UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF THE FRASER VALLEY

COURSE INFORMATION

DISCIPLINE/DEPARTMENT: Philosophy and Politics **IMPLEMENTATION DATE**: January 2000

Revised: _____

Political Science 320	Canadian Political Thought	3
SUBJECT/NUMBER OF COURSE	**DESCRIPTIVE TITLE**	**UCFV CREDITS**

CALENDAR DESCRIPTION: This course will introduce students to many of the major political ideas and theorists that have shaped the intellectual landscape of this country. This course will introduce students to such ideas/theorists in an historic manner; the course will finish with a discussion of some of the major issues before us at the present time.

RATIONALE: We have no course that explicitly deals with the history of Canadian political theory as it relates to the origin and development of Canada. I would think, as Canadians, such a course would be basic to a sound education in political science.

COURSE PREREQUISITES: 45 credits from Arts, Science, or Applied programs, including two of POSC 110, POSC 120, POSC 190, POSC 195, POSC 230, POSC 270

COURSE COREQUISITES: None

HOURS PER TERM FOR EACH STUDENT	**Lecture**		**hrs**	**Student Directed Learning**		**hrs**
	Laboratory		**hrs**	**Other - specify:**		
	Seminar	**45**	**hrs**	_____		**hrs**
	Field Experience		**hrs**	**TOTAL**	**45**	**HRS**

MAXIMUM ENROLMENT: 30

Is transfer credit requested? **9** **Yes** **:** **No**

AUTHORIZATION SIGNATURES:

Course Designer(s): _____ **Chairperson**: _____

Ron Dart **Curriculum Committee** (E. Davis)

Department Head: _____ **Dean**: _____

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PAC: Approval in Principle _____ **PAC: Final Approval**: December 16, 1998

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SYNONYMOUS COURSES:

(a) replaces N/A
(course #)

(b) cannot take N/A for further credit
(course #)

SUPPLIES/MATERIALS:

TEXTBOOKS, REFERENCES, MATERIALS (List reading resources elsewhere)

Will vary, but will include a variety of sources:

D. Orchard, The Fight for Canada (1993)
G. Grant, Lament for a Nation (1965)
C. Taylor, Sources of the Self (1989)
S. Leacock, Arcadian Adventures of the Idle Rich (1914)
C. Taylor, Radical Tories: The Conservative Tradition in Canada (1982)
C. Berger, The Sense of Power: Studies in the Ideas of Canadian Imperialism
W. Leiss, C.B. MacPherson: Dilemmas of Liberalism and Socialism (1988)
D. Frum, What's Right: The New Conservatism and What it Means for Canada (1996)

OBJECTIVES:

1. to acquaint students with major political themes within Canadian political theory
2. to introduce students to important Canadian political theorists
3. to discuss such perspectives with their historic contexts
4. to develop the ability to weigh the validity and limitations of different perspectives
5. to offer students the opportunity to see the richness and dynamic quality of Canadian political thought

METHODS:

The course will follow a seminar format. Readings will be assigned from various periods in Canadian history, and these readings will be discussed and analysed within class. Student presentations will focus on particular themes or political theorists within the Canadian tradition.

STUDENT EVALUATION PROCEDURE:

Students will be evaluated in four ways. A sample distribution is:

1. Class presentation 30%
2. Midterm paper 30%
3. Final exam 30%
4. Class participation 10%

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COURSE CONTENT

Canadian Political Thought

I. Classical Conservatism: John A. Macdonald and the "Canada First" Movement (Mair, Denison, Haliburton, Foster)
II. Bourassa, French Nationalism and l'americanisme saxonisant'
III. The Dilemma of the First Nations: Brant and Tecumseh, Riel/Dumont and The Royal Proclamation of 1763
IV. The Loyalist Tradition, the IFL and the Red Tories: (Parkin, G.M. Grant, Leacock, Sandwell, Deacon, Kirby)
V. Suffragette Politics and Feminism (Agnes MacPhail, Nellie McClung, Flora MacDonald Denison, Marie Geron-Lajoie)
VI. W.L.M. King and the Social Liberal Vision: "Industry and Humanity" (1918) and The Rockeffeler-Roosevelt Connection
VII. The Populist Left (League for Social Reconstruction, Progressives, CCF, NDP)
VIII. The Populist Right (Reconstruction Party, Social Credit and Reform)
IX. C.B. MacPherson
X. Radical Tories and the New Left (Grant and Horowitz)
XI. Underhill and Trudeau: Social Liberalism Rearticulated
XII. Charles Taylor: Sources of the Self and the Malaise of Modernity
XIII. The Rise of Neoconservatism
XIV. The Nationalist Vision