



**School of Arts & Science
SOCIAL SCIENCES DEPARTMENT**

**PSC 104 – 01 and 02
Canadian Government
2008F**

COURSE OUTLINE

1. Instructor Information

(a)	Instructor:	Ross Lambertson		
(b)	Office Hours:	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 2:00-3:00; and by appointment		
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2. Intended Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of this course the student will be able to describe and explain (and in some cases critically assess):

1. The nature of politics, government, and the state, with special reference to Canada.
2. The geographical, historical, social, and international context of the Canadian political system.
3. The fundamental elements of the constitution, including its evolution.
4. Federalism, including federal-provincial tensions.
5. The tensions between nationalism and regionalism, with special reference to Quebec and Western alienation.

3. Required Materials

- (a) Beginning reading: "Introduction to Basic Concepts – 2008-9" (for sale in the College bookstore). This is similar to the reading used last Winter for sections 01 and 02 of PSC 106, but with some additions). Former PSC 106 students who do not want to purchase the new version, and who want to know exactly what additions and revisions have been made, should email the instructor and ask for a version with high-lighted changes.
- (b) Textbook: Robert and Doreen Jackson, *Canadian Government in Transition*, 4th edition (for sale in the College bookstore). This is the same book used in PSC 106, sections 01 and 02, in the Winter of 2008.

(c) Supplement to the textbook: “The Canadian Constitution – Selections” (for sale in the College bookstore). This is *part* of the *British North America Act, 1867* and the *Charter of Rights and Freedoms, 1982*. You can use any other source if you prefer.

(d) Reading for the term paper: Malcolm Gladwell and Adam Gopnik, “Canada: Nation or Notion,” ed. Kate Filion, *Maclean’s* (14 April 2008): 37-40. A copy of this is for sale in the College bookstore. If you want to save money, you can access it on the Internet at:

http://www.macleans.ca/canada/national/article.jsp?content=20080403_145320_5072&page=1.

In addition, you can also see a video of the debate on the Internet at: http://www.macleans.ca/article.jsp?content=20080303_154544_6764

4. Course Content and Schedule - Lectures:

- Monday and Wednesday class (section 01) – 11:00-12:20 – Young 211.
- Tuesday and Thursday class (section 02) – 11:00-12:20 – Young 211.

5. Basis of Student Assessment (Weighting)

(a) Assignments – one term paper, worth 30% of the final grade; this can be rewritten and resubmitted. The higher of the two grades will be official.

(b) Quizzes – a multiple choice test worth 20%, one worth 25%, and a final test worth 20% – for a total of 65%.

(c) Exams – none during examination week.

(d) Other – i. Project - attending a political event or interviewing someone in politics – worth 5%.

ii. Class participation – worth an optional 2%.

6. Grading System

Standard Grading System (GPA)

Percentage	Grade	Description	Grade Point Equivalency
90-100	A+		9
85-89	A		8
80-84	A-		7
77-79	B+		6
73-76	B		5
70-72	B-		4
65-69	C+		3
60-64	C		2
50-59	D	Minimum level of achievement for which credit is granted; a course with a "D" grade cannot be used as a prerequisite.	1
0-49	F	Minimum level has not been achieved.	0

Temporary Grades

Temporary grades are assigned for specific circumstances and will convert to a final grade according to the grading scheme being used in the course. See Grading Policy E-1.5 at camosun.ca for information on conversion to final grades, and for additional information on student record and transcript notations.

Temporary Grade	Description
I	<i>Incomplete:</i> A temporary grade assigned when the requirements of a course have not yet been completed due to hardship or extenuating circumstances, such as illness or death in the family.
IP	<i>In progress:</i> A temporary grade assigned for courses that, due to design may require a further enrollment in the same course. No more than two IP grades will be assigned for the same course. (For these courses a final grade will be assigned to either the 3 ^d course attempt or at the point of course completion.)
CW	<i>Compulsory Withdrawal:</i> A temporary grade assigned by a Dean when an instructor, after documenting the prescriptive strategies applied and consulting with peers, deems that a student is unsafe to self or others and must be removed from the lab, practicum, worksite, or field placement.