



## COURSE OUTLINE

The course description is online @ <http://camosun.ca/learn/calendar/current/web/psc.html>

Ω Please note: the College electronically stores this outline for five (5) years only.  
 It is **strongly recommended** you keep a copy of this outline with your academic records.  
 You will need this outline for any future application/s for transfer credit/s to other colleges/universities.

### 1. Instructor Information

(a)	Instructor:	Randall Garrison		
(b)	Office Hours:	Tuesday & Thursday	11:30- 13:00	
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### 2. Intended Learning Outcomes

*(No changes are to be made to these Intended Learning Outcomes as approved by the Education Council of Camosun College.)*

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. 5th edition. Toronto: Nelson, 2010.
- Michael Whittington and Glen Williams, eds. Canadian Politics in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. 7th edition. Toronto: Nelson, 2008.
- (b) Other: None

### 4. Course Content and Schedule

September 9/11th	INTRODUCTION TO GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS Jackson, Chapter 1.
September 16/18th	DEMOCRACY/ CONSTITUTIONAL MONARCHY Jackson, Chapter 6, p. 123-125. (Jackson, Chapter 2 optional.)
September 23/25th	HOUSE OF COMMONS Jackson, Chapter 7. (to page 161.) Whittington and Williams, Chapter 1.

Sept 30/Oct 2nd	PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET GOVERNMENT Jackson, Chapter 6. Whittington and Williams, Chapter 2.
October 7th	ROLE OF MPs <b>plus REVIEW</b> (no new reading)
<b>OCTOBER 9th</b>	<b>FIRST EXAMINATION</b>
October 14th	FEDERALISM Jackson, Chapter 4. Whittington and Williams, Chapter 4.
October 16th	THE SENATE Jackson, pp. 161-166.
October 21/23rd	REGIONALISM Jackson, Chapter 5. (pp. 114-120) Whittington and Williams, Chapter 5.
<b>October 23rd</b>	<b>RESEARCH TOPICS DUE</b>
October 28/30th	QUEBEC NATIONALISM Whittington and Williams, Chapter 13. Optional: Jackson, Chapter 5. (pp. 94-114)
November 4/6th	THE CONSTITUTION and CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGE <b>plus Review</b> Jackson, Chapter 3.
November 11th	Remembrance Day Holiday
<b>NOVEMBER 13th</b>	<b>SECOND EXAMINATION</b>
November 18th	FOREIGN AFFAIRS and DEFENCE Jackson, Chapter 2 pp. 46-50.
November 20/25th	POLITICAL ECONOMY AND ROLE OF GOVERNMENT Jackson, Chapter 8.
<b>November 27th</b>	<b>TERM PAPER DUE</b>
November 27th	The BUDGET PROCESS no new reading
December 2nd	The POLICY PROCESS no new reading
December 4th	BUREAUCRACY AND ACCOUNTABILITY Whittington and Williams, Chapter 3.
December 9th	ETHICS IN GOVERNMENT Jackson, Chapter 12.
December 11th	<b>Course Review</b>
<b>December 14-21st</b>	<b>FINAL EXAM WEEK</b>

## 6. Basis of Student Assessment (Weighting)

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### a. First Examination- 20%

A preliminary exam will be held in class on **October 9th**. 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 October 7th. 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 **November 13th**. 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 November 6th.

### c. Term Paper- 30%

Topics for term papers must be chosen and registered with the instructor **by October 23rd**. 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 27th**. There will be a penalty for late papers. No papers will be accepted after the last class on December 11th.

### d. Final Examination- 20%

A final examination will be given during Final Examination Week, **December 14th-21st**. 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 11th.

## 6. Grading System

*(No changes are to be made to this section unless the Approved Course Description has been forwarded through the Education Council of Camosun College for approval.)*

### 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](http://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.

<b>IP</b>	<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. <i>(For these courses a final grade will be assigned to either the 3<sup>rd</sup> course attempt or at the point of course completion.)</i>
<b>CW</b>	<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](http://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 the College web site in the Policy Section.

[ADDITIONAL COMMENTS AS APPROPRIATE OR AS REQUIRED](#)