

Last Revised: September 1, 2019

COURSE INFORMATION

Course Title: Canadian Government

Course Number: POLI 101

Credits: 3

Total Weeks: 14 (Fall, Spring)
12 (Summer)

Total Hours: 39

Course Level: First Year Second Year
 New Revised Course
 Replacement Course

Department: Social Sciences

Department Head: A. McDougall

Former Course Code(s) and Number(s) (if applicable): N/A

Pre-requisites (If there are no prerequisites, type NONE): NONE

Co-requisite Statement (List if applicable or type NONE): NONE

Precluded Courses: N/A

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The course offers an introductory understanding of the Canadian political systems and institutional structures. The course will focus on the social and economic realities of regional and federal authorities and will emphasize on concepts such as; the constitution, the parliament, the cabinet, the judiciary system, political parties, federalism, relations with aboriginal peoples and the way they are expressed in contemporary Canadian politics.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon successful completion of the course, students will be able to:

- The first objective of this course is to familiarize students with the concepts related to the Canadian political environment and their role in national political history and debates; a strong emphasis will be given to the interpretation of the political, institutional, and societal context.
- Secondly, the students will be introduced to basic knowledge and understanding of political concepts and theories and will be invited to critically analyze the contemporary Canadian political systems and challenges facing Canada today.

INSTRUCTION AND GRADING

Instructional (Contact) Hours:

Type	Duration
Lecture	39
Seminars/Tutorials	
Laboratory	
Field Experience	
Other (<i>specify</i>):	
Total	39

Grading System: Letter Grades Percentage Pass/Fail Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory Other

Specify passing grade: 50%

Evaluation Activities and Weighting (total must equal 100%)

Assignments: 40%	Lab Work: %	Participation: 10%	Project: %
Quizzes/Test: %	Midterm Exams: 25%	Final Exam: 25%	Other: % <i>Specify:</i>

TEXT(S) AND RESOURCE MATERIALS

Provide a full reference for each text and/or resource material and include whether required/not required.

Canadian Politics: Critical Approaches, by Christopher Cochrane, Kelly Blidook and Rand Dyck, 2016 (8th edition)

COURSE TOPICS

List topics and sequence covered.

Week	Topics	Readings
1	Introduction to Canadian politics	Chapters 1-2
2	Regionalism Aboriginal Peoples and Minorities	Chapters 3-4-6
3	French Canada - Quebec Canada's Social Context – Part 1	Chapters 5-8
4	Canada's Social Context – Part 2 Preparation for the Group Projects	Chapters 7-9
5	The Constitutional Context – Parts 1&2	Chapter 17
6	<i>Thanksgiving- College is closed</i> The Constitutional Context – Part 3	Chapters 18-19
7	Mid-Term Exam	
8	The Federal System	Chapters 20 to 24
9	Political Parties and the Electoral System Preparation for the Projects	Chapters 10-12-13- 14-15-16
10	<i>Remembrance Day- College is closed</i> The Canadian Political Culture	Chapter 11
11	Presentation of students' projects	
12	Presentation of students' projects	

13	Summary	
14	Final Exam	

NOTES

1. Students are required to follow all College policies. Policies are available on the website at: [Coquitlam College Policies](#)
2. To find out how this course transfers, visit the BC Transfer Guide at: bctransferguide.ca