

Contract Instructor Opportunities Fall 2026 and Winter 2027

Clayton H. Riddell Graduate Program in Political Management
Arthu Kroeger College of Public Affairs

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Academic Term	Course Code	Course Title	Course Description	Course Credit Value	Anticipated Modality	Anticipated Course Enrolment	Anticipated TA Support	Required qualifications			
Fall 2026	POLM 5007 A	Writing in a Political Context	Introduction to effective political writing. Key concepts will be applied to practical assignments such as news releases, briefing notes, speeches and key messages.	0.25	in-person (evening)	12	None	Candidates should hold a graduate degree and should demonstrate considerable professional experience working in political communications in Canada. Teaching experience is also a strong asset.			

Fall 2026	POLM 5007 B	Writing in a Political Context	Introduction to effective political writing. Key concepts will be applied to practical assignments such as news releases, briefing notes, speeches and key messages. Includes: Experiential Learning Activity	0.25	online	12	None	Candidates should hold a graduate degree and should demonstrate considerable professional experience working in political communications in Canada. Teaching experience is also a strong asset.			
Winter 2027	POLM 5008 A	Ethics in Political Management	An examination of the ethical codes that should guide activities and professional relationships of individuals working in the political system.	0.25	in-person (evening)	12	None	Candidates should hold a graduate degree and should demonstrate considerable professional experience in applied ethics in Canadian politics, namely in senior policy development, advisory and/or oversight roles. Teaching experience is also a strong asset.			
Winter 2027	POLM 5008 B	Ethics in Political Management	An examination of the ethical codes that should guide activities and professional relationships of individuals working in the political system.	0.25	in-person	12	None	Candidates should hold a graduate degree and should demonstrate considerable professional experience in applied ethics in Canadian politics, namely in senior policy development, advisory and/or oversight roles. Teaching experience is also a strong asset.			

Winter 2027	POLM 5009 A	Media Relations	The theory and practice of media relations in a political environment. Includes: Experiential Learning Activity	0.25	online	12	None	Candidates should hold a graduate degree and should demonstrate considerable professional experience working in political communications in Canada. Teaching experience is also a strong asset.			
Winter 2027	POLM 5009 B	Media Relations	The theory and practice of media relations in a political environment. Includes: Experiential Learning Activity	0.25	in-person (evening)	12	None	Candidates should hold a graduate degree and should demonstrate considerable professional experience working in political communications in Canada. Teaching experience is also a strong asset.			
Fall 2026	POLM 5011 F	Political Campaigns	A strategic approach to developing and executing political campaigns (national, regional, local and issue-based), including: campaign ethics; campaign organization; use of new technology and social media; fundraising and budget; development and delivery of messages; GOTV efforts; policy and platform; issue management; tour; innovations and trends. Includes: Experiential Learning Activity	0.5	in-person (evening)	15	None	Candidates should hold a graduate degree and should demonstrate considerable professional experience in Canadian political campaigns, namely in a leadership role in one or more electoral campaigns in Canada. Teaching experience is also a strong asset.			

Fall 2026	POLM 5018 A	Strategic Communications	An introduction to the practice of strategic communications in Canadian politics. Students will learn key concepts by preparing a professional communications plan. Includes: Experiential Learning Activity	0.25	online	15	None	Candidates should hold a graduate degree and should demonstrate considerable professional experience working in political communications in Canada. Teaching experience is also a strong asset.			
Fall 2026	POLM 5018 B	Strategic Communications	An introduction to the practice of strategic communications in Canadian politics. Students will learn key concepts by preparing a professional communications plan. Includes: Experiential Learning Activity	0.25	in-person (evening)	15	None	Candidates should hold a graduate degree and should demonstrate considerable professional experience working in political communications in Canada. Teaching experience is also a strong asset.			
Fall 2026	POLM 5906 A	Special Topics POLM: Politics and the Law	Topics vary from year to year. This year's topic will be Politics and the Law.	0.25	in-person (evening)	15	None	Candidates should hold a graduate degree and should demonstrate considerable professional experience in electoral and other areas of legal practice relevant to Canadian politics, namely in senior advisory and/or oversight roles. Teaching experience is also a strong asset.			

Fall 2026	POLM 5906 B	Special Topics POLM: Digital campaigns for GR	Topics vary from year to year. This year's topic will be Digital Campaigns for Government Relations.	0.25	in-person (evening)	15	None	Candidates should hold a graduate degree and should demonstrate considerable professional experience in digital issue campaigns in Canada, including senior experience developing, implementing, and/or advising campaigns. Teaching experience is also a strong asset.			
Winter 2027	POLM 5905 B	Special Topics POLM: Provincial Politics	Topics vary from year to year. This year's topic is Provincial Politics.	0.5	in-person (evening)	20	None	Candidates should hold a graduate degree and should demonstrate considerable professional experience in provincial politics in Canada, namely in a leadership role in one or more provincial political offices. Teaching experience is also a strong asset.			

Note to Applicants: As per Articles 16.3 and 16.4 of the CUPE 4600 (Unit 2) Collective Agreement, the posted vacancies listed above are first offered to applicants who meet the incumbency criterion. The current CUPE 4600 (Unit 2) Collective Agreement can be found on Carleton University's Academic Staff Agreements webpage.

Contract Instructor Salaries for Fall 2026 and Winter 2027 courses
Half Credit 0.5 Course: \$9,255
Full Credit 1.0 Course: \$18,508

Applications, in the form of a cover letter and CV, should be sent by June 1st, 2026, to:

Professor Sarah Todd,
Director, Arthur Kroeger College of Public Affairs

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