

**UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF THE FRASER VALLEY**

**Department of Politics and Philosophy**

**COURSE NAME:** POSC 110: Canadian Government      **OFFICE:** D3085  
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**COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

This course will cover the institutions and processes of Canadian government. Study will concentrate on processes and structures of the Canadian state and the extra-state processes and structures which together largely determine the evolution of public policy. Students will be called upon to use the basis of facts provided by lectures and readings as well as their own independent research to engage in extensive discussions about Canadian politics. From this fact base and discussion students ought to be able to form reasoned opinions which they will be called upon to defend both in class and in written assignments.

Because of the above approach all assignments will be “essay-type.” On each occasion, whether it is an in-class test or a research essay, a substantial portion of the piece must be devoted to providing a factual basis and another substantial portion must be devoted to expressing and defending the judgments mentioned above. Grammar and spelling will also affect the grade on essays but not tests. **Plagiarism will result in failure.**

**COURSE REQUIREMENTS:**

Mid-term Test	(20%)	near middle of the term
Essay	(40%)	near the 2/3 mark of the term
Final Exam	(40%)	at the end of the term

**REQUIRED TEXT:**

Canadian Politics (*Concise edition*) Rand Dyck

## COURSE OUTLINE:

<u>Topic</u>	<u>Readings</u>
<b>1. Introduction</b>	Chapter 1
<b>2. Canadian Society</b>	
Region and Class Clearages	Chapter 2
French in Canada	Chapter 3
Aboriginal Peoples and Gender Issues	Chapter 4
The Global Context	Chapter 5
Political Socialization	Chapter 6
Mass Media	Chapter 7
<b>3. Canadian Government</b>	
Elections	Chapter 8
Parties	Chapter 9
Pressure Groups	Chapter 10
Constitutional Development	Chapter 11
Federalism	Chapter 12
The Executive	Chapter 13
The Bureaucracy	Chapter 14
Parliament	Chapter 15
The Judiciary	Chapter 16

## ESSAY ASSIGNMENT:

This paper will be a traditional research essay on a subject chosen in consultation with the instructor. The length will be 10 pages, typed. A bibliography of at least ten entries is required.

**An outline must be submitted for approval before research is begun.**

The initialed outline is resubmitted with the paper.

Essays on topics not approved will not be accepted.

At least one third of each essay must be personal opinion based on the facts found during the research.

Essays will be accepted during the week after the deadline but with a late penalty attached of 5% per day.

The course text is **not** to be cited as a source in the research assignment.