

	<p>School of Arts & Science SOCIAL SCIENCES DEPARTMENT</p> <p>PSC 106-001 Canadian Politics 2008F- Revised</p>
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COURSE OUTLINE

The Approved Course Description is available on the web @ _____

Ω Please note: this outline will be electronically stored for five (5) years only.
It is strongly recommended students keep this outline for your records.

1. Instructor Information

(a)	Instructor:	Randall Garrison	
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2. Intended Learning Outcomes

(No changes are to be made to this section, unless the Approved Course Description has been forwarded through EDCO for approval.)

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 basics of the executive branch of government – the formal, political, and non-political elements, with special reference to the Prime Minister and the cabinet.
3. The basics of Parliament – its elements, functions, procedures, and problems.
4. The basics of the public service – its elements, functions, processes, and problems.
5. The basics of the justice system – types of law, the courts, the administration of justice, and the Charter.
6. The basics of political parties – their roots, ideologies, financing, leadership selection, and campaigning.
7. The basics of the electoral system, and possible alternatives, as well as the role of the press.

3. Required Materials

TEXTS: Robert Jackson and Doreen Jackson. Canadian Government in Transition. 4th edition. Toronto: Nelson, 2006.

Michael Whittington and Glen Williams, eds. Canadian Politics in the 21st Century. 7th edition. Toronto: Nelson, 2008.

4. Course Content and Schedule

This course is set up as a survey course taught through two one and a half hour lecture/seminar sessions per week.

The following schedule will provide a guide to lecture topics, reading assignments, and important dates:

September 3/8th	INTRODUCTION TO POLITICS Jackson, Chapters 1 and 2.
September 10/15th	ELECTORAL SYSTEMS Whittington and Williams, Chapter 7.
September 17/22nd	ELECTIONS AND CAMPAIGNS Jackson, Chapter 11.
September 24/ 29th	MEDIA, PUBLIC OPINION, AND PARTICIPATION Whittington and Williams, Chapter 14.
October 1st	CANADIAN POLITICAL CULTURE Whittington and Williams, Chapter 10.
OCTOBER 6th	ELECTION QUIZ
October 6/8th	POLITICAL PARTIES AND VOTING BEHAVIOUR Whittington and Williams, Chapter 6.
October 13th	Thanksgiving Holiday
October 15th	Discussion of Election results plus REVIEW
OCTOBER 20th	MIDTERM EXAMINATION
October 22/27th	POLITICAL PARTIES AND IDEOLOGY: Liberalism Jackson, Chapter 10.
Oct 29/ Nov 3rd	POLITICAL PARTIES AND IDEOLOGY: Alternatives (no new reading)
November 5/ 10th	WOMEN AND POLITICS (paper topics due via email) Whittington and Williams, Chapter 11.

November 12/17th	RACE/ETHNICITY AND POLITICS IN CANADA Whittington and Williams, Chapter 12.
November 19th	PARLIAMENT AND THE COURTS Whittington and Williams, Chapter 9.
November 24/26th	PARLIAMENT AND THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS Jackson, Chapter 7.
November 24th	TERM PAPER DUE
December 1st	PARLIAMENT AND INTEREST GROUPS Whittington and Williams, Chapter 8.
December 3rd	CURRENT POLITICAL ISSUES no new reading plus REVIEW
December 8-16th	FINAL EXAM WEEK

5. Basis of Student Assessment (Weighting)

1. One Quiz- 15%

Students must monitor both the national campaign this fall plus one local campaign. An in-class quiz will be given on October 6th which will cover both the national and local campaigns. It will consist of 10 Fill-in-the-Blank questions and one short answer.

2. Midterm Examination - 25%

A midterm examination will be given in class on **October 20th**. It will consist of three sections: Fill-In-the-Blanks, Short Answers, and Essay Questions. The exam will be based on material covered to date and will include material from lectures and required readings. A review and exam preparation session will be held in class on October 15th.

3. Term Paper- 30%

Topics for term papers must be chosen and approved by the instructor by November 10th. Requirements for the term paper will be specified in a separate handout which will include a list of suggested topics. You may not submit the same paper for two different classes at Camosun. Joint papers for two classes are acceptable only with prior approval of both instructors. Work submitted must be your own. Plagiarism may result in a zero for the assignment. Term papers are due at the end of class on **November 24th**. There will be a penalty for late papers. No papers will be accepted after the last class on December 3rd.

4. Final Examination- 20%

A final examination will be given during Final Examination Week, **December 8th-16th**. The format will be the similar to the second examination, though the exam will be longer. The exam will cover material presented in the course as a whole, though there will be extra emphasis on material presented since the mid-term. A review and exam preparation session will be held in class on December 3rd.

6. Grading System

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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 rd 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.

7. Recommended Materials or Services to Assist Students to Succeed Throughout the Course

LEARNING SUPPORT AND SERVICES FOR STUDENTS

There are a variety of services available for students to assist them throughout their learning. This information is available in the College calendar, at Student Services or the College web site at camosun.ca.

STUDENT CONDUCT POLICY

There is a Student Conduct Policy **which includes plagiarism**. It is the student's responsibility to become familiar with the content of this policy. The policy is available in each School Administration Office, at Student Services and on the College web site in the Policy Section.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS AS APPROPRIATE OR AS REQUIRED