**OFFICIAL UNDERGRADUATE COURSE OUTLINE (page 1)**

COURSE IMPLEMENTATION DATE: January 2012
COURSE REVISED IMPLEMENTATION DATE:
COURSE TO BE REVIEWED: December 2017
*(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 305 | Political Science | 3 |
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| COURSE NAME/NUMBER | FACULTY/DEPARTMENT | UFV CREDITS |

**Government and Politics in British Columbia**
COURSE DESCRIPTIVE TITLE

**CALENDAR DESCRIPTION:**

This course will examine the government of British Columbia and the enduring political themes in the province, such as populism, the ideological polarization between right and left, and the urban-rural cleavage. The course will also consider the ways in which politics might be changing in BC through globalization, immigration, and the attempt to forge a new relationship with Aboriginal peoples in the province.

PREREQUISITES: POSC 110
COREQUISITES: NONE
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:

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| 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: 28
Expected frequency of course offerings: EVERY OTHER YEAR
*(every semester, annually, every other year, etc.)*

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| 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): **Hamish Telford**

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| Department Head: | **Hamish Telford** | Date approved: | **November 2011** |
| Supporting area consultation (Pre-UEC) | | Date of meeting: | **November 4, 2011** |
| Curriculum Committee chair: | **Tetsuomi Anzai** | Date approved: | **December 9, 2011** |
| Dean/Associate VP: | **Jacqueline Nolte** | Date approved: | **December 9, 2011** |
| Undergraduate Education Committee (UEC) approval | | Date of meeting: | **December 16, 2011** |

**LEARNING OUTCOMES:**

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

- Demonstrate a sophisticated understanding of the key institutions of BC politics
- Describe the enduring themes of BC politics
- Critically assess in detail the ways in which BC politics is changing
- Produce an analytical research paper examining an important aspect of contemporary politics in BC

**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. Examples for this course might be:]*

Michael Howlett, Dennis Pilon, and Tracy Summerville, eds., *British Columbia Politics and Government* (Toronto: Emond Montgomery Publications, 2010).

Jean Barman, *The West Beyond the West: A History of British Columbia*, Third Edition (Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2007).

Chris Mckee, *Treaty Talks in British Columbia: Building a New Relationship* (Vancouver: UBC Press, 2009).

Texts may be supplemented with additional readings.

**SUPPLIES / MATERIALS:**

None

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

Mid-Term Exam 20%
Political Journal 20%
Research Paper 30%
Final Exam 30%

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

Week 1: The Political Geography of BC Politics
Week 2: The Political Economy of BC
Week 3: Democracy in British Columbia
Week 4: Party Politics in BC
Week 5: Electoral Behaviour in BC
Week 6: Legislative Politics in BC
Week 7: Executive Dominance in BC Politics
Week 8: Local Government in BC
Week 9: Aboriginal Issues in BC
Week 10: BC and the Rest of Canada
Week 11: The Media and BC Politics
Week 12: Health and Social Policy in BC
Week 13: Natural Resources and Climate Change in BC