This course will give you an introduction to the social bases of Canadian politics focusing on the distribution and exercise of political power. Topics will include: regionalism, Québec nationalism, and economic inequality; political parties, voting, interest groups and the mass media; the policy process.

What is Politics? What is Political Science? Politics can be conceptualized, experienced and engaged in from many different angles, depending on the setting and actors involved. This course will explore the ideas and methods which are used in political science to explore and develop arguments about our world.

We study a select number of classical texts in political theory and contemporary texts in order to provide an overview of the field. Some of the questions we will consider are: What is justice? What is the relationship between individual and political community? Do we have political obligations? What is legitimate government? We will discuss concepts such as: justice, virtue, natural law, citizenship, rule, happiness.

The European Union (EU) has evolved from a European Economic Community of six Western European member states into a political community that influences the daily lives of its citizens and many outside its borders. How can we explain the evolution and process of European integration? What does the political structure and institutional organization of the EU look like? Who are the main actors? And what are some of the main challenges facing the EU? These are some of the questions we will address in this course.

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This course will give you the knowledge and theoretical background necessary to make sense of international events. We examine the key influences that shape our understanding of global politics, including questions of war and peace, sovereignty, globalization, international human rights and the environment. We also explore the nature and role of the main players that interact on the global stage, including states, transnational corporations, international organizations and terrorist groups.

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We will examine a lineage of vital political thinkers and themes linking across greater than one and a half millennia in the history of ideas and civilizations running, specifically, through the eras of ancient Greece, late antiquity, high medieval Europe, and classical Islam. We will focus on Plato, Aristotle, Saint Augustine, St. Thomas Aquinas, and Ibn Khaldûn.
This course aims to make students familiar with basic problems, concepts and argument of social contract theory. We will read large selections of major works by Thomas Hobbes, John Locke and J. J. Rousseau. Some of the questions we will consider are: What is the relation between the individual and the political community? Is political society natural or artificial? Are social inequalities based on nature or convention? Are they justified? What is the basis of political obligations? What is a legitimate government? If all men are equal, is slavery justified? If all men are equal why are women subordinate? Is private property justified? We will discuss concepts such as: the state of nature, the social contract, consent, justice, freedom, equality, private property.

POLI 305 DEMOCRACY AND DIVERSITY
Instructor: Avigail Eisenberg  TR 16:30-17:50
CRN: 12691
We will examine some of the leading approaches which explain the rise of group politics today and how they each propose to meet the challenges posed by these politics to familiar ideals of citizenship and inclusion. We will examine the emergence of liberal multiculturalism and the politics of recognition and then turn to feminism, post-colonialism and other critical perspectives regarding group diversity and difference in politics today.

POLI 313B U.S. POLITICS: PUBLIC POLICY
Instructor: Colin Bennett  MR 10:00-11:20
CRN: 12692
This course explores the US constitutional system and the operation of legislative, judicial and executive institutions within that system. Some of the issues we will discuss include affirmative action, LGBT rights, abortion, gun rights, capital punishment, freedom of religion, freedom of speech and privacy.

POLI 319 PROTEST AND CHANGE IN THE MIDDLE EAST (ISSUES IN COMPARATIVE POLITICS)
Dr. Michael Carpenter  TWF 13:30-14:20
CRN: 13918
This course examines popular protest as a force for change in the Middle East. Protest movements (variously understood as civil resistance, social movements, contentious politics, civic activism, popular struggle, people power, and more) have long played a leading role in shaping the Middle East, despite Western stereotypes of a region defined by top-down politics and armed conflict. Readings and lectures cover several case studies, including the Iranian Revolution of 1978-79, the first Palestinian Intifada of 1987-91, the Arab Spring of 2010-12, among others.

POLI 323 POLITICS OF THE GLOBAL ARCTIC (ISSUES IN POLITICS)
Dr. Will Greaves  TWF 13:30-14:20
CRN: 12693
We will explore the remarkable politics of the circumpolar Arctic region, and the dynamic changes that it has experienced over the last 25 years. By reflecting on recent developments across a range of applied and academic fields – including political science, international relations, political economy, environmental studies and climate change, international law, and Indigenous politics – we will discuss areas in which the Arctic reflects broader global patterns, and those in which it remains a unique region of the world.

POLI 327 POLITICAL ECONOMY OF THE GLOBAL SOUTH
Dr. Feng Xu  MR 10:00-11:20
CRN: 12694
This course traces the evolution of the global economy and examines some of the dynamics of the global political economy in the 21st century through a focus on the global South (post-colonial countries of Africa, Asia, Caribbean-Pacific, Latin America). In doing so, we will explore key historical processes and developments, and key topics in the contemporary global political economy.

POLI 328 GENDER AND IR
Dr. Janni Aragon  TWF 11:30-12:20
CRN: 13837
This course provides a survey of gender in an international relations context. We will examine the relationship between gender inequalities through the study of key concepts: power, violence, globalization, democratization, transnational feminism, and ethnic nationalism. Students will gain a better understanding of gender, masculinities, feminisms, and the scope and method debates in the field. We will pay special attention to the sub-field of Gender and International Relations and its curious interactions within the larger fields of IR and Political Science.

POLI 329 THE POLITICAL FOUNDATIONS OF INTL LAW
David Lark  MW 16:30-17:50
CRN: 12695
This introductory course examines the political foundations of international law including the contested nature of the relationships between international law, international politics and political economy. Materials will equip students with the basic tools that are required to understand how the legal system operates, who comprises this system, how it seeks to regulate a broad range of activities and its general efficacy as a legal order.
POLI 338  APPROACHES TO POLITICAL ANALYSIS  
Dr. Reeta Tremblay  
W 12:30-15:20  
CRN: 12696  
This seminar course examines various approaches to contemporary political analysis, with a focus on the assumptions of different theoretical orientations; the conditions under which knowledge claims are made and valued; and variants and critiques of different approaches. Students will be expected to examine and critically evaluate a range of theoretical traditions.  
**Note:** Required for Honours students in their third year. Students majoring in Political Science who wish to take this course should contact the instructor directly.

POLI 341  THE UN AND GLOBAL ISSUES  
Dr. Scott Watson  
TWF 12:30-13:20  
CRN: 12697  
We will explore the UN’s role in global politics. Although it explores traditional issues relating to the institution’s origin, structure and function, its main animating question asks, “Whose interests are served by the UN?” This question exposes the institutional divide that often separates powerful states from weak states. It also reveals the ongoing tension between competing principles of order and justice and highlights the differences between security for the state and security for the person.

POLI 348  INTERNATIONAL SECURITY  
Joanna Cordeiro  
TWF 9:30-10:20  
CRN: 12698  
This course examines the question of security in global politics. It surveys the orthodox approach to strategic studies, which focuses on state security, before turning to the field’s recent embrace of previously marginalized concepts, like gender, the environment and human security. It also traces the critique mounted by critical geopolitics, which argues that traditional understandings of geopolitics do not simply provide objective analysis, but instead construct the world in ways that enable militaristic policies.

POLI 350  INTRODUCTION TO PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION  
Cross-listed with ADMN 311  
Lynne Siemens  
Online  
CRN: 12699  
What are the external factors which affect contemporary public sector management in Canada? Learn about the changing structural and value context within which public servants work, the key processes in which they are engaged and how those processes are changing. We will focus primarily on the federal and provincial governments, but references will also be made to public administration at other levels.

POLI 351  PUBLIC POLICY ANALYSIS  
Dr. Lynn Hancock  
W 18:30-21:20  
CRN: 12700  
What are some of the theoretical approaches to policy analysis and the different ways to conduct policy analysis? The course introduces students to the theory and practice of policy analysis in Canada. How do policymakers make their decisions? How do policy makers design and implement public policy and what factors do they consider when making decisions and recommendations? Students will have an opportunity to learn about and discuss policy analysis from both a theoretical and practical perspective.

POLI 366  CANADIAN POLITICAL ECONOMY  
Dr. Jamie Lawson  
MW 16:30-17:50  
CRN: 12701  
This course is an introduction to the debates and problems of Canadian Political Economy (CPE), both in historical analysis and in contemporary policy concerns. Topics include the institutional analysis of markets; staples; capital and class analyses; state formation and the role of the state; theories of economic development, trade, and dependency; gender, aboriginal, and anti-racist analyses; and political ecology.

POLI 369  CANADIAN ELECTIONS: ISSUES IN CANADIAN POLITICS  
Dr. Grace Lore  
M 18:00-21:50  
CRN: 12702  
Elections play a central role in determining how democracies govern themselves. This course explores the dynamics of Canadian elections. It looks at the underlying factors that shape results, examining the way that identity, partisanship, and the economy shape the success of different parties and candidates. It further looks at the way that debates, campaigns, and other events have affected election results. As part of our examination of Canadian elections, students will take part in a simulation of the 2019 federal election.

POLI 371  CHINESE POLITICS/ HSTR 365  
Dr. Guoguang Wu  
MR 13:00-14:20  
CRN: 12703  
This course focuses on the post-Mao period of economic reform (1979-present) in the People’s Republic of China. It places this period in a deeper historical context, exposing some of the discontinuities and continuities of Chinese politics. In this course, politics is defined broadly: beyond strictly institutional approaches to the Chinese state. Main issues covered will include China and imperialism; political campaigns during the Mao era; market economy and the state; capitalism and democracy; China’s role in Africa; migration and urbanization; and the environment.
POLI 378 COMPARATIVE FEDERALISM
Dr. Reeta Tremblay MR 11:30-12:50 CRN: 12704
What are the major theoretical questions surrounding federalism and the political dynamics within federal states? Through analysis of federal societies in both the Global North and South, we will learn about the origins and political organization of federations, and examine the complex relationships between federal political structures and their underlying political communities. We will pay special attention to the structural tensions and societal challenges that frequently beset federations and threaten their long-term survival.

POLI 381 POLITICS OF MASS MEDIA IN LATIN AMERICA
Dr. Michelle Bonner MR 14:30-15:50 CRN: 12705
Media are a key political actor in democracy and democratization. But, how? What are the limitations? How can the limitations be overcome? Latin America is an interesting region to look at in order to answer these questions. In this course we explore both the general relationship between media and democracy and some of the specific challenges faced in Latin America.

POLI 383 GLOBAL INDIGENOUS NATIONALISMS
Dr. Kelly Aguirre F 12:30-15:20 CRN: 12706
This course provides a comparative analysis of Indigenous politics with primary (though not exclusive) focus on Indigenous-Settler state relations in Canada, the US, Australia, and New Zealand. Students will develop a broad understanding of Indigenous Peoples’ political movements, political identities, and struggles and successes with regard to sovereignty; the concepts and structures that define political justice for Indigenous Peoples globally; the history and consequences of Settler colonialism for these communities and nations; and the relationship of Indigenous Peoples to nation-states and to the United Nations.

POLI 385 GENDER, RACE AND POWER
Dr. Mara Marin MR 13:00-14:50 CRN: 12707
“Feminist” and “feminism” refer to a diverse group of theories, movements and practices. This course aims to give a sense of this diversity, by discussing the conceptual innovations and theoretical debates central to feminist philosophical thought. We will illustrate the wide variety of feminist thinking by reading texts by radical, liberal, socialist, black, post-colonial and Indigenous feminist theorists. Issues discussed will include violence against women, marriage and the family, women’s work, the social organization of care, representations of women in the media, intersectionality, the nature of oppression.

POLI 401 “IR AS POLITICAL THEORY” ISSUES IN POLITICS (Seminar)
Dr. Rob Walker M 10:00-12:50 CRN: 12708
Prevalent conventions assign political theory to discussions about political life within states and individual citizens living within those states. These conventions encourage attempts to apply domestic political theory to the international arena. Such conventions are profoundly misleading, on both historical and structural grounds. This course will examine why this is the case, how most of the canonical political theorists already assume various accounts of an externality enabling forms of internality, and what it now means to treat the modern international as the major challenge for thinking about political principles. Text discussed will range from the classical Greeks, to Immanuel Kant’s legitimation of perpetual war, to recent interdisciplinary commentaries on contemporary trends. Topics covered will include sovereignties, boundaries, relations between particular citizens and humanity in general, relations between spatial/territorial distribution and temporal/historical development, the politics of law and rights, and challenges posed by globalizations, imperialisms and colonialisms, nationalisms, new military capabilities, mass migrations, intensifying inequalities, and ecological destabilizations.

POLI 412 MIGRATION, NATIONALISM IN ASIA (Seminar)
Dr. Feng Xu M 13:00-15:50 CRN: 12709
This course aims to help students critically analyze the complex political, economic, and cultural dynamics of migration, nationalism, and identity in Asia. The course is focused on migration within Asia. However, we view migration in Asia a part of global phenomenon. Main issues covered are migration and development; migration and gender; refugees and forced migration; migration and environment.

POLI 433 A01 “THE POLITICS OF COLONIALISM” ISSUES IN POLITICS (Seminar)
Dr. Rita Dhamoon W 9:30-12:30 CRN: 12710
This course will focus on selected topics within the fields of Indigenous politics and (post and anti)colonial studies. We will explore debates on conceptions of colonialism, settler colonialism, and imperialism; the possibilities and limits of ‘settler colonialism’ as a theoretical framework; decolonization in the context of dynamics between Indigenous nations, ‘settlers, ‘allies’, and interacting relations of colonial difference, such as Indigeneity, capital, gender and queerness, anti-Blackness, labour, and anti-Asianness.
POLI 436 POLITICS OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN NEW DEMOCRACIES (Seminar)  
Dr. Michelle Bonner  
R 10:00-12:50  
CRN: 12711  
Argentina is the quintessential example of a country that has pursued transitional justice. The country went through a brutal authoritarian regime from 1976-1983. Tens of thousands of people were imprisoned, tortured, disappeared, and killed. When it ended the newly elected president immediately organized a truth commission and held trials against former military leaders. Eventually reparations were extended and sites of commemoration were established. Is Argentina a model for other transitional countries? In this course we will explore the issues surrounding transitional justice. The class discussions will focus on the case of Argentina and what we learn from this case that is useful for other countries.

POLI 458 TOPICS IN ENVIRONMENTAL POLITICS (Seminar)  
Dr. Jamie Lawson  
R 16:30-19:20  
CRN: 12712  
Through concrete case studies and analytical frameworks, this course explores critical political economic analysis in a strategic approach to environmental conflict, dispossession, and just transitions to a greener political economy. Issues covered include natural resource extraction, manufacturing, finance, and consumption in shaping environmental politics in Canada, its diverse provinces, and selected linked or comparator countries.