



University
of Victoria

POLI 346 Canadian Foreign Policy

Instructor Spring 2023: Dr. Will Greaves

Course delivery: This course will be delivered on campus and face-to-face.

Course description:

This course introduces students to a range of historical and contemporary issues in Canadian foreign policy, and provides conceptual tools to assess those issues against recent developments in global and Canadian politics. In this course, students will: learn different theories of Canada's foreign policy and place in the world; examine the institutions, administration, and politics of foreign policymaking in Canada; assess how much power and influence Canada has internationally; and examine the influence of external factors on Canada's foreign policy choices. The course will offer students an understanding of continuity and change in Canadian foreign policy practice, and of the emergence of new issues as a result of broader processes in domestic and global politics. Policy areas to be addressed include: security and defence policy; economic relations and trade; the Canada-U.S. relationship; foreign aid; Indigenous peoples; and climate change.

Prerequisites: POLI 240, or permission of the department

Course outcomes/objectives:

- Explore the different theories for understanding Canadian foreign policy
- Appreciate the relationship between Canadian history, political institutions, and contemporary Canadian foreign policy priorities and their formulation
- Gain knowledge of the main actors affecting the content and application of Canadian foreign policy
- Understand how questions of identity, interests, and values affect Canada's foreign policies
- Develop core undergraduate skills such as effective writing, analysis, and argumentation

Topics may include:

Indigenous sovereignties and diplomacies
Trade
Security and defence policy
Climate change and environmental policy

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.