

COURSE SYLLABUS



COURSE TITLE: PSC-104: Canadian Government

CLASS SECTION:

TERM:

COURSE CREDITS: 3

DELIVERY METHOD(S):

Camosun College campuses are located on the traditional territories of the Lək̓ʷəŋən and W̱SÁNEĆ peoples. We acknowledge their welcome and graciousness to the students who seek knowledge here.

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For COVID-19 information please visit <https://legacy.camosun.ca/covid19/index.html>

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INSTRUCTOR DETAILS

NAME: Daniel Reeve

EMAIL: reeved@camosun.ca

OFFICE: Paul 230

HOURS: Mondays 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM & Wednesdays 2:30 – 3:30 PM

As your course instructor, I endeavour to provide an inclusive learning environment. However, if you experience barriers to learning in this course, do not hesitate to discuss them with me. Camosun College is committed to identifying and removing institutional and social barriers that prevent access and impede success.

CALENDAR DESCRIPTION

This introductory course examines politics, political science, Canada's political roots, the economic and social setting, the constitution, and federalism.

PREREQUISITE(S):

One of:

- C+ in English 12
- C in Camosun Alternative

CO-REQUISITE(S):

Not Applicable

EXCLUSION(S):

Not Applicable

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES / OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of this course a student will be able to:

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.

REQUIRED MATERIALS & RECOMMENDED PREPARATION / INFORMATION

Tousutti, Livianna et al. *Canada Politics Today: Democracy, Diversity, and Good Government*. Toronto: Pearson, 2021.

This is an online textbook. To access this textbook go here: [PSC 104 Canadian Government e-textbook \(W23\)](#)

If you need help, check out these Revel student resources:
<https://www.pearsonhighered.com/revel/students/support/>

The app for this textbook permits students to not only read on their mobile devices (phones, tablets, laptops, and the like), but also includes a feature where each chapter is read aloud. Students can thus listen to each chapter in a variety of ways.

Additional course readings will be available online through content section of the course D2L site.

COURSE SCHEDULE, TOPICS, AND ASSOCIATED PREPARATION / ACTIVITY / EVALUATION

The following schedule and course components are subject to change with reasonable advance notice, as deemed appropriate by the instructor.

WEEK or DATE RANGE	ACTIVITY or TOPIC	OTHER NOTES
Week 1: Jan. 9 & 11	Introductions, assignments, D2L, & Revel Essay Writing Workshop	Course Tour Bonus Quiz – Due Jan.16 at 12:00 Noon
Week 2: Jan. 16 & 18	Read: Ch. 1 – Canadian Politics Today	RQ1 - Jan.16 at 12:00 Noon
Week 3: Jan. 23 & 25	Read: Ch. 2 - The Context of Canadian Politics	RQ2 - Jan.23 at 12:00 Noon
Week 4: Jan. 30 & Feb. 1	Read: Durham Report, Recommendations of Assimilation & Union (Part 1 & 2)	RQ3 - Jan.30 at 12:00 Noon SE1 - Feb. 4 at 11:59 PM
Week 5: Feb. 6 & 8	Read: Ch. 3 – Canada and the Challenge of Cultural Diversity	RQ4 - Feb. 6 at 12:00 Noon
Week 6: Feb. 13 & 15	Read: Ch. 4 – Canadian Economy and Challenges of Inequality	RQ5 - Feb. 13 at 12:00 Noon
Week 7: Feb. 20 & 22	Reading Week	No Assignments Due
Week 8: Feb. 27 & Mar.1	<i>The Birth of a New American Aristocracy</i> (See the content page to find this reading)	RQ6 – Feb. 27 at 12:00 Noon
Week 9: Mar. 6 & 8	Read: Ch. 10 – Constitution, Challenges, and Charter	RQ7 - Mar. 6 at 12:00 Noon SE2 - Mar. 11 at 11:59 PM
Week 10: Mar. 13 & 15	Read: Ch. 11 – Indigenous Rights and Governance	RQ8 – Mar. 13 at 12:00
Week 11: Mar. 20 & 22	Ch. 11 - Continued (Mar. 7) Guest Speaker TBA	SE1 or SE2 Rewrite Due Mar. 25 at 11:59 PM
Week 12: Mar. 27 & 29	Read: Ch. 12 – The Federal System	RQ9 - Mar. 27 at 11:59 Noon
Week 13: Apr. 3 & 5	Read: Ch. 16 - The Judicial System: Law and Courts	RQ10 – Apr. 3 at 12:00 Noon SE3 - Apr. 8 at 11:59 PM
Week 14: Apr. 12	Take Home Final Prep Session (Apr. 12)	Participation Self-Evaluation Quiz – Due Apr. 15 at 11:59 PM
Exam Week	Take Home Final questions posted at noon on Apr. 17	THF due Apr. 20 at 11:59 PM

Students registered with the Centre for Accessible Learning (CAL) who complete quizzes, tests, and exams with academic accommodations have booking procedures and deadlines with CAL where advanced noticed is required. Deadlines scan be reviewed on the [CAL exams page](http://camosun.ca/services/accessible-learning/exams.html). <http://camosun.ca/services/accessible-learning/exams.html>

DESCRIPTION	WEIGHTING
<p>Reading Quizzes (RQ): (9%) With each new chapter or reading students will be asked to take an online multiple-choice quiz in the course D2L website (in the Quiz section). The quizzes will cover the reading for that week (a chapter or a reading) and must be completed prior to the start of that week’s class. Students have one attempt to successfully complete each RQ. The online submission window will close one hour prior to the start of that week’s first class – 12:00 noon on Mondays. The answers for each RQ are available once that RQ closes (12:00 noon Mondays). There will be 10 reading quizzes throughout the semester; the lowest graded RQ will be dropped from each student’s overall grade.</p>	<p>9%</p>
<p>Course Tour Bonus Quiz: At the start the semester, students will be asked to complete the Course Tour Bonus Quiz. This quiz will ask students about course syllabus, different assignments, collaborate, and other aspects of the course. The quiz will be worth up to 1%. The bonus marks will be added to the final score of the Reading Quiz.</p>	<p>1% (bonus)</p>
<p>Short Essays (SE): 20% per assignment Students will write three short essays (SE) of approximately 300 words each. The short essay with the lowest grade will be dropped from the overall grade. A choice of questions will be posted at the beginning of each module. Students will answer one question from that module’s selection. Short essays should be just as well-crafted as a standard essay. Late assignments will be penalized 10% per day. A rewrite option for either short essay one or short essay two will be available. Students can revise, rewrite, and resubmit one of those two essays by Mar. 12 at 11:59 PM. For more information, see the Short Essay section of the D2L content page. For more information, see the Short Essay section of the D2L content page.</p>	<p>60%</p>
<p>Take Home Final: 30% A final take home essay due at noon on Thursday April 20. Students will have 84 hours to compose the essay of 500 words in length. Students will answer one short essay questions (from a selection) which draws from themes covered since the beginning of the semester. Essays will be submitted through the course’s Take Home Final Assignment drop box. For more information, see the Assignment section of the D2L content page.</p>	<p>30%</p>
<p>Participation Self-Evaluation Quiz: 1% All students will be asked to make a meaningful contribution to class activities and demonstrate engagement with topic. There are numerous ways for students to express their engagement. See the D2L site for a full account of participation grading.</p>	<p>1%</p>
<p>TOTAL</p>	<p>100%</p>

If you have a concern about a grade you have received for an evaluation, please come and see me as soon as possible. Refer to the [Grade Review and Appeals](http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.14.pdf) policy for more information.
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COURSE GUIDELINES & EXPECTATIONS

Students will be expected to attend class regularly. Failure to regularly attend class may result in a failing grade.

SCHOOL OR DEPARTMENTAL INFORMATION

The department chair for Social Sciences (of which Political Science is one discipline) is Peter Ove. He can be contacted at ovep@camosun.ca

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITY

Enrolment at Camosun assumes that the student will become a responsible member of the College community. As such, each student will display a positive work ethic, assist in the preservation of College property, and assume responsibility for their education by researching academic requirements and policies; demonstrating courtesy and respect toward others; and respecting expectations concerning attendance, assignments, deadlines, and appointments.

SUPPORTS AND SERVICES FOR STUDENTS

Camosun College offers a number of services to help you succeed in and out of the classroom. For a detailed overview of the supports and services visit <http://camosun.ca/students/>.

Academic Advising	http://camosun.ca/advising
Accessible Learning	http://camosun.ca/accessible-learning
Counselling	http://camosun.ca/counselling
Career Services	http://camosun.ca/coop
Financial Aid and Awards	http://camosun.ca/financialaid
Help Centres (Math/English/Science)	http://camosun.ca/help-centres
Indigenous Student Support	http://camosun.ca/indigenous
International Student Support	http://camosun.ca/international/
Learning Skills	http://camosun.ca/learningskills
Library	http://camosun.ca/services/library/
Office of Student Support	http://camosun.ca/oss
Ombudsperson	http://camosun.ca/ombuds
Registration	http://camosun.ca/registration
Technology Support	http://camosun.ca/its
Writing Centre	http://camosun.ca/writing-centre

If you have a mental health concern, please contact Counselling to arrange an appointment as soon as possible. Counselling sessions are available at both campuses during business hours. If you need urgent support after-hours, please contact the Vancouver Island Crisis Line at 1-888-494-3888 or call 911.

COLLEGE-WIDE POLICIES, PROCEDURES, REQUIREMENTS, AND STANDARDS

Academic Accommodations for Students with Disabilities

The College is committed to providing appropriate and reasonable academic accommodations to students with disabilities (i.e. physical, depression, learning, etc). If you have a disability, the [Centre for Accessible Learning](#) (CAL) can help you document your needs, and where disability-related barriers to access in your courses exist, create an accommodation plan. By making a plan through CAL, you can ensure you have the appropriate academic accommodations you need without disclosing your diagnosis or condition to course instructors. Please visit the CAL website for contacts and to learn how to get started:

<http://camosun.ca/services/accessible-learning/>

Academic Integrity

Please visit <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.13.pdf> for policy regarding academic expectations and details for addressing and resolving matters of academic misconduct.

Academic Progress

Please visit <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.1.pdf> for further details on how Camosun College monitors students' academic progress and what steps can be taken if a student is at risk of not meeting the College's academic progress standards.

Course Withdrawals Policy

Please visit <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-2-student-services-and-support/e-2.2.pdf> for further details about course withdrawals. For deadline for fees, course drop dates, and tuition refund, please visit <http://camosun.ca/learn/fees/#deadlines>.

Grading Policy

Please visit <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.5.pdf> for further details about grading.

Grade Review and Appeals

Please visit <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.14.pdf> for policy relating to requests for review and appeal of grades.

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(<http://camosun.ca/learn/calendar/current/procedures.html>) and the Grading Policy at

<http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.5.pdf>.

Medical / Compassionate Withdrawals

Students who are incapacitated and unable to complete or succeed in their studies by virtue of serious and demonstrated exceptional circumstances may be eligible for a medical/compassionate withdrawal. Please visit <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-2-student-services-and-support/e-2.8.pdf> to learn more about the process involved in a medical/compassionate withdrawal.

Sexual Violence and Misconduct

Camosun is committed to creating a campus culture of safety, respect, and consent. Camosun's Office of Student Support is responsible for offering support to students impacted by sexual violence. Regardless of when or where the sexual violence or misconduct occurred, students can access support at Camosun. The Office of Student Support will make sure students have a safe and private place to talk and will help them understand what supports are available and their options for next steps. The Office of Student Support respects a student's right to choose what is right for them. For more information see Camosun's Sexualized Violence and Misconduct Policy: <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-2-student-services-and-support/e-2.9.pdf> and camosun.ca/sexual-violence. To contact the Office of Student Support: oss@camosun.ca or by phone: 250-370-3046 or 250-3703841

Student Misconduct (Non-Academic)

Camosun College is committed to building the academic competency of all students, seeks to empower students to become agents of their own learning, and promotes academic belonging for everyone. Camosun also expects that all students to conduct themselves in a manner that contributes to a positive, supportive, and safe learning environment. Please review Camosun College's Student Misconduct Policy at <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-2-student-services-and-support/e-2.5.pdf> to understand the College's expectations of academic integrity and student behavioural conduct.

Changes to this syllabus: Every effort has been made to ensure that information in this syllabus is accurate at the time of publication. The College reserves the right to change courses if it becomes necessary so that course content remains relevant. In such cases, the instructor will give the students clear and timely notice of the changes.