



University  
of Victoria

# POLI 103 Worlds of Politics

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**Instructor Fall 2022:** Dr. Will Greaves

**Course delivery:** POLI 103 will be delivered face-to-face on campus.

**Prerequisites:** None

## **Course description:**

What is politics and what is political science? Political science deals with political activity and behaviour which can be found in a vast array of areas and contexts. The first that comes to mind are systems of government in Canada, and across the globe. But politics also appears in everyday actions such as the consumer choices that you make about food to eat or what products to buy, and the modes of communication that you use. Politics can be conceptualized, experienced and engaged in from many different angles, depending on the settings and actors involved. We engage with the discipline of political science through case studies and academic material organized into four units: an introduction to political science and its research methods; political theory; comparative politics; and international relations.

## **Course outcomes/objectives:**

- Understand basic concepts and areas of study in the discipline of Political Science;
- Apply political ideas, institutions and outcomes within different settings;
- Critical thinking: the ability to analyze, synthesize, interpret and evaluate ideas, information, situations and texts;
- Develop and practice academic writing skills;
- Develop and practice research skills related to the discipline of political science.

## **Topics may include:**

Research methods  
Key ideas, theories, and historical examples  
Current global affairs  
Indigenous politics  
Populism

*This summary provides an overall sense of the course and is not an official course outline. Detailed course outlines will be available for all registered students on the first day of class.*