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COURSE IMPLEMENTATION DATE: September 1999
COURSE REVISED IMPLEMENTATION DATE: September 2012
COURSE TO BE REVIEWED: March 2018
(six years after UEC approval) *(month, year)*

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Students are advised to keep course outlines in personal files for future use.
Shaded headings are subject to change at the discretion of the department – see course syllabus available from instructor

POSC 100	Political Science	3
COURSE NAME/NUMBER	FACULTY/DEPARTMENT	UFV CREDITS

Introduction to Politics
COURSE DESCRIPTIVE TITLE

CALENDAR DESCRIPTION:

This course will introduce you to the key concepts and ideas of politics. It offers an introduction to major areas of study in the discipline, including political theory, Canadian politics, comparative politics, international politics, gender and politics, and Indigenous politics. To explain and clarify the fundamental concepts and theories used by political scientists, the course will draw on historical and contemporary political cases and examples.

PREREQUISITES: None
COREQUISITES:
PRE or COREQUISITES:

SYNONYMOUS COURSE(S):
(a) Replaces:
(b) Cross-listed with:
(c) Cannot take: for further credit.

SERVICE COURSE TO: *(department/program)*

TOTAL HOURS PER TERM: 45

STRUCTURE OF HOURS:

Lectures:	30	Hrs
Seminar:	15	Hrs
Laboratory:		Hrs
Field experience:		Hrs
Student directed learning:		Hrs
Other (specify):		Hrs

TRAINING DAY-BASED INSTRUCTION:
Length of course:
Hours per day:

OTHER:
Maximum enrolment: **36**
Expected frequency of course offerings: EVERY SEMESTER
(every semester, annually, every other year, etc.)

WILL TRANSFER CREDIT BE REQUESTED? (lower-level courses only)	☒ Yes	☐ No
WILL TRANSFER CREDIT BE REQUESTED? (upper-level requested by department)	☐ Yes	☒ No
TRANSFER CREDIT EXISTS IN BCCAT TRANSFER GUIDE:	☒ Yes	☐ No

Course designer(s): **Rita Dhamoon**
Department Head: **Hamish Telford** Date approved: **December 2011**
Supporting area consultation Date of meeting: **January 13, 2012**
Curriculum Committee chair: **Tetsuomi Anzai** Date approved: **March 2012**
Dean/Associate VP: **Jacqueline Nolte** Date approved: **March 2012**
Undergraduate Education Committee (UEC) approval Date of meeting: **March 30, 2012**

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

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

- Describe the key questions, concepts, and theories in Political Science;
- Identify the links between political theories and actual political events;
- Demonstrate conventional research and writing practices in Political Science.

METHODS: *(Guest lecturers, presentations, online instruction, field trips, etc.)*

Methods will vary with instructors but will typically include lecture, classroom discussion, video presentations, exams, and guest speakers.

METHODS OF OBTAINING PRIOR LEARNING ASSESSMENT RECOGNITION (PLAR):

☒ Examination(s) ☐ Portfolio assessment ☐ Interview(s)

☐ Other (specify):

☐ PLAR cannot be awarded for this course for the following reason(s):

TEXTBOOKS, REFERENCES, MATERIALS:

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

Janine Brodie and Sandra Rein eds., *Critical Concepts: An Introduction to Politics*, (Toronto: Prentice Hall, 2009).

Text may be supplemented with additional readings.

SUPPLIES / MATERIALS:

None

STUDENT EVALUATION:

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

Digest on Indigenous Politics Reading	10%
Midterm exam (multiple choice and short answer questions)	20%
Research Essay	35%
Final Exam	35%

COURSE CONTENT:

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

1. What is Politics?
2. Democracy: Potential & Challenges
3. The Modern State: Legislature and Executive in Presidential and Parliamentary Systems
4. Constitutions and Constitutional Politics
5. The Power of Ideas: Western Political Ideologies
6. Nation, Citizenship and Immigration
7. Midterm and Writing Workshop
8. Colonial Power and Anti-Colonialism: Indigenous Peoples and Politics
9. Environmental Politics
10. Gender and Feminist Politics
11. The Politics of Multiculturalism and Race
12. Global Politics and International Relations
13. Review and Preparing for the Exam