processes. In Canada, these institutions are linked by two themes: the central role of the Crown in organizing the Canadian state, which Canada inherited from its Westminster parliamentary roots, and the relationship between the Crown (state) and Indigenous peoples. These two themes tie the course together and feature throughout the discussion of Canadian political institutions and processes. Importantly, these themes illustrate how institutions evolve and adapt to changing circumstances and the connections that exist between institutions.

III Course Format

The course is primarily delivered through in-class lectures and tutorial groups. Lectures will include time to discuss course material and assignment instructions/tips and tricks. Students will have the option of watching pre-recorded lectures online, should they find themselves unable to attend class. However, tutorial participation will be in-person and on campus.

IV Learning Outcomes

By taking this course, students will:

- Develop a strong knowledge base about Canada's political institutions, their historical development, and contemporary debates,
- Apply knowledge of political institutions to systematically evaluate the Canadian regime,
- Develop critical thinking skills through the iterative nature of course assignments,
- Improve written and oral communication skills through course assignments,
- Practice responding to feedback in a professional environment.

V Texts

- Christopher Cochrane, Kelly Blidook and Rand Dyck. 2020. *Canadian Politics: Critical Approaches*. 9th Edition. Toronto: Tophat. (Visit the Carleton Bookstore or the [publisher](#).)
 - NOTE: The 8th Edition of the textbook is also acceptable.
- Additional readings posted on the course page through ARES.

VI Course Evaluation: Overview

<i>Assignment/Course Component</i>	<i>Assignment Due Date</i>	<i>Percentage</i>	<i>Running Total</i>
Tutorials	Throughout the semester	15%	15%
Syllabus Quiz	Friday, January 27, 2023	1%	16%
Draft Briefing Note 1 ¹	Friday, February 3, 2023	10%	26%
Reflection 1 ²	Friday, February 10, 2023	3%	29%
Bilateral Meeting 1	Due by Friday, February 17, 2023 (5pm)	2.5%	31.5%
Briefing Note 1	Friday, March 3, 2023	15% or 25% ³	56.5%
Reflection 2	Friday, March 10, 2023	3%	59.5%
Briefing Note 2	Friday, March 31, 2023	25%	74.5%
Reflection 3	Wednesday, April 12, 2023	3%	77.5%
Bilateral Meeting 2	Friday, April 14, 2023 (5pm)	2.5%	80%
Final Exam	Scheduled during the formal exam period	20%	100%

This course is designed to foster engagement and dialogue between students and the course instruction team (instructor and teaching assistants) in three ways:

1. Students connect with each other and their teaching assistants through tutorials and the bilateral meeting assignments (Bilateral Meeting 1 and 2).
2. The Briefing Note assignments (Draft Briefing Note 1, Briefing Note 1, and Briefing Note 2) build off each other, providing students with constructive feedback for the next iteration.
3. Students can critically review their work from earlier iterations of the Briefing Note assignments in the three Reflections.

Additionally, the Briefing Note assignments allow some flexibility. Students can decide whether to submit a draft of Briefing Note 1 on February 3rd or wait to submit the final version on March 3rd. There is no penalty for only choosing to submit Briefing Note 1; however, doing so forgoes the first Reflection opportunity (worth 3%). Students can also opt to change topics for Briefing Note 2 assignment (adopt the Option 2 provided below).

¹ Submission of the Draft Briefing Note 1 is optional. Choosing this option garners feedback prior to submitting the complete Briefing Note.

² Reflection 1 will only be accepted once the Draft Briefing Note 1 has been uploaded to Brightspace.

³ If the student submits the Draft Briefing Note 1, Briefing Note 1 is worth 15%. The assignment is worth 25% when only the latter is submitted. It is to the student's benefit to take advantage of submitting the Draft Briefing Note because there is a) more opportunity for feedback and b) the option to submit Reflection 1.

VII Course Evaluation in Detail

Course Engagement – 29% of Final Grade – Ongoing (Weeks 1-13)

There are three avenues of course engagement: weekly discussion forums (15%), bilateral meetings (5%), and reflections on the briefing note assignments (9%).

1. Weekly Tutorials – 15%

Students earn participation through **weekly tutorial groups**. The first tutorial will run on January 13, 2023. Students are expected to bring questions on course material and participate in discussions lead by their teaching assistant.

2. Bilateral Meetings – 2 x 2.5%

Students are required to schedule and attend **two bilateral meetings** with their teaching assistant. The first is due before Reading Week and the second before the end of classes. Students should use these meetings to introduce themselves and discuss *upcoming* course assignments. *Meetings to review an assignment grade do not count* towards these two bilateral meetings. Students are expected to lead the bilateral meeting by a) drawing up a brief agenda for the meeting, b) submitting it to Brightspace prior to the meeting, and c) ensuring all agenda items are covered in a timely fashion.

3. Reflection Assignments – 3 x 3%

There are **three Reflection assignments** following each [Briefing Note](#) submission. These are informal journal entries for personal reflection, approximately 300-500 words in length. 3-4 questions will be provided to guide the responses and students are expected to critically review their work and thought processes/preconceptions in their most recent submission. *The related Briefing Note assignment must have been completed before the Reflection can be uploaded.*

- **Reflection 1**⁴ is due Friday, February 17, 2023 (explains the Draft Briefing Note)
- **Reflection 2** is due Friday, March 10, 2023 (responds to the 2-Pager Briefing Note)
- **Reflection 3** is due Friday, April 12, 2023 (following the Final Briefing Note)

Syllabus Quiz – 1% of Final Grade – Due Friday, January 27, 2023 (Week 3)

The Syllabus Quiz is a quick review of the course components and communication with the course instruction team. The quiz must be completed to unlock the modules for Weeks 4 and up. Quizzes completed on time will receive 1% and all late submissions will result in a grade of 0.⁵

The Briefing Note Assignments – 50% of Final Grade

1. Draft Briefing Note 1 due Friday, February 3, 2023 (Week 4) – 10% of the final grade
2. Briefing Note 1 due Friday, March 3, 2023 (Week 9) – 15% or 25% of the final grade
3. Briefing Note 2 due Friday, March 31, 2022 (Week 12) – 25% of the final grade

Note: A detailed assignment guide is available on Brightspace.

1. Briefing Note 1 (Draft and 2-Pager Submission)

The Briefing Note 1 (BN1) introduces students to a style of concise and precise writing. It is a short assignment of 2 pages (maximum). Students will draft a briefing note to the newly

⁴ Failure to submit the Draft Briefing Note relinquishes the chance to hand in Reflection 1.

⁵ The last day to register in a full Winter course or switch between courses is January 20, 2023. All students, regardless of registration date, will have until the end of the following week to complete the Syllabus Quiz.

appointed Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations answering the following: “What is the utility of the *Royal Proclamation of 1763* for treaty-making and the nation-to-nation relationship in Canada? Assignments should consider historical and contemporary implications. Students can find subject resources and additional details on briefing notes and the assignment on Brightspace. Research beyond the course material is not expected for the 2-page iterations.

- Students are invited to submit a **draft of BN 1 for feedback on February 3rd, 2023**. Grading of the draft focuses on writing style, grammar, and format. The Draft BN1 is worth 10% of the final grade.
- The final **BN1 is due March 3rd, 2023**. It prioritizes content/subject matter comprehension and analysis as well as format and writing style. The assignment should have an argument regarding the continued relevance of the *Royal Proclamation of 1763*. BN1 is worth 25% if completed on its own *OR* 15% of the final grade if the draft BN1 was submitted.

2. Briefing Note 2 – 25% of the Final Grade – Friday, March 31, 2023 (Week 12)

Briefing Note 2 (BN2) is the final iteration of the Briefing Note assignments. Students will be graded on argument, use of course content, critical thinking skills, assignment structure and writing and grammar. It is imperative to include a thesis statement that ties the entire paper together. The assignment must demonstrate a strong understanding of the chosen topic. BN2 must include *3 relevant academic (peer-reviewed) sources* beyond the textbook and materials provided on the course Brightspace page. All sources must be cited. There are two options for the assignment:

- a) **Expand the existing Briefing Note** with an additional two pages, providing new evidence, explanation, analysis, and edits to improve the earlier document.

OR

- b) **Develop a new 3-page Briefing Note** to propose reforming a Canadian political institution covered by the course. Assignments must address the reasons for reform, explain the proposal, and analyze its consequences for institution and the broader Canadian political system (i.e., other political institutions). Recommendations can propose different components or next steps for achieving the proposed reform.

Final Exam – 20% of Final Grade – Formal Exam Period (April 2023)

The Final Exam is made up of 15 multiple choice questions and an essay question of 1200-1500 words. Students will have 3 days to draft the essay and upload it to Brightspace. Students must also complete the multiple choice questions in a separate, 18-minute ‘quiz’ on Brightspace.

The essay must feature a formal structure, including an introduction, body paragraphs (one for each supporting argument), and a conclusion. Students will be graded on argument/thesis construction, use of course content, and structure. The introduction and conclusions should be streamlined and leave most of the essay for the supporting body paragraphs. A good introduction avoids general statements about the world and lays out the essay’s main question or issue followed by a thesis that answers the problem. The thesis statement should feature the main justifications for the argument and may list some possible consequences flowing from the thesis.

***** Remember, the course instructor and teaching assistants are here to help! Please reach out via email, office hours, or the Academic Questions and Course Communications forums.**

VIII Course Procedures and Policies

Assignment Submission and Brightspace Dropboxes

- All assignments are due on Brightspace. Students are responsible for ensuring that the correct file has been uploaded. Assignments should be uploaded as Microsoft Word documents (not PDFs) to the appropriate online dropbox by 11:59 p.m. on the due date.
- Assignment dropboxes are open for 1 week following the assignment due date. Students must contact the course instructor to submit assignments after the dropbox closes.
 - Dropboxes are restricted to students who have completed the Syllabus Quiz.
- Assignment length should follow the guidelines provided. Assignments over or under the expected length by 10% will receive a reduction in the assigned grade.
 - The recommended length for an assignment indicates the amount of effort required. Moreover, staying within the guidelines respects the course instruction team's time.
- Carleton offers MS Office (including Word, Excel, PowerPoint, OneNote, etc.) for free from ITS: [Get Microsoft Office for Students - Help Centre \(carleton.ca\)](#).

Citation is Required!

- Students must use proper citation for all evidence and arguments derived from sources other than themselves. Citation is required for all sources beyond the course material.
- Citing is important for a) giving credit where credit is due (intellectual property), b) justifying evidence, and c) avoiding [plagiarism](#). The preferred style and citation format is to use an in-text option such as MLA, Chicago Author-Date system, or the [Canadian Journal of Political Science](#) guide. Please avoid APA and endnotes.

Late Penalties and Extensions

- Late papers will lose 3% per day, inclusive of weekends and holidays. If there is a valid reason for submitting an assignment late, please contact your teaching assistant or the course instructor as soon as possible. See [Sections X](#) and [XI](#) below for accommodations.
- Extensions will only be granted in cases of special circumstances (i.e., illness and bereavement) provided that the student has provided verifiable documentation.
- All accommodations and extensions must be approved by the course instructor.

Communication

- Please make use of email, tutorials, Q&A sessions during class time, and office hours. All email communication must be via official Carleton university e-mail accounts.
- The course instructional team may not respond to emails after regular business hours.
- Suggested communication options for questions/comments:
 - Carleton University email for technical concerns, course procedures,
 - Class Q&A sessions, office hours, or scheduled meetings for substantive questions on course content assignments,
 - Submit general questions about course material and assignments to the Course Questions discussion forum,
 - Schedule a meeting with the TA or instructor for personal questions and issues.

IX Course Schedule and Topics

Week	Topic	Description	Readings	Assignments
Pre-First Class	Check out Course Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please review the course outline and Critical Thinking Skills Rubric Consider completing the Syllabus Quiz 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Syllabus Critical Thinking Skills Rubric 	
Week 1 Jan. 13	Canada's Institutional Foundations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What are institutions? Canada's regime principles What is the Crown and why does it matter: The Crown and nation-to-nation relationship <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Indigenous-Crown relations European Settlements 	<p><i>Readings are <u>all</u> on ARES!</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Malcolmson and Myers, Chapter 1: pp. 3-10 (See ARES for link) Cochrane et al., Chapter 2: especially pp.19-25 Cochrane et al. Chapter 4: especially pp. 67-76 Borrows (1997) 	
Week 2 Jan. 20	The Crown and Responsible Government	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What is the Crown and why does it matter: The Crown in Canadian society and government today? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Why responsible Government? Responsible Government vs. Separation of Powers What are the advantages/ disadvantages of recognizing the Queen of Canada as the country's head of state? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cochrane et al., Chapter 19: pp. 507-517 Malcolmson and Myers, Chapter 3 	
Week 3 Jan. 27	The Executive: The Prime Minister and Cabinet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Role of Cabinet and the Prime Minister Development of cabinet government Is the Prime Minister too powerful? Is cabinet government now prime ministerial government? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cochrane et al., Chapter 19: pp. 517-537 Lagassé (2016) 	Syllabus Quiz (Friday, January 27, 2023)

Week 4 Feb. 3	The Crown and the Bureaucracy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What does the public service do? How is it structured? • The relationship between the political executive and public administration • Likely start on Parliament early! 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cochrane et al., Chapter 20 • MacDonald (1980) • Biggs (2020) 	Draft Briefing Note 1 (Friday, Feb. 3, 2023)
Week 5 Feb. 10	Parliament I: Senate + Dr. Loleen Berdhal (guest speaker)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What do legislatures do? Introduction to the Canadian parliament • Why is Canada bicameral? The Senate and representation • What does the Senate do? • Recent changes in the Senate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cochrane et al., Chapter 21: pp. 569-570; 596-606 • Independent Senate Advisory Board • Thomas (2018) • Marsland and Thomas (2019) 	Reflection 1 (Friday, Feb. 10, 2023)
Week 6 Feb. 17	Parliament II: House of Commons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The legislative process • Representation in the House of Commons • Parliament and accountability: Parliament as the backbone of responsible government <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Majority vs. minority parliaments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cochrane et al., Chapter 21: pp. 570-596 • Rae (2019) 	Bilateral Meeting 1 (Due by Friday, Feb. 17, 2023)
Week 7	READING WEEK			
Week 8 Mar. 3	Elections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How the electoral system works and its development • Seat distribution • Consequences of FPTP in Canada • The debate about electoral reform and what are the different options? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cochrane et al., Chapter 12 	Briefing Note 1 (Friday, Mar. 3, 2023)
Week 9 Mar. 10	Political Parties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why have political parties? Where do parties come from? • What do parties do? The role of political parties in Canadian government • Party organization: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Internal party organization • The Canadian party system 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cochrane et al., Chapter 13 • Cochrane et al., Chapter 14: pp. 337-349 • Carty and Cross in Russell et al. (2016) 	Reflection 2 (Friday, Mar. 10, 2023)

Week 10 Mar. 17	The Constitution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the Constitution and what are its main components? • Why have a written constitution? • Significant Constitutional developments • What does the Constitution omit, and does it matter? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cochrane et al., Chapter 16 • Cochrane et al., Chapter 4: pp. 76-83 	
Week 11 Mar. 24	Federalism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is federalism? • Federalism in the Constitution and the compound monarchy • The evolution of Canadian federalism • Treaty federalism? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cochrane et al., Chapter 17 • Henderson (1994): 325-329 	
Week 12 Mar. 31	The Judiciary and the <i>Charter of Rights and Freedoms</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The judiciary and the courts: legal access, structure, and independence • <i>The Charter of Rights and Freedoms</i> • Has the Charter politicized the judiciary or legalized democratic and parliamentary politics? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cochrane et al., Chapter 24 • Cochrane et al., Chapter 18: especially pp. 453-458 and 471-478 	Briefing Note 2 (Friday, Mar. 31, 2023)
Week 13 April 12	The Crown in Canada Today	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What use is the Crown in Canada today? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Crown and Reconciliation • Is Canadian government still responsible? Is there still a role for the Crown in ensuring responsibility? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lagassé (2013) • Review Cochrane et al., Chapter 4: especially pp. 67-76 	Reflection 3 (Wednesday, April 12, 2023) Bilateral Meeting 2 (Due by Friday, April 14, 2023)

X **COVID-19 Pandemic Measures**

It is important to remember that COVID is still present in Ottawa. The situation can change at any time and the risks of new variants and outbreaks are very real. There are [a number of actions you can take](#) to lower your risk and the risk you pose to those around you including being vaccinated, wearing a mask, staying home when you're sick, washing your hands and maintaining proper respiratory and cough etiquette.

Feeling sick? Remaining vigilant and not attending work or school when sick or with symptoms is critically important. If you feel ill or exhibit COVID-19 symptoms do not come to class or campus. If you feel ill or exhibit symptoms while on campus or in class, please leave campus immediately. In all situations, you should follow Carleton's [symptom reporting protocols](#).

Masks: Masks are no longer mandatory in university buildings and facilities. However, we continue to recommend masking when indoors, particularly if physical distancing cannot be maintained. We are aware that personal preferences regarding optional mask use will vary greatly, and we ask that we all show consideration and care for each other during this transition.

Vaccines: While proof of vaccination is no longer required to access campus or participate in in-person Carleton activities, it may become necessary for the University to bring back proof of vaccination requirements on short notice if the situation and public health advice changes. Students are strongly encouraged to get a full course of vaccination, including booster doses as soon as they are eligible and submit their booster dose information in [cuScreen](#) as soon as possible. Please note that Carleton cannot guarantee that it will be able to offer virtual or hybrid learning options for those who are unable to attend the campus.

All members of the Carleton community are required to follow requirements and guidelines regarding health and safety which may change from time to time. For the most recent information about Carleton's COVID-19 response and health and safety requirements please see the [University's COVID-19 website](#) and review the [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\)](#). Should you have additional questions after reviewing, please contact covidinfo@carleton.ca.

XI **Student Mental Health**

As a university student you may experience a range of mental health challenges that significantly impact your academic success and overall well-being. If you need help, please speak to someone. There are numerous resources available both on- and off-campus to support you. Here is a list that may be helpful:

Emergency Resources (on and off campus): <https://carleton.ca/health/emergencies-and-crisis/emergency-numbers/>

Carleton Resources:

- Mental Health and Wellbeing: <https://carleton.ca/wellness/>
- Health & Counselling Services: <https://carleton.ca/health/>

- Paul Menton Centre: <https://carleton.ca/pmc/>
- Academic Advising Centre (AAC): <https://carleton.ca/academicadvising/>
- Centre for Student Academic Support (CSAS): <https://carleton.ca/csas/>
- Equity & Inclusivity Communities: <https://carleton.ca/equity/>

Off Campus Resources:

- Distress Centre of Ottawa and Region: (613) 238-3311 or TEXT: 343-306-5550, <https://www.dcottawa.on.ca/>
- Mental Health Crisis Service: (613) 722-6914, 1-866-996-0991, <http://www.crisisline.ca/>
- Empower Me: 1-844-741-6389, <https://students.carleton.ca/services/empower-me-counselling-services/>
- Good2Talk: 1-866-925-5454, <https://good2talk.ca/>
- The Walk-In Counselling Clinic: <https://walkincounselling.com>

XII Academic Accommodations

You may need special arrangements to meet your academic obligations during the term. For an accommodation request, the processes are as follows:

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](#).

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](#).

Accommodations for 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 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, reach out to your instructor as soon as possible to ensure accommodation arrangements are made. For more details, please visit carleton.ca/pmc.

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. Visit [here](#) for more.

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

XII Sexual Violence Policy

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.

XIII Plagiarism

Carleton's [Academic Integrity Policy](#) defines plagiarism as "presenting, whether intentional or not, the ideas, expression of ideas or work of others as one's own." This includes 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. Examples of sources from which the ideas, expressions of ideas or works of others may be drawn from include but are not limited to: books, articles, papers, literary compositions and phrases, performance compositions, chemical compounds, art works, laboratory reports, research results, calculations and the results of calculations, diagrams, constructions, computer reports, computer code/software, material on the internet and/or conversations.

Examples of plagiarism include, but are not limited to:

- any submission prepared in whole or in part, by someone else;
- using ideas or direct, verbatim quotations, paraphrased material, algorithms, formulae, scientific or mathematical concepts, or ideas without appropriate acknowledgment in any academic assignment;
- using another's data or research findings without appropriate acknowledgement;
- submitting a computer program developed in whole or in part by someone else, with or without modifications, as one's own; and
- failing to acknowledge sources through the use of proper citations when using another's work and/or failing to use quotations marks.

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 policy can be found here: [Academic Integrity Policy](#).

XIV APPENDIX

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).

Submission and Return of Term Work

Papers must be submitted directly to the instructor according to the instructions in the course outline. The departmental office will not accept assignments submitted in hard copy.

Grading

Standing in a course is determined by the course instructor, subject to the approval of the faculty Dean. Final standing in courses will be shown by alphabetical grades. The system of grades used, with corresponding grade points is:

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

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 Brightspace. As important course and university information is distributed this way, it is the student's responsibility to monitor their Carleton University email accounts and Brightspace.

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. By hosting social events, including Model Parliament, debates, professional development sessions and more, 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 our networking opportunities, academic engagement initiatives and numerous events which aim to complement both academic and social life at Carleton University. To find out more, visit us on [Facebook](#).

Official Course Outline

The course outline posted to the Political Science website is the official course outline.