

	<p>School of Arts & Science SOCIAL SCIENCES DEPARTMENT</p> <p>PSC 104-01 Canadian Government 2009W</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		
(b)	Office Hours:	Monday	15:00- 15:30	
		Tuesday	10:00- 11:30 and 13:00-14:30	
		Wednesday	11:00- 12:30 and 15:00-15:30	
		Thursday	10:00- 11:30	
		Or by appointment		
(c)	Location:	Y205		
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(f)	Website:			

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 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) 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

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

January 5/7th INTRODUCTION TO GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS
Jackson, Chapter 1.

January 12/14th DEMOCRACY/ CONSTITUTIONAL MONARCHY
Jackson, Chapter 6. (to page 146.)

January 19/21st HOUSE OF COMMONS
Jackson, Chapter 7. (to page 174.)
Whittington and Williams, Chapter 1.

January 26/28th PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET GOVERNMENT
Jackson, Chapter 6. (pp. 146-52.)
Whittington and Williams, Chapter 2.

February 2nd ROLE OF MPs **Plus REVIEW**
(no new reading)

FEBRUARY 4th FIRST EXAMINATION

February 9th FEDERALISM
Jackson, Chapter 4.
Whittington and Williams, Chapter 4.

February 11th THE SENATE
Jackson, pp. 174-177.

February 16th RESEARCH TOPICS DUE

February 16/18th REGIONALISM
Jackson, Chapter 5. (pp. 121-129)
Whittington and Williams, Chapter 5.

February 23/25th QUEBEC NATIONALISM
Whittington and Williams, Chapter 13.
Optional: Jackson, Chapter 5. (pp. 100-114)

March 2/4th THE CONSTITUTION and CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGE
PLUS REVIEW
Jackson, Chapter 3.

MARCH 9th SECOND EXAMINATION

March 11th FOREIGN AFFAIRS and DEFENCE
no new reading

March 16/18th POLITICAL ECONOMY AND ROLE OF GOVERNMENT
Jackson, Chapter 8.

March 23rd	TERM PAPER DUE
March 23rd	The BUDGET PROCESS no new reading
March 25th	The POLICY PROCESS no new reading
April 1st	BUREAUCRACY AND ACCOUNTABILITY Whittington and Williams, Chapter 3.
April 6th	ETHICS IN GOVERNMENT/ Review Jackson, Chapter 12.
APRIL 8th	FINAL EXAM

5. Basis of Student Assessment (Weighting)

a. First Examination- 20%

A preliminary exam will be held in class on **February 4th**. It will consist of Fill-In-the-Blanks, Short Answers, and Essay Questions. A review and exam preparation session will be held in class on January 28th. This examination will serve as a preview of the other examinations in this course and of the level of performance expected in the course. The format of the three examinations will be similar and this preliminary examination should be used as a guide in evaluating the effort and skills required for successful completion of this course in the areas of reading, listening, note-taking, and exam-writing.

b. Second Examination- 30%

A second examination will be given in class on **March 9th**. 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 March 4th.

c. Term Paper- 30%

Topics for term papers must be chosen and registered with the instructor **by February 16th**. 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 **March 23rd**. There will be a penalty for late papers. No papers will be accepted after the last class on April 8th.

d. Final Examination- 20%

A final examination will be given during the last week of classes on **April 8th**. The format will be the similar to the second examination. The exam will material presented since the mid-term. A review and exam preparation session will be held in class on April 6th.

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

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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