

**Effective Semester:** Fall 2024

## 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 introduces students to political science as an analytical tool in studying the dynamic relationships of the branches of Canadian government composed of the executive, parliamentary and judiciary that provides and delivers public goods and services to members of society impacted by its history, confederation and constitution highlighting prevailing relevance of First-Nations, French-English and multicultural identities in local, provincial and federal levels of governance.

## LEARNING OUTCOMES

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

- Understand and apply political science concepts and theories to current Canadian political events.
- Appreciate and analyze the historical and constitutional implications that distinguishes Canadian political systems.
- Describe and evaluate the relationships of Canadian government with non-government actors such as social movements, media and corporations in the national and global setting.

## 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: %	Lab Work: %	Participation: 10% <i>Specify nature of participation:</i> Attendance, Recitation, In-class Assignments	Project: 10% <i>Specify nature of project:</i> News, Analyses and Case Study Presentation
Quizzes/Test: 20%	Midterm Exam: 30%	Final Exam: 30%	Other: %

### TEXT(S) AND RESOURCE MATERIALS

Provide a full reference for each text and/or resource material and include whether required/not required.  
Specific article readings from academic journals will be provided to students.

Christopher Cochrane, Kelly Blidook & Rand Dyck, 2016 (8th ed.). Canadian Politics: Critical Approaches

Supplementary readings and other class materials are provided and posted by the instructor on MyCC.

### COURSE TOPICS

List topics and sequence covered.

Week	Topics	Readings
1	Introduction to Canadian Politics	Chapter 1, 2
2	History – Confederation of Canada	Chapter 3
3	French Canada - Quebec	Chapters 5
4	Constitutional Context	Chapters 17, 19
5	Federal - Provincial - Local Government – Executive, Parliament & Judiciary	Chapters 18, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24
6	Political Parties & Electoral System	Chapters 13, 14
<b>7</b>	<b>Midterm Examination</b>	
8	Political Culture & Socialization – Presentations (Case Studies)	Chapters 7, 8, 9, 11
9	Aboriginal Peoples & Minorities	Chapters 4, 6
10	Social Movements	Chapter 16
11	Media & Business	Chapter 12
12	Canada and the World	Chapter 10
13	Summary & Review	
<b>14</b>	<b>Final Examination</b>	

**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](https://bctransferguide.ca)

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