

LEARNING OBJECTIVES / GOALS / OUTCOMES / LEARNING OUTCOMES:

- 1) write a comprehensive research essay on a topic related to Canadian politics.
- 2) understand a particular issue or issues in Canadian politics from an informed viewpoint.
- 3) identify how current approaches to an issue or issues in Canadian politics have emerged.
- 4) continue study of Canadian politics at an advanced level in a more scholarly fashion
- 5) comment intelligently on certain aspects of Canadian politics.

METHODS:

Primarily seminar format, with students taking a leading role in presenting material and leading discussions.

PRIOR LEARNING ASSESSMENT RECOGNITION (PLAR):

Credit can be awarded for this course through PLAR (Please check :) Yes No

METHODS OF OBTAINING PLAR:

Challenge exam or essay.

TEXTBOOKS, REFERENCES, MATERIALS:

[Textbook selection varies by instructor. An example of texts for this course might be:]

The reading list will vary depending on the content of the course. A typical reading list will include primary sources and will require the student to take initiative in locating suitable material and presenting it to the class.

SUPPLIES / MATERIALS:

None.

STUDENT EVALUATION:

[An example of student evaluation for this course might be:]

Evaluation procedures will vary, but students are always evaluated on a variety of performances that may include essays, contributions to class, presentation of reports, papers, and projects. A typical distribution of work would assign 20% to in-class presentations and contributions, 20% to research assignments, 30% to essays and 30% to projects which connect the work of this course to areas of interest in the students' career.

COURSE CONTENT:

[Course content varies by instructor. An example of course content might be:]

Parties, Elections, and Representation: The Quality of Representative Democracy in Canada

Setting the Stage
Foundations of Electoral Politics
Perspectives on the Party System
Perspectives on Representation
Perspectives on the Electoral System
Party Democracy
Perspectives on the Electorate
Marginalized Groups and Representation
Citizen Involvement and Direct Democracy
Social Capital

Cyberdemocracy