

ORIGINAL COURSE IMPLEMENTATION DATE:

**REVISED COURSE IMPLEMENTATION DATE:** 

**COURSE TO BE REVIEWED** (six years after UEC approval):

Course outline form version: 05/18/2018

March 2027

September 2021

# OFFICIAL UNDERGRADUATE COURSE OUTLINE FORM

Note: The University reserves the right to amend course outlines as needed without notice.

Course Code and Number: CIVI 302		Number of Credits: 3 Course credit policy (105)					
Course Full Title: Changemaking in Local Government Systems  Course Short Title: Changemaking in Local Govt  (Transcripts only display 30 characters. Departments may recommend a short title if one is needed. If left blank, one will be assigned.)							
Faculty: Faculty of Access and Continuing E	ducation [	Department (or program if no department): Continuing Education					
Calendar Description:							
Comparative review and analysis of political cultures, disruption, experimentation, and learning within local governance systems across Canada and globally. Consideration of how local government systems work with other levels of government and with community members and partners to balance core needs with planning for future demands.							
Prerequisites (or NONE):	Admission to the Civic Governance and Innovation certificate and one of: CIVI 200, CIV 202, ENGL 105, CMNS 120, CMNS 125, PHIL 100, or POSC 100.						
Corequisites (if applicable, or NONE):	None						
Pre/corequisites (if applicable, or NONE):	/corequisites (if applicable, or NONE): None						
Antirequisite Courses (Cannot be taken for additional credit.) Former course code/number: Cross-listed with:			Special Topics (Double-click on boxes to select.)  This course is offered with different topics:  ☑ No ☐ Yes (If yes, topic will be recorded when offered.)				
Dual-listed with:  Equivalent course(s):  (If offered in the previous five years, antirequisite course(s) will be included in the calendar description as a note that students with credit for the antirequisite course(s) cannot take this course for further credit.)			Independent Study  If offered as an Independent Study course, this course may be repeated for further credit: (If yes, topic will be recorded.)  □ No ☑ Yes, repeat(s) □ Yes, no limit  Transfer Credit				
Typical Structure of Instructional Hours			Transfer credit already exists: (See <u>bctransferguide.ca</u> .)				
Lecture/seminar hours 13			⊠ No ☐ Yes				
Tutorials/workshops			Submit outline for (re)articulation:  ☐ No ☐ Yes (If yes, fill in transfer credit form.)				
Supervised laboratory hours							
Experiential (field experience, practicum, internship, etc.		6	Grading System				
Supervised online activities		26	□ Letter Grades □ Credit/No Credit				
Other contact hours:			Maximu	ım enrolment (for inforr	nation only): 20		
	Total hours	45	Expecte	ed Frequency of Course	Offerings:		
				Fall, Winter (Every semester, Fall only, annually, etc.)			
Department / Program Head or Director: Carolyn MacLaren				Date approved:	October 16, 2020		
Faculty Council approval				Date approved:	November 6, 2020		
Dean/Associate VP: Sue Brigden				Date approved:	November 6, 2020		
Campus-Wide Consultation (CWC)				Date of posting:	March 19, 2021		
Undergraduate Education Committee (UEC) approval				Date of meeting:	March 26, 2021		

## **Learning Outcomes:**

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

- Communicate one's perceptions of and biases related to local government functionality, responsiveness, and learning.
- Illustrate, using case studies, how local government entities recognize and adapt to changing service environments, new technologies, and dynamic intergovernmental relationships, including with First Nations governments.
- Identify factors and values that frequently contribute to change acceptance, tolerance, or resistance in local government organizations.
- Compare how local governments have set benchmarks for success related to local governance initiatives at different scales and time frames.
- Unpack the causes of unsuccessful or unsustained initiatives designed to improve local government processes and relations.
- Explain the significance of inclusive innovation designed for both the near future and for seven generations ahead.
- Utilize resources that facilitate information sharing and best practices among local governments.
- Reflect upon the relevance of other local government experiences with changemaking to one's local government systems.

Prior Learning A	Assessment and Recognition	(PLAR)
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**Typical Instructional Methods** (Guest lecturers, presentations, online instruction, field trips, etc.; may vary at department's discretion.) Seminar discussion, webinars and on-line discussions, guest speakers, local field trip.

NOTE: The following sections may vary by instructor. Please see course syllabus available from the instructor.

Typical Text(s) and Resource Materials (If more space is required, download Supplemental Texts and Resource Materials form.)							
	Author (surname, initials)	Title (article, book, journal, etc.)	Current ed.	Publisher	Year		
1.	Lampe, H.	Municipalities' willingness to adopt process innovations (article)		Local Government Studies	2017		
2.	Rzadca, R.	Local governance and learning: in search of a conceptual framework (article)		Local Government Studies	2016		
3.	Clark, J.	Uneven Innovation: The Work of Smart Cities		Columbia U Press	2020		
4.	OECD	Enhancing Innovation Capacity in City Government (report)		OECD	2019		
5.	Paschoal, B., and Wegrich, K	Urban governance innovations in Rio de Janeiro (article)		Journal of Urban Affairs	2019		

Required Additional Supplies and Materials (Software, hardware, tools, specialized clothing, etc.) None.

## **Typical Evaluation Methods and Weighting**

Final exam:	%	Assignments:	80%	Field experience:	%	Portfolio:	%
Midterm exam:	%	Project:	20%	Practicum:	%	Other:	%
Quizzes/tests:	%	Lab work:	%	Shop work:	%	Total:	100%

### Details (if necessary):

Sample evaluation includes:

- Barriers to Change case study assessment (visual and written presentation): 25%
- Development of case study communication tool and toolkit for local government employees (e.g., workshop, webinar, etc.):
   35%
- Structured discussions, debates: 15%
- Mock presentations appropriate to local government roles: 15%
- Reflection posts: 10%

# **Typical Course Content and Topics**

Module 1: Course introduction and themes

- Overview of course; role of course within certificate program
- · Why change? Examining the factors driving local governments to change processes and forms of engagement
- Learning from others: the merits and limits to comparing local government changemaking in diverse political contexts
- Shared resources: organizations that connect and support local government (UBCM, LGMA, etc.)
- Collaboration as changemaking: building from evolving intergovernmental relationships, decolonization, and reconciliation as source of innovation and change
- Framing change as needed for today and for the seven generations that follow

### Module 2: The Local Government Context

- The mandates underlying local government: political constraints and allowances for change
- How do local political cultures and decision-making processes allow for or slow systems change and risk-taking?
- What does innovation mean in a municipal or local government context?
- Who is involved and engaged in changemaking, and how?
- How can changemaking generate shared benefits?
- Preparing for the next 10, 20, 50, 100 years, and the importance of thinking generationally: short vs long-term thinking in local governance

## Module 3: Municipal Governments as Intelligent Systems

- What effective, inclusive, and engaged governance looks like around the world, and the lessons they offer to BC and Canadian local governments (case study comparison)
- Systems learning through innovation within local governments (case study comparison)
- Examining effective intergovernmental relationships that respond to dynamic needs

## Module 4: Benchmarking Achievements in Local Governance Initiatives

- How do local governments measure the results of proposed changes and initiatives, and at what scales and timeframes?
- How to make sense of external factors driving change?
- What do we learn when change goes sideways, produces unintended consequences, or is not accepted by communities or political leaders?
- How do local governments know when not to change? Following the current course vs. the relative gains of disruption
- How do we make change 'stick'?

# Module 5: Applying Lessons Learned

- Identifying which strategies work in local government contexts and what might be needed to support these strategies
- Recognizing the energy, knowledges, and creativity of those shaping change
- Identifying potential barriers to change within local governments and their communities
- Cultivating the language of generational thinking within local government contexts
- Communicating learning from case studies elsewhere to decision makers and participants in local government processes closer to home