



University
of Victoria

POLI 369 Issues in Canadian Politics: “Canadian Elections”

Instructor Summer 2023: Taylor Green

Course delivery: In the Summer 2023 term, this course will be delivered on campus and face-to-face.

Course description:

Elections are core aspects of democratic life. They allow for citizens to voice their approval or disapproval, to select their legislator, and, in some instances, to vote directly for their head of state/head of government. This course examines how political parties compete in elections and how institutions (e.g., the electoral system, federalism, and national diversity) structure party competition. We will explore both the national level and provincial elections. Drawing on comparative cases, we also ask “What is an election?” and consider candidate nomination, primaries, and leadership selection.

Course outcomes/objectives:

- Understand how historical and Institutional contexts impact and shape Canadian elections.
- Explore factors which shape voter choice and participation including identity, the economy and partisanship.
- Learn about the role of party leadership and patterns of political candidacy.
- Explore strategic party behaviour.
- Participate in informed discussions about key issues in electoral politics

Topics may include:

Electoral systems
National and provincial elections
Political parties
Partisanship

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.