



University
of Victoria

POLI 103 Worlds of Politics

Instructor Spring 2023: Dr. Andrew Wender

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

Prerequisites: None

Course description:

What is politics? 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 units 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.